

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board
Monday, September 12, 2011
Delaware Community Center
Minutes, approved Oct 2, 2011
Submitted by Lacey Harris**

Chairman Wayne Stull called the Delaware Trust Board meeting of September 12, 2011 to order at 4:00 p.m. Teri Arroe called roll. Members present were: Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer Teri Aaroe, members Tom Moore and Joe Brooks. Absent were Verna Crawford and Bill Hatch.

Wayne gave the innovation.

Chet Brooks made a **motion** to make Teri Arroe temporary recording Secretary for the next two meetings until election. Joe Brooks seconded, all in favor passed.

Chet made a suggestion about getting help from the office to do the minutes. Wayne and Joe suggested Lacey Harris will do the minutes.

Wayne, Joe and Teri discussed the fact that there is no Treasurer's report. Wayne also asked if there were any questions about the financials.

Teri questioned if it is okay for her to sign off on an emergency Community Service voucher with only three other committee members signing. Tom replied that Lacey Harris double-checks all the applications beforehand, and although if seven people sit on the committee, four signatures would be all you need.

Wayne moved on to program reports.

1. Land Management

There was a meeting held. Those who participated were Wayne Stull, Anita Mathis, and Chet Brooks. Discussion was the Falleaf, Dewey, and Silver Lake cemeteries. Wayne said he currently has the deed for the Dewey Cemetery, and has requested the deed for Silver Lake and Falleaf. Therefore the Tribe will have four cemeteries that the Tribe will take care of. Brice Obermeyer has the funds to help with the cost. Brice stated his program would be able to commit ten to twenty thousand a year for someone to maintain the cemeteries. Brice also says that there does need to be criteria in place for why the Tribe wants to maintain the other cemeteries.

Brice said information gathered from Ruby Cranor suggest there are 56 cemeteries in Washington County, many of which have Delaware burials. Wayne says in the next 3 years we will look at the other cemeteries, until then he would like to see if we can do these four first.

(On another subject) Joe Brooks suggested that both Trust Board and Tribal Council should be on the personnel committee. Tom Moore disagrees on the Trust Board being responsible for

employees being hired. Instead he suggests a criteria for money to be paid to the Tribe for employees.

2. Community Service and Education

TJ reports there has not been a meeting and Tom said Verna has pushed the 2nd Monday of the month meeting to the September 19th. Wayne suggested Teri call Lacey to set up a meeting.

3. Cultural Preservation

Chet Brooks reported on the recommended 2012 budget, and announced the dates of Indian Summer and Delaware Days.

4. Tribal Operations

Joe Brooks had no report at this time. Tribal operations is used to pay for Tribal Audits.

5. Economic Development

Ernest Tiger reported that DEA is in the process of finalizing two projects. Also, there are four investment groups that are wanting to look into these projects with the intent of funding them. Tom Moore suggested that once DEA's projects become more into place and Ernest has more free time, he wants to have an Economic Development committee meeting.

Joe Brooks made a **motion** to go into executive session, Chet Brooks seconds. 1 abstained, 1 no and 1 yes. Motion carries 2 to 1.

Wayne called the meeting back into session.

Joe Brooks made a **motion** to appoint Darrell Glenn to the election committee and pay each member of the election committee a \$150.00 stipend each. Chet seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Tom Moore made a **motion** that anything the Tribal Council needs on the ballot should be put on the ballot. Joe Brooks seconded. Passed, all in favor.

New Business

Chet stated that he spoke with an attorney that informed him he could review any contracts concerning Economic Development.

Chet Brooks made a **motion**, to get two other bids for reviewing contracts and hire the one of the three attorneys that are the most qualified and have reasonable pricing.

Tom Moore suggested that is a good idea to seek counsel for future contracts when they do come up. Jenifer Pechonick asked why not use the Tribal Attorney. Tom Moore replied that two meetings before, Economic Development was taken out of the Tribal Attorney's hands.

Joe Brooks seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Joe mentioned the National Congress of American Indians, October 30th- November 4th. The discussion of the board was to send two people whose term was not close to being up. There was no official motion or vote on sending anyone from the Trust Board to NCAI.

Chet Brooks made a **motion** to withhold the Economic Development Director's salary of \$15,000 for the next two months, until General Council. The discussion was not to remove the Director from his position, but remove the funds from the line item and suspend those funds for 60 days. Joe Brooks seconded. 1 no, 2 yes and 1 abstained. Motion carried 2 to 1.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm