The regular Trust Board meeting for August 4, 2008 was called to order at 6:30pm. Chairman Raymond Cline, Vice Chair Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick, Verna Crawford, Anita Davis Lewis, Bill Hatch and Doyle Hayes were present.

Employees present: Earnest Tiger, Marilyn Cole. Guests: Annette Ketchum, Chet Brooks and Karen, Joyce Stull, and Gloria Jean Hatch

Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve minutes for the June 9th meeting with corrections, 2nd Wayne Stull. Discussion was held regarding typos. 5 yes 2 abstain (Anita and Jenifer not present for June meeting.)

Verna Crawford gave the treasurer’s report. The market has hit us pretty hard, funds had a $95k decrease. Bill Hatch made a motion to approve the report pending audit, 2nd Wayne Stull. Discussion was held regarding the report questions were asked and answered. Motion passed all in favor.

Reports:

Community Services is assisting those they can and those they can not are referred to the 211 system and other agencies.

Education hasn’t had a meeting this month. July 31 was the deadline for scholarship applications but the committee can review on a case by case basis if an application is late. The scholarship is $400 per semester. The committee has funding for 13 scholarships this year. The scholarship goes to the student. Doyle asked about the education budget being $26k, and only a small percentage is going to scholarships. Verna said that if there are more scholarship applications are received, the line item could be increased. Doyle said that it needs to be reviewed and increased due to inflation.

Economic Development - Earnest gave a report on the July 24th meeting where the tribal leaders met with AVP Petroleum, the architectural firm, USDA, and the Exchange Bank in Skiatook. Earnest said they will be spending time in Stillwater with USDA and in Skiatook with the bank. The target date for opening the facility is Fall 2009. Earnest spoke with SBA today regarding our 8a program, which was terminated in June. Tom and Earnest have emailed regarding expedition of certification 8a program, once recognition was restored. We are still waiting for the trust monies to be released.

Land Management did not meet but they did poll vote regarding cleaning of the community center. The next regular meeting of Land Management will be August 12.

Jerry discussed the monies coming in versus the electric bill. Jenifer asked Doyle if a $1000 electric bill is normal. He said he would show Marilyn how to program the thermostats. Marilyn and Kay will have keys to the box.
Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to pay Hayes Air Conditioning to service the 3 air conditioning units and advise us what can be done to conserve energy to be paid out of Land Management if funds are available. 2nd Wayne Stull. 6 yes, 1 abstain

Cultural Preservation - Anita Davis-Lewis said that the new classes are going well. Attendance is increasing every week. The class schedule is planned into next year. There is a Halloween Party Oct 28th, Christmas Party on Dec 21st. This month’s cultural meeting will be held August 19th at 6pm. The Corps of Engineers will be there to discuss the lease agreement on Eagle Ridge. Questions were answered. Delaware Days is being held September 5th and 6th provided the property owners agree.

Tribal Operations didn’t meet and no money was spent out of the monies in June or July. We should have a pretty good carryover at this rate, which is good, considering the stock market.

Reinvestment had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Annette asked regarding the May financials that $21k had been taken out to support the needs of the tribe, but had not been taken out of June. This included monies from the previous months and isn’t a monthly expense.

Verna Crawford encouraged all committees to start reviewing the committee budgets for 2009. Our next Trust meeting is Sept 8. We will invite Arvest and accounting to attend so that we can be informed for the committee budgets. The September meeting will be held in Bartlesville at 6:30 pm.

New Business:

Jenifer asked when the next newspaper will come out, Verna said that it should be at the printer’s within the next couple of days.

Motion adjourned 7:20pm.