The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Delaware Community Center.

The newly elected members were sworn in.

Earnest Tiger gave the invocation.

Roll call: Chairman Raymond Cline, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Anita Davis-Lewis, Bill Hatch, Doyle Hayes, and Jenifer Pechonick were present.

Curtis Zunigha asked why there wasn’t a Trust Board meeting in November and why the newly elected members were not sworn in on the Saturday following the election. Chairman Cline stated that he didn’t know why and he was out of state. Wayne was asked if he was out of state as well, he said he was.

The minutes for October were presented for approval. Motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Jenifer Pechonick, 2nd Anita Davis-Lewis. 4 yes, 2 abstain (Bill Hatch, Doyle Hayes).

Verna Crawford gave the Treasurer’s report. The ending market value is $3,272,255.65.

Chairman Cline said that Community Service is still providing assistance to those who meet the requirements and referring out to other agencies.

Anita Davis-Lewis gave her report on Cultural Preservation. She reminded everyone that the annual Christmas Party will be December 11th.

Earnest Tiger gave the Economic Development report. He said that the soil testing and the engineering studies are scheduled to start this week for the Dewey site. After this is complete, construction activities should begin. The revised financial package will be complete mid-January. There are several institutions that have shown interest in financing the project. Wayne said that we need to meet with Arvest or have him come to a meeting to discuss our investments to make sure that our securities aren’t losing money. Raymond will contact our representative.

Verna Crawford gave the education report. She said that they are in the process of sending out information to the Fall scholarship recipients to update their information for the Spring scholarships.

Land Management did not meet.

Reinvestment and Tribal Operations met and approved the budget. Curtis Zunigha asked if there was a line item in Tribal Operations for the DIN. Jenifer said that
she would not support the Trust Funds paying for the DIN if the Trust Board had no say so in it. Curtis said that Tribe has business that needs to be communicated to the Tribe. Jenifer stated the Tribal Council should pay for it if they are appointing the committee and overseeing the newspaper. Raymond said there’s a $2500 line item in Community Service.

Jenifer Brown asked who was in charge of maintenance of the community building both inside and out. Jenifer pointed out that someone is throwing the used filters out by the kitchen and the cover is off the septic.

Committee assignments was discussed and assigned.
Community Service - Raymond, Verna meets the 1st Wednesday of the month
Cultural Preservation - Anita, Jenifer meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6pm
Economic Development - Wayne, Doyle meets the 3rd Monday at 4pm
Education - Verna, Wayne meets the 1st Monday at 4:30pm
Land Management - Jenifer, Anita meets the third Tuesday at 5:30pm
Re-investment - Bill, Raymond - meets quarterly
Tribal Operations - Doyle, Bill - meets quarterly

Discussion was held regarding the budget for 2008. Curtis read from the Trust Document regarding the rules governing budget approval.

Verna Crawford made a motion to conduct a special General Council for the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians for February 23rd for approval of the budget, 2nd Anita Davis - Lewis. Discussion was held that the DIN will go out on January 11, 2008. Motion passed, all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to add “other business” to the Trust Board agenda per the trust document, 2nd Anita Davis-Lewis. Discussion was held. Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Brown discussed incentives for the meeting. She discussed the door prizes and a meal.

Discussion was held regarding a stipend for the election committee. Jenifer made a motion to give a stipend of $50 to the election committee, 2nd Bill Hatch. Discussion was held regarding how Edna Havens and Chet got on the committee - Mary Jo Peterson needed more help. Motion passed all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.