Delaware Trust Board
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Monday, January 5, 2009
East Room, Nowata Public Library
Nowata, OK

The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, January 5, 2009 in the East Room of the Nowata Public Library. Members present at roll call included Chairman Raymond Cline, Vice-Chair Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick, Verna Crawford, Anita Davis-Lewis, Bill Hatch, and Doyle Hayes.

Verna Crawford made a motion to approve the October 8, 2008 minutes with possible corrections, 2nd Bill Hatch. Motion passed all in favor.

Chairman Cline welcomed guests, Annette Ketchum, Jan Brown, Titus Frenchman, Andy Hudson, Tom Merrill, Karen Barnes Wilson, Paula Pechonick, Russ Mathis, Chet Brooks, Dee Ketchum, Nathan and Carol Young, Marilyn Cole, Chief Douglas, Gloria Jean Hatch, Vicki Sousa and Earnest Tiger.

Verna Crawford gave the Treasurer’s report as of October 31. She said that since the end of October the fund has increased. Raymond said that he had been in touch with Scott Thompson of Arvest Bank who will be at the February meeting. Annette asked where the payment for the DIN is coming, Verna said she thinks it comes out of the Tribe side. Wayne pointed out that the decrease in the fund is due to the stock market, as our fund is mostly invested in equity. Raymond said that there is a line item in Community Service for the DIN. Paula Pechonick asked if Raymond had been in touch with Scott Thompson, why wasn’t there a report more current than 2 months ago. Raymond said he didn’t bring it.

Bill Hatch made a motion to approve report pending audit, 2nd Wayne Stull. Motion passed, all in favor.

Annette asked why the only report was from Cultural Preservation Committee. She asked how other committees were spending money if they weren’t meeting or why they didn’t have to document their expenditures. Raymond says that the Community Service meets over the phone and uses faxes to document. Raymond said that he would make sure that the minutes of Community Service would be in the packet next month.

Education, economic development, land management did not meet during the holidays.

Earnest Tiger said that on the Dewey project, he looks to have the loan approved no later than the end of next week. The bank will have the Tulsa Economic Development Corporation complete the USDA application, which should take 2 weeks. Upon receiving the approvals, we will proceed with the water and sewer engineering. The bank indicated that the construction will be approved for 12 months, construction should be completed at 8 months, with a payment being due in 16 months. The
other project is to proceed with the purchase Service Equipment International, which sells and services generators. Earnest said that public facilities are being required to have back up power systems. Currently, the financial package is being put together for this purchase through USDA guaranteed on both loans.

Anita Davis-Lewis gave the Cultural Preservation report. They met during the holidays. They had the Halloween Party and Christmas Party and classes still continue.

Doyle Hayes gave the report for Tribal Operations. At the end of the fiscal year, there’s approximately $17k carryover.

Bill Hatch said that Reinvestment did not meet and doesn’t anticipate needing to meet in the near future.

There was no new business or unfinished business.

Bill Hatch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Doyle Hayes. Motion passed all in favor.