

Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Trust Board Meeting  
Monday, April 2, 2007

The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, April 2, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond M. Cline at 6:05 p.m. Members present at roll call included Chairman Cline, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick, Johnney Tucker, Michael Morrison, Anita Lewis and Verna Crawford. Present in the audience were Chet Brooks, Tara Tucker, Kay Anderson, Evelyn Thomas, Sheena Burnet, Titus Frenchman, Curtis Zunigha, Bonnie Thaxton, Jean Kirkendall, Dee Ketchum, Marilyn Coffey, Levi Randoll, Katrina Longhat & her son, James Coffey and Nancy Sumpter. Tribal employees present were Marilyn Cole and Earnest Tiger.

Invocation was given by Chet Brooks. Guests were welcomed and invited to address the board. Curtis Zunigha requested that he be given some clarification of some issues. He inquired about the letter published in the Delaware Indian News. Both he and Annette Ketchum have requested the names and addresses of these persons as he would like to correct their information. He does not want to get into a war of words in the DIN. He demanded this information as he is the former chief and wants to correct these tribal member's perception. He also requested the next publication date of the DIN. Dee Ketchum also stated that he objected to the way the article was written. He feels that since he is not a public figure anymore he should not be criticized. He feels that the letter criticizes his religion. He stated that the DIN should not be used this way and that all trust board records are public information and that the DIN committee should not take anonymous letters. Discussion with the board and the audience followed at length. **Motion that the DIN does not publish any anonymous letters and that all full names on letters received by published was made by Michael Morrison, seconded by Anita Lewis.** Discussion: addresses will not be printed. Curtis also asked that we not accept letters of agitation from non-tribal members. **Motion carried with all in favor.** Curtis stated that he will respond in the DIN. Dee Ketchum stated that an apology letter needs to be printed.

Curtis then stated that the Las Vegas trip needs to be accounted for. He then stated his dislike on how the Delaware Enterprise Authority was formed and passed at the last tribal council meeting. He expressed his concerns on the tribe's business ventures. He stated he is outside the communication loop. Wayne Stull then stated that he has asked Curtis personally to attend at least ten of the economic development and DEC meetings but that he has only attended one. He stated that the committee is trying to help the tribe with business ventures that will generate income and jobs for tribal members.

Minutes of the February meeting was presented for approval. **Motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007 was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Anita Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.**

The Treasurer's Report was given by Verna Crawford. She stated that financials for January and February are included in the packets. This was reviewed by the board. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Jenifer Pechonick, seconded by John Tucker. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Reports are in the packets. The travel report from Marilyn Cole was handed out to those who had not received it electronically. Verna Crawford stated that she will have hers ready at the next meeting. Michael Morrison stated that on April 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a stomp dance held at Benny Thaxton's place at the old Scudder ranch. This is being sponsored by the cultural preservation committee. The dance starts at 6 p.m. with chili, hot dogs and raffles. Anita will be posting flyers for this. Curtis stated that every Tuesday night a social is held and encourages everyone to attend.

Earnest Tiger spoke of the projects currently being done by the economic development committee. They are in the process of receiving proposals for a leasing agent for the Dewey project so that cost estimates for the project can be completed. The architects are doing a good job with the drawings of the project. A meeting has been held with Central States and the preliminary plan is to have 10 persons employed at a sales office selling the services of the printing company.. The project will be 51% (tribe) and 49% ownership and ideally the offices will be housed in the Dewey center. There was also a meeting with the OK financial authority and the Housing Authority to discuss tax credits available to them. The committee is also working on two projects that are under a proprietary, confidentiality agreement. Discussion with the audience on financing of the Dewey project, jobs for tribal members and Delaware Enterprise Authority was held.

#### Old Business:

Anita Lewis stated that Edna Havens and Benny Thaxton have resigned from the Land Management committee and she would like to have Johnney Tucker and John Jackson to replace them. **Motion to replace Land Management committee vacancies with Johnney Tucker and John Jackson was made by Jenifer Pechonick, seconded by Michael Morrison. Motion carried with all in favor.** One abstain from vote, Johnney Tucker. Anita stated that she is getting bids for mowing and haying of the tribal property.

#### Other Business:

Eagle Ridge was discussed. Michael Morrison stated that we received a letter last year stating we did not pass a review and that we have followed up and requested a meeting but to date it has not been set up. We have not been notified that it is not ours and the cultural preservation committee voted to leave as is and assume it is ours. Discussion of this followed at length.

Dee asked if the Trust Board is going to advise the committee to release the names of the letter writer. **Motion to release the names of the persons on the DIN letter to Dee Ketchum was made by Jenifer Pechonick, seconded by Anita Lewis.** Discussion: Verna stated that she has worked for two news papers and that they would not release names. **Motion then carried with all in favor, one no vote Verna Crawford.** Discussion followed on who was in charge of the DIN. Community Service assistance was questioned by audience members.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Morrison, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. Motion carried with all in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.