

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board
Monday, April 4, 2011
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- Approved 5.2.2011
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary**

Chairman Wayne Stull called the meeting to order at 5:01 Monday April 4, 2011 in the Delaware Trust Board.

Stull asked Titus Frenchman to give the Invocation.

Secretary Chet Brooks called roll. Those present were Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks and Joe Brooks. Member Bill Hatch was absent due to a doctor's appointment regarding an accident, and two seats are vacant.

The Chairman addressed the question of establishing a quorum. He stated that, though as chairman he can only vote to break a tie, he is a member of the Board and with four members present there would be a quorum present. Wayne said that we could cancel this meeting and do it again next month. Joe Brooks indicated that he would not be present next month.

Chet Brooks moved to declare a quorum. Joe Brooks seconded.
Motion carried with three yes.

Wayne Stull moved on to the appointment of two new board members.
Joe Brooks moved to change the agenda to select the two new Trust Board members. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.
Motion carried with three yes.

Wayne Stull welcomed everyone in attendance and asked the candidates to speak to the Trust Board. The people who had submitted a request for consideration were Terri Jo Aaroe, Titus Frenchman, Bruce Martin, Don Mason, Jr., Tom Moore, Jenifer Pechonick, Daniel Cass Smith, John Sumpter, Nancy Sumpter and Johnny Tucker.

Chairman Stull recognized Titus Frenchman, who expressed his desire to be considered for membership on the Trust Board. Titus noted his long history of employment in several states, Tribes and governmental departments. He indicated that he had a large variety of experience. He thanked everyone for allowing him to address the group.

TJ Aaroe spoke next, expressed her appreciation for being considered for this position. She said I have not had any experience on the Trust Board, but I want to see good things happen for the Delaware people. I have volunteered in the Elder Nutrition kitchen. I love the Delaware people, my people and that is why I want to be on the Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter stated that she didn't have much education, as far as being on Trust Board, but is a fast learner. I intend and want to put my voice in for the Tribe, to make sure it gets on the right track and stays on the right track and accomplish what we all set out to do. Which is to

make this Tribe well known, well organized and I think we can do a real good job. I'd like a chance to do this. Thank you for at least considering me.

Tom Moore started by saying, that he is the newcomer here. This is my first Trust Board meeting. I put my name in because I think I know what the Trust Board does, but at the same time I also know that my experience with the Tribe is limited. There will be a lot of on-the-job training, as Nancy mentioned. My biggest ambition with the Tribe is to let everyone here know that I am here to help the Tribe. I grew up in Nowata and now live in Tulsa. I have started several businesses; I currently own the hotel at Expo Square in Tulsa, with a group of entrepreneurs who guided me away from becoming an attorney, though I went to law school. We invest in and start new businesses. I thank you for your consideration.

Jenifer Pechonick stated I have served on the Trust Board previously. I have a strong interest in moving the Tribe forward through economic development. I am active on our cultural committee, I was a scholarship recipient, I am very familiar with the Trust Board. I have attended meetings since 1991, at its inception. She expressed her appreciation for consideration.

Don Mason, Jr. withdrew his name from consideration, stating that with the abundance of qualified candidates he felt his attention would better serve the Tribe in other directions.

Bruce Martin stated my mom was Patsy Martin. I grew up in Bartlesville and lived in Lawrence, Kansas for about 20 years. I was the director of the Upward Bound Organization at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Director of the Indian Center in Lawrence, Director of the Indian Center in Kansas City, worked with native American youth and taught cultural classes there. I attended meetings with my Mom over the years. I am familiar with checks and balances and I think there should be fewer members of the Trust Board on the Tribal Council. Thank you.

John Sumpter said I have been involved with this Tribe since 1995 and have served on several committees. I believe in the little guy, I was a squad leader and platoon leader, that is taking care of lives. That is where it gets real. That is when I started practice what I preach. I take my responsibility serious. He indicated that he supports the Veterans and the Elders. He told the people present that to put your duties above everything else. My heart is with the people. That is what I bring to you. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Daniel Cass Smith and Johnny Tucker were not present to speak.

Joe Brooks informed the Chairman that the two open seats have different term limits, one is seven months and the other is 19 months. It was decided to vote for both seats at the same time.

Chairman Stull counted the votes.

TJ Aaroe and Cass Smith received two votes each.

It was agreed by all of those present that the announcement on the web page stated that candidates must be present to be considered. This decision eliminated Cass Smith and Johnny Tucker from consideration. A second vote was required.

Tom Moore received two votes and Bruce Martin received one.

TJ Aaroe will serve the 19-month term. Tom Moore will serve the seven-month term and will need to run in the November 2011 election.

Chairman Stull administered the oath of office to the elected Trust Board members, who then took their seats.

Chet Brooks moved to return to the agenda. Seconded by Joe Brooks.

Motion carried with five yes.

Verna Crawford requested to have the NCAI Mid-year Conference be added to the agenda under new business. The Chair approved the request. Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 with corrections, if needed.

Seconded by TJ Aaroe.

Motion carried with three yes and two abstained (Aaroe and Moore).

Chairman Stull called for the Treasurer's report.

Verna Crawford reported that the financials for December 1 to 31, 2010 were in the packets. The beginning Market Value was \$3,318,033.20 and the ending Market Value was \$3,349,820.95. Crawford asked if there were any questions regarding the financials.

Joe Brooks moved to have the packets mailed 10 days before the meetings. (Financials and Minutes). Hard copy or email at the preference of the Trust Board member. Seconded by Verna Crawford.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chairman Stull called for nominations for Officers starting with Treasurer.

Joe Brooks moved to elect TJ Aaroe as Treasurer by acclamation.

Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention. (Aaroe).

Joe Books moved to elect Verna Crawford secretary by acclamation.

Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Crawford).

Verna Crawford moved to elect Chet Brooks as Assistant Chairman by acclamation. Seconded by Joe Brooks.

Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Crawford).

Chairman Stull appointed Committee Chair and Vice Chairpersons as follows:

1. Community Service—Chair Verna Crawford, Vice Chair Joe Brooks.
2. Cultural Preservation—Chair Chet Brooks, Vice Chair TJ Aaroe.
3. Economic Development—Chair Tom Moore, Vice Chair Wayne Stull.
4. Education—Verna Crawford, Vice Chair Joe Brooks.
5. Land Management—TJ Aaroe, Vice Chair Chet Brooks.
6. Reinvestment—Bill Hatch, Vice Chair Wayne Stull.
7. Tribal Operations—Joe Brooks, Vice Chair Wayne Stull.

The need for volunteers for the Committees was noted and a signup sheet was passed around. No reports were in the packet.

Chet Brooks reported for Cultural Preservation's February meeting, stated that Jim Rementer has made copies of Lucy Blalock's language tapes and they will be stored at the Tribal Headquarters.

Chairman Stull stressed that as soon as the committees are organized they will meet every month and have a report in the packets.

Unfinished Business:

Delaware Trust Board Resolution No. 2011-02: Appointing Trust Board representatives to conduct business with the BIA Office of the Special Trustee.

Chairman Stull explained that it is necessary to have designated persons who has the authority to contact the BIA regarding the Trust money that is in the process of getting released to the Tribe. There are three categories of authority, they are to receive information, initiate disbursements and provide investment instructions.

Chairman Stull recommended keeping Attorney Vicki Sousa and Attorney Tom Peckham to receive information on these accounts.

Joe Brooks said that all Trust Board members should be able to receive information.

Chet Brooks moved to approve Delaware Trust Board Resolution No. 2011-02: A Resolution of the Delaware Trust Board Authorizing Tribal Officials to Conduct Business with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians

1. WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, section D of the Delaware Tribe of Indians' Trust Document, the Trust Board is authorized to perform managerial functions and execute routine business functions relating to the administration of the Delaware Judgment Fund; and
2. WHEREAS, the Tribe has a need to receive timely and accurate responses to requests for financial information and/or draw downs from our tribal trust accounts that are maintained by the Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians; and
3. WHEREAS, the Trust Board realizes that to ensure such timely and accurate responses, it is necessary to identify certain tribal officials and individuals who are authorized to initiate financial transactions, obtain information, or give investment instructions.
4. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to initiate tribal disbursements via Trust Board Resolution: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford and Chief Paula Pechonick.
5. Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to provide investment instructions via Trust Board Resolution: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford and Chief Paula Pechonick.
6. Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to receive information on tribal trust accounts: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford, Trust

Board members Bill Hatch, Joe Brooks, Tom Moore, Chief Paula Pechonick, Attorney Vicki Sousa and Attorney Tom Peckham.

7. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Trust Board has reviewed and completed the form provided by OST (attached hereto and incorporated herein) in accordance herewith.

Tom Moore seconded motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

All appointed persons signed the form provided by the BIA. The Resolution will be prepared and signed by Chairman Stull and Secretary Crawford.

Chairman Stull addressed the question of allowing a line item for Elders Committee and the Veterans Committee. He requested that both committees provide the chair, vice-chair and a list of committee members, a line-item budget for a full year. Funding may be targeted after this information is received. It was also noted that both the Trust Board and the Tribe would share funding.

New Business

Joe Brooks moved to limit the number of persons attending NCAI Mid-year Conference to two people from the Trust Board. Seconded by Chet Brooks.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chet Brooks moved that Verna Crawford and TJ Aaroe to attend NCAI Mid-year Conference, June 13-16, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI. Seconded by Joe Brooks.

Motion carried with five yes.

An Election Committee needs to be appointed. Chairman Stull will contact Darrell Glenn, the previous Election Committee Chairman, to ask him to serve. Three members are needed.

Verna Crawford suggested that we use an automated election firm. This has worked out well in the past few years.

Appointment of the Election Committee was tabled till next meeting.

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.