

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
July 15, 2015
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- Approved
Respectfully submitted by Roger Stewart, Trust Board Secretary**

Vice Chair Mary Watters called July 15, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order. She immediately announced that **Chairman Chet Brooks** was absent, he was in Durant while President Obama was visiting.

Member Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Roger Stewart called the roll. Those present were Vice Chair Mary Watters, Treasurer John Sumpter and Secretary Roger Stewart. Members Joe Brooks, Verna Crawford and Homer Scott. Absent **Chairman Chet Brooks**.

Vice Chair Mary Watters declared a quorum.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Sasheen Reynolds, Johnny Barker, Jean Lewis, Paula Pechonick, Beau Watt, Curtis Zunigha and Dana Murrell.

Vice Chair Mary Watters asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the agenda.

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

Minutes of previous meeting:

Vice Chair Mary Watters asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of May 31, 2015 was \$4,273,370.04; The June 30, 2015 balance was \$4,206,569.12. That is a difference of \$66,800.92.

He didn't know about the Arvest Asset Management guys. **Joe Brooks** asked if they can be called and reminded to be at the next meeting. John said he will do that.

Joe Brooks moved to approve the financials pending corrections.

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

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, July 13, 2015. Four Burial applications were approved, eleven were tabled due to no income verification submitted. These will be approved as the verifications do come in. The next meeting report will be for August 10, 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Homer Scott

The Cultural Preservation Committee met two weeks ago. Voted on and talked about how much the Cultural Preservation Committee would put towards the Wisconsin trip and there are 12 people going. Talked about Kay getting reimbursed for a portion of her room rate because she reserved it late. Joe Brooks has the recommendations from the Trust Board Chairman and current list of everybody that's going, Mary Watters asks that it be covered under New Business. They also want to ask for Trust Board's approval for the money donated by the Cultural Preservation Committee at \$6,000, the Veteran's and Elder's committees at \$1,500 each for a total of \$9,000 for the Wisconsin trip. Verna Crawford asks if it is a second motion that is being requested or if it is appropriate to be included with the approval of the committee reports. Homer Scott agrees it can all be approved together. Next meeting will be August 3rd at 6pm.

Education: Chair Darryl Glenn, Co-Chair Joe Brooks

The Education Committee met July 13, 2015. One application for athletic assistance was approved for \$50. Eleven Higher Education Scholarships were approved for a total of \$3,300. Two part-time Higher Education Scholarships for a total of \$300. Three were approved for Academic Achievement for a total of \$300. One Vo-tech was approved for \$50. Totaling \$4,000.

Joe Brooks stated this reporting period the Education Committee balance decreased by \$250 beginning with \$22,171.61 and ending with \$21,921.61. The next meeting report will be for August 10, 2015.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

On Friday June 19th elders Nancy Sumpter, Mary and Charles Randall and Bonnie Jo Griffith attended a double header between the Tulsa Drillers and Arkansas Travelers. Another trip is being planned and the signup sheet is available.

The Elders are finalizing the plans on the trip to Wisconsin. Leaving July 21st and returning on July 27th. The donation is \$1,500 upon approval from the Trust Board.

Some changes to the Elder lunch program are increasing the cost of guest lunch from \$3 to \$5 for ages 12-54. Then on July 6th it was voted to change youth ages 6-11 \$2 a plate upon approval of the Tribal Council.

Reminder that Monterey's restaurant is still donating 20% of your meal every third Wednesday. There are tickets for tonight available.

The next meeting report will be for August 3rd, 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** is absent for this meeting. There is no report.

Veterans Committee: Co-Chair Roger Stewart

The Veterans Committee met on July 15, 2015. **Co-Chair Roger Stewart** was missing his information, but **John Sumpter** stated that they voted to approve to send the Color Guard and approved the \$1,500 for the trip to Wisconsin. The four veterans going are Curtis Zunigha, Kerrick Franco, Homer Scott and John Sumpter. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

A. Arvest Asset Management

Vice Chair Mary Watters states that the Arvest Asset Management representatives were supposed to be attending and due to misunderstanding or lack of communication they are absent. This will have to be looked into further.

New Business:

A. Discussions and plans on the trip to Wisconsin

Joe Brooks motioned that the Trust Board approve \$6,000 from Cultural Preservation Committee, \$1,500 from the Veteran's Committee and \$1,500 from the Elders Committee to make the Wisconsin trip. **Roger Stewart** seconded. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks had recommendations from the Trust Board Chairman and Chief of the Delaware Tribe. Ten Adults and two youths totaling 12 people making the trip.

Discussion: Some people didn't make their reservations in time so will be paying \$60 a night instead of \$40 while there. **Joe Brooks** verified with Curtis Zunigha that the hotel Curtis was staying at is indeed \$60 a night. Curtis stated that he spoke to who couldn't go about transferring their reservation to Kay Anderson so that she could get the discounted rate. Original calculation for hotels in Wisconsin was for \$40 a night and \$60 while traveling. Which came to \$240 per person. **Joe Brooks** and Curtis agreed the tax exemption letter does not apply. **Joe Brooks** noted that there has never been a set amount established and the recommendation for food and hotel expenses is \$550 for each adult and \$275 for each child traveling. Each vehicle that is to be taken will be full of gas before leaving and each driver should save all receipts used for expenses and upon return fill each back up. The recommendation for each driver for fuel and turnpike expenses, plus emergencies such as flats, is \$500. Any additional monies not used are to be turned in back to the Tribe on July 28th. \$400 is to go to the Stockbridge-Munsee Historical Committee for the meal. Curtis Zunigha states these recommendations are well under the \$9,000 threshold estimated since so many people who originally signed up are not being able to go. **Vice Chair Mary Watters** went over the original estimates of \$400 for adults \$200 per child and \$300 to the Stockbridge-Munsee meal. **Joe Brooks** and **Homer Scott** verified that this is the newest recommendation from the Chairman for the Trust Board to vote on since the tax exemption letter wouldn't be accepted. Also, in regards to the members of the Trust Board that are going, they would need to abstain from the vote that pertains to themselves. Curtis Zunigha suggested keeping all receipts including hotels but **Joe Brooks** said the recommendation only asks for gas receipts since everyone is paying different prices for their hotels. **Verna Crawford** stated that if the reservations were made in the name of the Tribe and paid as one that the tax exemption letter would have worked, because it has in the past. Curtis and **Joe Brooks** both agreed that it would not since it was out of state according to the way the tax letter reads. **Verna Crawford** and **Joe Brooks** did say that a few places have accepted it outside of Oklahoma, but the reservations this time weren't made in the name of the Tribe they were in each

individual's name. **Vice Chair Mary Watters** questions if the Tribe is writing checks to each individual. Jean Lewis verified that with the exception of the minors whose checks will be combined with their guardian each of the adults will have a check written for them. **Joe Brooks** states he is driving van #1 and Curtis Zunigha is driving van#2 and **Homer Scott** is driving his own vehicle to carry the flags for a total of 3 drivers which would be getting \$500 for fuel, turnpike, emergency such as a flat as long as receipts are provided to accounting on the 28th with the difference unspent. **Vice Chair Mary Watters** asks what the total is. **Joe Brooks** said it comes to \$8,200 being below the \$9,000 estimated in the beginning. **Discussion: John Sumpter** and Curtis Zunigha, **Homer Scott** and **Joe Brooks** discuss some food and supply preparation.

John Sumpter makes the motion that the Trust Board approves the recommendations made by Chairman Chet Brooks. **Verna Crawford** seconds. **Motion** carries with 3 yes and 3 abstentions which are the persons traveling.

Curtis Zunigha closes with the comment that lots of pictures and stories shall be shared with everyone about this delegation at this historic gathering. This group is going up there to represent the Delaware Tribe of Indians and share the culture and community, and he looks forward to bringing these pictures and stories back and appreciates the support of the Trust Board.

Other Business:

Vice Chair Mary Watters states that the time and date of next meeting needs to be set. **Verna Crawford** moved to hold the next Trust Board meeting on August 19, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. **Joe Brooks** seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with all in favor.

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

Vice Chairman Mary Watters declared the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.