

Honorable People of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe,

This letter is submitted with thoughtful consideration of the events pertaining to the matter of Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. (TEC, Inc.). You should know that prior to The April 17<sup>th</sup>, General Council Meeting, a Special Executive Committee meeting was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in which a resolution was presented by Lt. Governor Little Axe for the dissolution of TEC, Inc.; however, this resolution failed for lack of a second due to lack of a thorough discussion on this matter. The Treasurer, Secretary and Representative were not given the courtesy of having a copy of this resolution until immediately before the meeting began, nor were we given the opportunity to discuss the advantages and disadvantages before being informed of such a huge decision.

As you may or may not know, on the April 17<sup>th</sup>, General Council meeting in Little Axe, a motion was made directing the Executive Committee to disband the Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. Board of Directors (also referred to as TEC Inc) and place the casino under the Gaming Commission. TEC Inc. is the board which oversees the managers/management of our casino. Following the April 17<sup>th</sup>, General Council meeting, during the next Regular Executive Committee meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, Governor Blanchard presented a verbal motion to disband TEC, Inc. This motion was not supported by a majority of the Executive Committee members that day.

It has been stated that we are not following “the will of the people”. We want to be clear that it is not our intent to disrespect the wishes of those in attendance of the April 17<sup>th</sup> General Council meeting; however, we feel that we were elected to represent the interest of ALL tribal members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The vote that took place on April 17<sup>th</sup> was:

1) not conducted appropriately, as the original motion was “to direct the Executive Committee to disband TEC, Inc. and place the casino under the Gaming Commission” which is not feasible because the Gaming Commission is a regulatory authority of the casino. When the motion was repeated back to the tribal members by Governor Blanchard it was stated as “a motion to direct the Executive Committee to disband TEC, Inc.” The people voting that day did not vote on the original motion.

2) we feel that the expression made at the General Council meeting is not an expression of GENERAL COUNCIL as defined in the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Constitution. General Council as defined in the AST Constitution under Article VI Section 1. “The General Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe shall consist of **all** members of the Tribe eighteen (18) years of age and older, shall exercise such powers as defined in the Constitution”. The will of 46 people who voted to disband TEC, Inc. on April 17<sup>th</sup> does not represent the will of General Council in its truest constitutional sense.

**Furthermore**, General Council does not hold the authority to transact business on behalf of the Tribe. According to Article V Powers:

Section 1. The General Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma reserves and shall exclusively exercise the following powers, unless such powers are specifically delegated to the Executive Committee or other appropriate tribal entity in accordance to the process as set forth in Article IX:

- a) Borrowing money which mortgages encumbers or endangers any existing tribal properties, holdings or assets.
- b) Purchase land or property with tribal trust assets
- c) Such additional powers, not so stipulated in this Constitution may be assigned and/or delegated to the various branches of government by referendum.

We would like to reemphasize that we represent the interest of ALL members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, including those that were unable to attend the April 17<sup>th</sup>, General Council meeting and therefore could not be present to express their opinion. Being unable to attend that day for health, financial, or logistic reasons does not make ones voice less important than those who did attend.

We would like a full discussion of all pros and cons of the issue with all Executive Committee members prior to making any type of decision on this issue. We requested such a discussion following the very first attempt to present a resolution on the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and were declined. We are asking for this again. Not only do we wish to have a full discussion on this matter, but we also want you, the shareholder, to be thoroughly informed on the potential impact for our tribe. There are many things to take into consideration as you will see on the Attorney General's information sheet on the tribal website titled "Executive Committee Document" and it is also listed on the tribal website under "Announcements" along with Governor Blanchard's letter. **Please view it.**

Respectfully,

Treasurer Anita Chisholm  
Secretary Michelle Lopez  
Representative Alecia Onzahwah