Delaware Tribe of Indians Trust Board

Minutes of February 20, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Chief Chet Brooks. In the absence of Board Secretary Marilyn Cole, roll call was taken by Board Chair Mary Jo Peterson. A quorum consisting of six members was present. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Homer Scott, seconded by Roger Stewart, motion approved.

The minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting and the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Kay Anderson, motion approved.

The Treasurer’s report was given by Joe Brooks, consisting of the January 2019 financials which showed a gain of $204,634.99. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report pending audit was made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Homer Scott, motion approved.

Committee reports by the following committees were presented: Community Service, Cultural Preservation, and Elders. The other committees did not have meetings so did not have reports. A motion to approve the reports as presented was made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Roger Stewart, motion approved.

Unfinished business: Joe Brooks reported that some tribal members expressed concern about a lack of funds for services in 2019. There was discussion of setting a budget based upon 75% of the January 2019 gain, with the budget to be reviewed quarterly. There was also discussion of the concept that lower risk investments such as certificates of deposit also have lower earnings to fund services to tribal members. A motion to set the 2019 budget at $153,476.24 which is 75% of the January 2019 gain, to be reviewed quarterly was made by Joe Brooks and seconded by Kay Anderson. The motion was approved, with 5 ayes, 1 opposed. The one opposed vote was by Board Chair Mary Jo Peterson.

New business: Cultural Preservation Committee is hosting a stomp dance on March 23, 2019 at the Washington County Fairgrounds Building in Dewey, Oklahoma. They are requesting approval to spend up to $3,000 for stomp dance expenses. A motion was made by Joe Brooks to approve Cultural Preservation Committee spending up to $3,000 for the stomp dance and seconded by Roger Stewart, motion approved.

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 20 at 3pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Roger Stewart and seconded by Homer Scott, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.