

Delaware Tribe Trust Board
Monday, May 7, 2012
Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Wayne Stull called the May 7, 2012 meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

Former Chief Dee Ketchum gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, TJ Aaroe, John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum and Verna Crawford. Board member Joe Brooks was absent. Chairman Stull informed the Board that Joe was on vacation. Chet Brooks said that his brother requested that the absence be unexcused.

Chet Brooks moved to have the absence of Joe Brooks be unexcused at Joe's request. TJ Aaroe seconded the motion, which carried with five yes.

Chairman Stull greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Guest present were Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Nancy Sumpter, Bruce Martin, Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Titus Frenchman, Nicky K. Michael, Atty. Vicki Sousa, Betsy Brown, Yancey Red Corn, Sam Caruso, and Farmer's Market representative Sandra Lykins.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Councilman Nathan Young, Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha, Brice Obermeyer, Anita Davis, Chris Miller, and Lesa Steele.

Chet Brooks noted that he and John Sumpter had invited guests who would like to make presentations and asked when they could speak. Chairman Stull stated that they could address the board during the committee reports.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chet Brooks. Motion carried with five yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Secretary Verna Crawford moved to table the minutes till next meeting, because the minutes in the packets were not the one submitted by her. DeAnn Ketchum said she had received the correct minutes by email. There had been two sets sent out and the staff accidentally inserted the wrong documents in the Board packets. Copies were made and given to the Board.

Crawford rescinded her motion to table.

TJ Aaroe moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Treasurer's Report

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending audit, seconded by John Sumpter.

Chairman Stull reported that he had received a request to meet with the OST (Office of Special Trustee) next week. At this time, he did not know the reason for the meeting.

Motion carried with six yes.

Committee Reports

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(CHAIR WAYNE STULL)

Chairman Stull requested Lesa Steele, Economic Development Coordinator, to give an Economic Development update. Lesa stated that Earnest Tiger, Economic Development Director, had rotator cuff surgery a couple weeks ago and is starting physical therapy. At the last meeting Earnest had mentioned “New Market Tax Credits,” two applications were submitted and our project was deemed too small. The cost for servicing these credits is \$100,000 per year. A project would need to be \$5 or \$10 million dollars.

The DEA board and the owner of SEI are reviewing the contracts. Once these have been approved the contracts will be submitted to the bank for review and notification of the amount the bank will loan on the project.

In the meantime, Lesa has been researching sources for gap financing and grants that would support the project.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(CHAIR TJ AAROE)

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month following the Education Committee meeting. The meeting was held on April 9, 2012. Lacey Harris submitted 18 applications for assistance. Seventeen were approved and one rejected because applicant was not a tribal member. More applications are being received. The Committee will be receiving a spreadsheet each month, which will make tracking the services easier.

Chet Brooks introduced Sandra Lykins, Bartlesville Farmer’s Market representative. Chet stated that the Committee had requested her to make a presentation.

The Bartlesville Farmer’s Market is held on Saturdays outside of the Old Depot, now the Chamber of Commerce office. The hours are 8 am to 12:30 pm. Ms Lykins told the group that this is the fifth season of operation. Local farmers and ranchers participate. Most products are conventionally grown, people try to use techniques close as possible to organic. Products sold include fruits, vegetables, free-range eggs, and meat.

The Farmer’s Market, manned by volunteers, is requesting businesses and organizations to join and donate to help with publicity and educational events. One educational topic is the dwindling bee population. A large percent of fruits and vegetables needed to be pollinated and if the bees are wiped out these products will also disappear.

Chairman Stull encouraged everyone to attend and entertained a motion to donate \$200 to the Farmer’s Market.

Chet Brooks moved to donate \$200 to the Bartlesville Farmer’s Market and to advertise it on the tribal web site. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion passed with five yes.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

(CHAIR CHET BROOKS)

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center. The May meeting will be at 1 pm following the Elders lunch on May 15. Brice Obermeyer and a group of archaeologists Missouri State University will make a presentation on a study of a Delaware village in southwest Missouri near Springfield. The study has been ongoing for about 10 years.

Jan Brown announced that a gathering has begun on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. with a pot luck dinner followed by singing, dancing, crafts, and other cultural activities.

LAND MANAGEMENT

(CHAIR DEANN KETCHUM)

DeAnn Ketchum reported that the committee had met earlier in the day. Curtis Zunigha was directed to get bids for taking care of the cemeteries, mowing and other needs to get them ready for Memorial weekend.

Brice Obermeyer will map out the burial grounds and report back at the next meeting so it can be established where others might be buried. Next meeting will be held on June 4 at 2 pm.

The Committee will also look into getting the title in the name of the Tribe and not an LLC. Also at the next meeting policies and procedures will be addressed.

Verna Crawford noted that imaging had been done at the Dewey Delaware Cemetery. The report and maps should be in the files.

REINVESTMENT

(CHAIR JOHN SUMPTER)

Meets quarterly. John Sumpter introduced Yancey Red Corn, Sam Caruso and Betsey Brown Red Eagle Feather. John had asked them to speak to the Board regarding setting up a foundation to possibly replace the Trust Board.

The group provides many services to tribes. They help with everything from economic development, assisting with improving constitutions, policies and procedures, establishing regional centers (similar to free trade zones), helping with investing, and setting up foundations. They offered to make detailed presentations on any of these areas that the Tribe is interested in.

EDUCATION

(CHAIR VERNA CRAWFORD)

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The meeting was held April 9, 2012 at 1 p.m. There were no requests to consider at that time. The next meeting will be on May 14 at 1 p.m. and the Community Services Committee meeting will follow.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS

(CHAIR JOE BROOKS)

Meets quarterly. No report.

There being no further business, Chairman Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m.