

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
June 17, 2015**

Delaware Community Center

Minutes--- Approved

Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called June 17, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:19 p.m.

Member Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

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

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guests.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Nancy Sumpter, Bonnie Jo Griffith, G.R. Watters, Dana Murrell, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis and Allan Barnes.

Chairman Chet Brooks asked for a motion to amend the agenda since Arvest Assets Management couldn't come to the meeting.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda with two corrections.

Discussion: First was change the date from May 17th to June 17th. Second was to strike Arvest Assets Management off the agenda.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Chairman Chet Brooks mentioned the minutes didn't arrive at the Tribe until Monday so he gave the Board time to review the minutes.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. **John Sumpter** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Discussion: Joe Brooks moved to remove Verna Crawford as Secretary. John Sumpter asks who will take it over? Joe Brooks stated it will be covered under new business.

Chairman Chet Brooks asks if Joe would consider amending the motion to say that we would select a secretary today. He said that for 3 yrs he was the secretary of the Trust Board and tribal staff attended and took minutes and within a few days he would have the minutes and be able to make any corrections. He stated his administrative assistant believes that she could do that to make it a much easier job than for the secretary to do it themselves.

Joe Brooks amended his motion to that effect and will cover that under new business.

Vice Chair Mary Watters seconded the motion as amended.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated several months the minutes have been tabled because there haven't been any. Also, almost every month the minutes weren't provided until the meeting date or the day before. He stated that they should be provided at least five days in advance so that

they can be reviewed before coming to the table.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Discussion: Chairman Chet Brooks states the secretary seat has now been removed and a new secretary will be selected under new business. Also to clarify Verna Crawford is not removed from the Trust Board she is just not the secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of April 30, 2015 was \$4,252,387.64; The May 31, 2015 balance was \$4,273,242.74. That is an increase of \$20,855.10.

As stated earlier Arvest Asset Management wasn't there, they stated that next month will be a better time for them to meet which was fine with him.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the Treasurer's report pending corrections.

Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Sasheen Reynolds in Verna's absence.

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, May 11, 2015. Sasheen Reynolds reported that eleven Community Service applications were reviewed and ten were approved for a total of \$1,647.55. (1 denied). The next meeting report will be for June 8, 2015.

Education: Chair Darryl Glenn, Co-Chair Joe Brooks by Sasheen Reynolds

The Education Committee met May 11, 2015. One application was reviewed and approved for a total of \$50 (athletic assistance).

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee balance changed \$383.33 ending with \$22,171.61 available for scholarships but that will disappear with the fall scholarships. Also the Education Committee voted unanimously to pass on to the Tribal Council to stock the pond with fish.

The next meeting report will be for June 8, 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Homer Scott

Chair Homer Scott reported the Cultural Preservation Committee talked about the Delaware night and that it was a success, discussed the Wisconsin Trip deadline was June 15th for sign up. Total of 17 people going Jim & Ruth driving their own vehicle, John and Homer were driving as well to carry the flags and the rest of the people will be driven in the vans. It's a 6 day trip leaving on the 21st and returning on the 27nd of July. **Joe Brooks** asks if the Cultural Committee approved \$6,000 for the trip. John Sumpter said that was correct. **Chet Brooks** stated that the

Veterans and Elders Committees doesn't have as much funds that Cultural Preservation does and isn't sure that they are donating to the trip. John Sumpter states the Veterans Committee is meeting this same evening and this subject is on the agenda. **Joe Brooks** states that the Veterans budget is only 25% of what the Cultural Preservations is. **Chet Brooks** discusses more people may be able to go along in the vans. Many are driving and Kay may not attend.

Homer Scott said that Kay is doing well after her stroke and is home. He also said at the last meeting they passed a vote to restock the pond awaiting approval from the Trust Board.

Chet Brooks asks for that to be under New Business as well.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee met on June 1, 2015. Haven't had the discussion about Wisconsin trip, have been waiting on the numbers first to figure an amount to pitch in.

Discussion: **Joe Brooks** said if the Veterans and Elders Committees donate \$1500 apiece that will be 25% of what the Cultural Preservation Committee donated. No one should make any money off of this trip. Hotel cost plus per diem to eat on daily is all that a member will be allowed. No pay for travel unless driving their own vehicles then it would be fair to pay some mileage. **John Sumpter** speaking on behalf of Veterans Committee said there are four members going. He said that he and Homer are taking Homers vehicle to carry the flags and eagle staff which is over 6ft long after wrapped. **Joe Brooks** said that at least one direction of mileage should be paid for at the federal mileage rate. **Mary Watters** asked again how much the 25% was, but **Joe Brooks** said that can't really been settled till all costs are figured. He confirmed the cost of the hotel at \$40 if the gathering is mentioned at check in. The cost of hotels while traveling is the question unanswered. **Chet Brooks** said that with any help from the Veterans and Elders Committee mileage one way should be covered. 800+ miles should be about \$400 which should cover the gas up and back. If the funds are available full mileage or gas tickets could be paid. Price of gas may be the best.

Nancy Sumpter suggested just bring receipts back and get reimbursed so that no one makes money.

Joe Brooks asked what the date of next meeting will be, it is July 15th. If an amount is requested at that time will it be enough time to get checks issued by the 20th? **Jean Lewis** said that's probable. **Mary Watters** verified that if Kay doesn't go then there will be an opening. Their meeting is July 6th giving enough time for the Elders committee to figure out what they can donate to the trip. **Joe Brooks** stated that it is understood that the Veterans and Elders committees are not expected to donate the same % that the Cultural Preservation committee will.

Mary Watters continues with the Elder Committee report.

Nancy Sumpter made a motion which passed that the Elders take a trip to Tulsa to see the Drillers play ball. Trip is planned Friday June 19th. Deadline for sign up was June 10th and the current number of attendees is unsure. Bonnie Jo Griffith has a list. Tickets and transportation is provided and any souvenirs or food is the responsibility of each individual. Leaving at 5:30 and

returning after the fireworks display after the game. Discussed the gathering in Wisconsin and as said before no decision has been made on the amount to put towards that trip. Discussed the Elder Lunch Program with the Elders and Nutrition Program Director and are raising the price from \$3 to \$5 effective July 1st. Up to 11 years old are free, 12 to 54 years \$5, 55 years and older are free. 80+ will line up first, 70+ then 55+ and children last. Salad bar will no longer be open until after the blessing.

The next meeting report will be for July 6th, 2015

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

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

Tribal Operations: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets quarterly. **Chair Chet Brooks** stated there had been no meeting. The only report is the same stated for several months that the Tribe has been paid their money for this year.

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

The Veterans Committee meets on June 17, 2015. Roger Stewart stated there is no report, however the auction was a success and asks John Sumpter to report on the specifics. John stated the amount that was made will be available later in the Veterans Committee meeting that evening.

Nancy Sumpter states that it was over \$1100.

John Sumpter said for what was donated it turned out really well.

Roger Stewart stated that the Veterans Committee also vote to stock the pond.

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

Unfinished Business:

A. Personnel Committee Representative

Chet Brooks asked if John Sumpter has made his decision on whether or not he wanted to fill the chair on the Personnel Committee and John declines. Chet states the personnel Committee agreed to begin meeting at 5:30 the second Tuesday of the month instead of Wednesdays when the Veterans Committee meets. Roger has agreed to be reappointed on the Personnel Committee if needed. Chet agrees that Roger needs to be since he resigned.

Joe Brooks motioned to reappoint Roger Stewart to the Personnel Committee. **John Sumpter** seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business:

A. Elect New Trust Board Secretary

Joe Brooks motioned that Roger Stewart be appointed as the new Secretary of the Trust Board.

Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Re-establish Delaware Enterprise Authority

Discussion: Chet Brooks believes the Tribal Council agrees to this only if no elected official serves on it. Plans on having changes to original charter developed by next tribal council meeting. He would like to see the Tribal Council and Trust Board appoint 2 members, and himself appoint one with the confirmation/approval of Tribal Council and Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter asks that they make sure it isn't only one person having all the authority over the entity.

Chet Brooks explains that the previous charter gave the Chief authority to appoint all the members his intentions are to change that so he is only nominating a single member with confirmation of the tribal council and trust board. Then the board will elect its own chairman.

Nancy Sumpter states that she wants it to run exactly like a business with nothing to do with tribal government. Both agree.

Discussion: regarding how to fix current financial problems.

Bonnie Jo makes a point that this discussion is pertaining to tribal council business other than trust board business because no decisions can be made.

B. Current Status of Personnel Committee

Joe Brooks states that he and several other tribal members don't agree that a paid tribal employee should sit on the personnel committee. The HR manager and tribal manager should only be able to make recommendations to the personnel committee and not have a deciding vote. He would like to ask the trust board to recommend that the tribal council do away with the current status of the personnel committee.

John Sumpter comments both positions are supervisory and that's a conflict of interest as well. Both agree.

Joe Brooks moved to have the trust board make the recommendation to the tribal council to not allow any paid tribal employee or contractor to sit on the personnel committee. **Homer Scott** seconded the motion. Following discussion **Motion** carried with five in favor and one abstention. Chet Brooks abstained because he sits on both, tribal council and trust board.

C. Stock Pond With Fish

John Sumpter moved for the trust board to make the recommendation to the tribal council that the pond is stocked with fish. **Joe Brooks** seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks volunteered to drive to Inola to bring fish back to the pond and offered to feed them or have them fed for the first two years for nothing except mileage back and forth to Inola to pick the fish up.

Nancy Sumpter asked if catch and release?

Joe Brooks stated for the first two years it will be catch and release only. After that the tribal council shall set up regulations regarding that issue and permits, etc. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Other Business:

Discussion: Roger Stewart moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on July 15, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. **Joe Brooks** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn. **Roger Stewart** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

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