

Delaware Trust Board Minutes

June 4, 2011

Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Wayne Stull called the June 4, 2012 meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Former Chief Curtis Zunigha gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, TJ Aaroe, John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum, Joe Brooks and Verna Crawford.

Chairman Stull greeted the guests. Guest present were Mary Randall, Cy Hughes, Bruce Martin, Chief Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Titus Frenchman, Nicky K. Michael, Betsey Brown, Yancy Red Corn, and Sam Caruso.

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Justice Charles Randall, Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha, Cece Biggoose, and Council member Nate Young.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Assistant Chair Chet Brooks moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012 with corrections if needed. TJ Aaroe seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

Treasurer's Report:

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit seconded by Chet Brooks.

Chairman Stull stated he had turned in a voucher for mileage reimbursement on which he had combined Trust and Council travel. He said he was told it had been done wrong. That Trust and Council must be submitted on separate forms. Wayne stated that any difference would be corrected and the next report would reflect the difference.

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, is recovering from surgery and doing well. He will be out for some time.

The negotiations with the owner of the generator company are stalled. There are certain assurances that must be in the contract to protect the Tribe. We are waiting to hear from the owner and his lawyer.

There are other projects being pursued. One is a joint venture with a construction company to form a certified 8A company. This would allow us to competitively bid on government contracts as an Indian Owned business. We are also reviewing several others and will be choosing which to move forward on at the next meeting in June.

Chet Brooks asked if the problem with the generator plant has anything to do with the amount of work he will have to do after we purchase the company?

What we want to do is to put a clause in the contract to hold a percentage of the money in escrow for the first five years to insure he carries out his duties as stated in the contract. The bank advised us to have this stated so that the Tribe would not be left without the expertise to operate the company in the beginning. He wants all the money up front and we want a guarantee he will stay for the first five years and train our personnel.

Community Services (Chair TJ Aaroe)

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month following the Education Committee meeting. There are two meetings to report on. The Committee met on April 30 and May 14; the minutes for both are in the packets provided. Lacey Harris submitted 18 applications for assistance. Seventeen were approved and one rejected because applicant was not a tribal member.

TJ announced her resignation due to personal reasons. She said this would be her last official meeting. She hopes to be able to serve the Tribe again in the future. She will continue to serve on committees.

DeeAnn Ketchum moved to accept TJ Aaroe's resignation. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Chet Brooks).

Wayne Stull stated that she had worked hard and was an asset to the Board and expected that in the future she would serve again.

Verna Crawford commended TJ for her efforts to serve and improve the Tribe.

Anyone wanting to be considered as a member of the Board needs to submit their request in writing to Chairman Stull. Those interested will be considered at the next meeting and a replacement will be selected.

Cultural Preservation (Chair Chet Brooks)

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center. The Committee voted to allow the Dog Pound, an original organization of the Delaware Powwow, to hold their auction in conjunction with Delaware Days in August.

Chet announced that on July 13 at noon the Elders lunch will be steak barbeque.

Annette Ketchum reminded everyone on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. cultural preservation night is held. Starting at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner. If enough people show up there will be singing and dancing or fellowship.

Wayne Stull informed everyone that Curt Johnson has died. He had been a long-time supporter and attendee of the Delaware Powwow. Wayne stated that Curt had been well thought of. Annette Ketchum added that there would be no funeral. He has been cremated and his wife will hold a memorial at a later date.

Education (Chair Verna Crawford)

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The meeting was held May 14, 2012 at 1 p.m. Five requests, three athletic and two education, were presented and approved. The next meeting will be on June 11, at 1 p.m. and the Community Services Committee meeting will follow

Land Management (Chair DeAnn Ketchum)

DeAnn Ketchum reported that a cemetery committee meeting was held at 2 pm today. Brice Obermiere is still trying to find GPR (ground penetrating radar) to use at the cemeteries. He has a few more weeks to work on this. Next meeting will be held on June 4 at 2 pm. Jenifer Pechonick and Vicki Sousa have been in touch with the County Commissioners and found old records that the Tribe has been deeded the grounds at the old Delaware Cemetery and the Busby Cemetery. We are going to look into the Fall Leaf Cemetery. The Silver Lake is under the care of the County because it is not primarily Delawares buried there.

Brice is looking into grants under historical preservation. Chet and Dee are going to take some guidelines we found that were written in the past that are really pretty good. They will review them and get input from the Elders Committee and come back to the Committee with recommendations. This will be reviewed at the July meeting.

Curtis Zunighia was asked to check into getting the back forty acres mowed for hay as been done in the past.

Many good comments were received regarding the cemetery during visits over Memorial Weekend.

Wayne Stull asked if anyone had asked Brice about buying a GPR machine. We could use it and hire it out to others. DeAnn will check on that.

Reinvestment (Chair John Sumpter)

Meets quarterly. John Sumpter stated that Yancy Red Corn, Sam Caruso, and Betsey Brown Red Eagle Feather were back. They have a letter of agreement to have them look into and make a proposal regarding investing out money. We would be spending our own money to investigate possible projects.

They were advised to make a presentation to the DEA, which will meet Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Wayne Stull stated that he would never be in favor of putting our money into any project that might put it into jeopardy. In his opinion the Trust Board does not have the expertise to supervise loaning money to others.

Verna Crawford stated that the Trust Board directed Arvest Bank to invest our money mostly in secure properties.

Nate Young stated that the Tribal Council would be the ones who would be necessary to make the decision in conjunction with the Trust Board.

Tribal Operations (Chair Joe Brooks)

Meets quarterly. No report.

New Business:

Resolution #2012-05: Authorizing Tribal Officials to conduct business with the Office of Special Trustee. Curtis Zunigha said a new resolution must be done every year. The only changes are Board members who were not listed last year.

Joe Brooks moved to approve Resolution #2012-05: Authorizing Tribal Officials to conduct business with the Office of Special Trustee, with the removal of the names of TJ Aaroe and Vicki Sousa from the resolution. Seconded by DeAnn Ketchum. Motion carried with six yes.

Other Business:

Joe Brooks moved for the Trust Board to pay 37½% of the insurance for Earnest Tiger till he comes back from workman's comp. Seconded by DeAnn Ketchum. Motion carried with four yes, one no (Verna Crawford), and 1 abstention, (TJ Aaroe).

Chairman Stull declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.