

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Delaware Trust Board Minutes

May 20, 2015

Delaware Community Center

Minutes--- Approved

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called May 20, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Assistant Chief Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Assistant Chair Mary Watters, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, Roger Stewart and Homer Scott. Secretary declared a quorum.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Alan Barnes, and Johnny Barker.

John Sumpter moved to approve the agenda. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Two corrections were identified. One was to the Veterans Committee report. The last sentence needed rewording for clarification. (The amount of \$980 was cleared after expenses of \$120. The other was in the Elders Report. The last sentence should read: A sign-up sheet for the trip to Wisconsin will be in the dining room.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of the end of April 2015 was \$4,252,583.84; The March 31, 2015 balance was \$4,251,811.56. That is an increase of \$772.28.

Following discussion regarding alternative avenues for investing to increase revenue, it was decided to contact Arvest Asset Management to attend the June meeting. Chief Brooks was asked to make contact with them.

Verna Crawford moved accept the May financials pending audit. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that six Community Service applications were review and four were approved for a total of \$788.19. (1 Elder Prescription, 2 emergencies approved 2 denied and 1 medical). The next meeting will be on May 11, 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Homer Scott

Chair Homer Scott reported the Cultural Preservation Committee they hosted a Taco Dinner, Lenape Cultural and Delaware history presentation for a local traveling group, about 50 people attended. The Committee received good feed back from those attending.

The Committee will host a potluck dinner on Thursday, May 21 at the Delaware Night at the Delaware Powwow. The Committee will not provide the meat. They will supply paper goods and drinks. (tea, coffee, water). Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean up, fire for stomp dance and more.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Community Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Remmenter holds language classes in the Social Services building.

Education: Chair Darryl Glenn, Co-Chair Joe Brooks

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met May 18, 2015. Three applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$150. (2 Education and 1 athletic assistance). The Committee voted to reaffirm that Athletic and Education assistance will be provided for students in grades 6-12. Athletic assistance must be school sponsored and a statement from school must be provided for verification.

Pre-K through 5 receives school supply vouchers for up to \$40.

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee has \$22,938.27 and ended with \$22,554.94 for a difference of \$383.33. When it comes time for scholarships we will be very tight.

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2015.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee met on May 5, 2015. Invocation was giving by Elder Adviser Jack Tatum. Officers present were Mary Watters, Bonnie Jo Griffith and Jan Brown.

Mary Watters read the Elders Committee Mission Statement and Policies and Procedures just as a reminder why the committee was organized. No minutes or financials were available.

Ron Scott, Delaware Tribal Housing Director, provided information on the Delaware Tribal Housing repair and rehab for tribal elders. The Council approved a program to allow Tribal elders to fill out an application for a \$5000 rehab funded by HUD. There will be five homes in Washington County approved Open date for applications will be May 5 to June 5, 2015.

A motion was approved to donate \$500 to the Delaware Powwow Committee.

Curtis Zunigha gave an update on the Stockbridge Munsee Gathering in Wisconsin to be held in July. We need a firm count of who will be going by June 15 so funding decisions can be made. Our tribe has been encouraged to participate in providing some Delaware food such as grape dumplings and fry bread.

Jan Brown made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonnie Thaxton. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 1, 2015.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. Chair John Sumpter stated no meeting no report.

Joe Brooks suggested that we may want to take more risks with our re-investment moneys. We need to make more money for our Committees. Following discussion Chief Brooks was asked to contact Arvest Asset Management and request they attend the June meeting and give some recommendations.

Tribal Operations: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets quarterly. Chet Brooks stated there had been no meeting. The only item to report on is that the Tribe has been paid their money for this year.

Veterans Committee: Chair Kenny Brown, Co-Chair Roger Stewart

The Veterans Committee met on May 20, 2015. Roger Stewart asked John Sumpter to report. John stated that at least four members of the Color Guard to the Wisconsin gathering in July more would be great. Preparations for the Auction at 10 am Saturday at the Delaware Powwow were discussed. More donations of items are needed for the auction. The proceeds from the auction will go to provide rifles for the Color Guard for funeral services. John Sumpter recommended everyone to bring chairs with them to the auction.

Chief/Chairman Brooks announced that powwow rations for permanent campers would be distributed following the auction. The Delaware Tribe does not provide the rations. The donation for the rations is provided by a friend of Chief Brooks and matched by him.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

A. Trust Board addendum to the Accounting Department Policy for Payables.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the Trust Board addendum to the Accounting Department Policy for Payables. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks was adamant about receiving the meeting packets at least five days before the meeting. Curtis Zunigha commented that the financials were sent five days in advance. Jean Lewis stated that she had sent them out on May 12.

The delivery of the minutes was received from the Secretary late.

Joe Brooks said that the complete packet should come from one person not from several people.

New Business:

A. Personnel Committee Representative

Roger Stewart announced his resignation from the Personnel Committee, due to a conflict with the Veterans Committee, Roger is the Assistant Chair.

Roger Stewart moved to appoint John Sumpter to the Personnel Committee. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: John Sumpter requested time to consider the position.

Chief Brooks said the Personnel Committee asked to have the fact that one employee has been dismissed, Jzyme Felix.

Curtis Zunigha has been appointed as director of the Child Support Enforcement and the position of Tribal Operations manager will be advertised internally first.

Other Business:

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on June 17, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.