

**Delaware Tribe Trust Board**  
**Monday, April 2, 2011**  
**Delaware Community Center**

*Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the April 2, 2012 meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Earnest Tiger gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, TJ Aaroe, John Sumpter and Verna Crawford. Council member DeAnn Ketchum was absent. She had a doctor's appointment.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks stated that under new business on the second page the motion he made should have said' "to receive financials and business plans from DEC and DEA and Earnest Tiger."

Verna Crawford stated that in the same motion the record shows four yes and one no. I cast the no vote. When the vote is not unanimous it must be recorded how the members each vote. The minutes should read; "Motion carried with four yes (Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, DeAnn Ketchum and TJ Aaroe and one no (Verna Crawford).

Motion carried with five yes.

**Committee Reports:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**(CHAIR WAYNE STULL)**

Chairman Stull asked Economic Development Director Earnest Tiger to present the Committee's report. Mr. Tiger stated since the last meeting progress has been made putting together the financial information on Services and Equipment International (SEI). One of the banks we were dealing with told us they did work with tax credits. In our research we found it was an S Cooperation Bank and as such can't work with new market tax credits. We are working with Bank First and have been all along. We are submitting all the information required so that we can get the new market tax credits. In the meantime we are working with Oklahoma State Bank to how much will be required for collateral for the project. We are moving forward with the new market tax credits because this will reduce the amount the Tribe will have to finance up front by \$300,000. Everything is moving forward.

Wayne asked if we have an expected time line from the bank or banks?

Earnest replied that within the next 20 to 30 days everything would be completed with the banks. In the meantime we are working on completing the contracts between us and SEI. The banks want copies of the contracts also. Once SEI's attorneys have approved the contracts things will move rapidly from there.

Chairman Stull commented that we cannot do anything with the bonds and that we will not pursue the airport project in Oklahoma City. We still have a gaming project in the works. He requested Attorney Vicki Sousa to report on that project.

Ms. Sousa reported that she, Chief Pechonick, Wayne Stull, and Earnest Tiger met with members of Interior, BIA, and an attorney from the Solicitor's Office who handles land determinations concerning fee land-into-trust for gaming projects. They discussed 2719B, a section of the IGRA regulations that applies

to Oklahoma Tribes that did not have reservations before 1988. These tribes want to go back to the last formal reservation land before being removed to Oklahoma. The Delaware Tribe is looking into the possibility of putting land in trust in the Kansas City area with gaming in mind.

Wayne said the officials said they would do that for us if we can handle the politics. They indicated that the politics, in this instance, would trump the law.

Another event that could impact us is the resignation of BIA Secretary Larry Echohawk to take a job with the Mormon Church.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chairman Stull noted the Treasurer's Report acknowledging having skipped the report on the agenda.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending audit.

Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chet Brooks pointed out that the important thing to look at is the total on the back page that is \$3,744,000. Two years ago it was \$3,100,000. This shows that the Trust fund has been coming up and is doing well.

Wayne said that is due to the way the funds are invested. When the stock market is going well we do well. It should keep going up for the remainder of the year.

### **CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

#### **(CHAIR CHET BROOKS)**

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.

The Committee made a donation to Operation Eagle of \$250. A donation was also made of up to \$450 to repair the bleachers at the PowWow Grounds. Some paint was left over and will be returned to Lowes. Two additional dance benches were also constructed.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **(CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The March meeting was held on the first Monday due to the Trust Board meeting being changed to the second Monday instead of the first. The next meeting is set for May 14, 2012 at 2 pm.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **(CHAIR TJ AAROE)**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The March meeting was held on the first Monday due to the Trust Board meeting being changed to the second Monday instead of the first. The next meeting is set for May 14, 2012 following the Education Committee meeting. Chair TJ Aaroe noted for the record that the committee approved changing the age for Elder assistance from 65 to 60. The age limit for Elder eyeglasses will remain at 55.

### **LAND MANAGEMENT**

#### **(CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM)**

Presented no report.

Jenifer Pechonick reported that the burial subcommittee has had one meeting and has scheduled another.

**REINVESTMENT**

**(CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER)**

Meets quarterly.

**TRIBAL OPERATIONS**

**(CHAIR JOE BROOKS)**

Meets quarterly.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Verna Crawford moved to approve Trust Board Resolution 2012—0402 regarding the Tribe's approved Indirect Cost Rate of 18.55% less the 10% already set aside and used under the Tribal Operations Committee budget. This authorizes this calculation to be applied to the committee budgets for the fiscal year 2012. TJ Aaroe seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes, one no (Joe Brooks) and one abstention, (Chet Brooks).

**Other Business**

John Sumpter presented the Board with information regarding the possibility of changing the Trust Board to a financial endowment as an alternate method of protecting the Trust money for future generations.

Chairman Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.