The Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians met Monday, March 15, 2010 in the East Room of the Nowata Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairman Raymond M. Cline. Invocation was given by Chet Brooks. Members present at roll call included Wayne Stull, Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Doyle Hayes, Verna Crawford, Rusty Brown and Chairman Cline. Present in the audience were Nate Young, Joe Brooks, Annette Ketchum and Chief Douglas. Tribal employees’ Marilyn Cole and Mary Jo Peterson and Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa was also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Verna Crawford, seconded by Doyle Hayes. Discussion to add the following correction: after coming out of executive session the following motion was made. Motion to rescind any resolution that automatically passed trust monies to Tribal Council or DEA that Trust Board monies be retained by the Trust Board was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion carried with all in favor. One abstain Wayne Stull.

Treasurer’s Report was given by Verna Crawford. She reviewed the previous month’s report. Mary Jo Peterson explained the information from OTFM has not been received to do the current month financial. Motion to table the Treasurer’s Report until the April meeting was made by Rusty Brown, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with all in favor.

Reports:

Land Management was given by Rusty Brown. He stated nothing new to report and that the committee will be meeting tomorrow.

Economic Development was given by Wayne Stull. He stated that there has not been a meeting and currently one is not scheduled.

Cultural Preservation was given by Chet Brooks. He stated that the committee made a small donation to the American Cancer Society. They held a stomp dance and had approximately 150 people attended. $2,000 was collected for the American Cancer Society. There is a committee meeting tomorrow night.

Education was given by Verna Crawford. The committee handled the two requests received by email and phone a meeting will be scheduled for April.

Tribal Operations was given by Doyle Hayes. No meeting.

Reinvestment, Bill Hatch. No meeting.

Community Services was given by Raymond Cline. The report of activities is included in the packet. The committee has assisted several tribal members with dental, utility, burial and elder prescription assistance.
Chet stated that the elders are holding a Buffalo feed on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Motion that the Trust Board direct the Chairman to notify the Chief and Tribal Council that they would like to have the pending bill to recover the trust funds due the tribe, be withdrawn is submitted if it has any reference or inference to any agreement between the Delaware Tribe and any other tribe was made by Bill Hatch, seconded by Chet Brooks. Discussion followed. The bill was supposed to be dropped today by Congressman Sullivan. Bill requested that a roll call vote be done on the motion. Annette stated that the bill is not right. Further lengthy discussion followed. Vicki gave some clarification of the wording. She stated that OTFM has completed their reconciliation Section 5 stated that fourteen days from enactment of the bill to release the funds. Rusty stated that the Library of Congress does not have the bill listed as released today. Roll call vote: Rusty Brown, yes; Chet Brooks, yes; Wayne Stull, no; Bill Hatch, yes; Doyle Hayes, yes; Verna Crawford, no. Motion pass four yes, two no. This will be done verbally and written and copied to all Trust Board and Council members.

Discussion of the MOA, the tribe’s involvement with gaming and the travel plaza followed. Wayne clarified that the funding for the plaza has been difficult to obtain as we do not have the money to pursue the bond issue. Banks prefer to deal with the stable economic entity of the tribe. This was why DEA was established. The economic development committee had four projects that we needed funding for. Suggestion from Joe Brooks was to do away with DEA and DEC. Bill Hatch then talked about the proposal he is bringing to the table that will bring in $35,000 per month and a proposal that will bring thirty-five jobs to Nowata. His recommendation is that we do not do the bond proposals.

Wayne stated he will resign as Economic Development Committee Chair. Discussion followed. Raymond as chair appoints committee assignments.

Motion to not adjourn the meeting but just recess was made by Chet Brooks, seconded by Rusty Brown. Discussion of this motion followed. No action taken

The meeting then adjourned.