

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
December 3, 2012
Delaware Community Center
Minutes
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the Trust Board meeting to order on December 3, 2012 at 4:35 p.m.

Homer Scott moved to declare a quorum present. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with one yes (Homer Scott), one no (Joe Brooks), one abstention (Verna Crawford) and the Chairman voted yes to break the tie vote.

Nancy Sumpter gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Secretary Verna Crawford. John Sumpter, DeAnn Ketchum and Cass Smith were absent.

Chairman Brooks greeted the guests and asked if anyone would like to address the Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter representing Lenapeowisi, the Delaware youth drumming group that meets on Thursday at the Delaware Community Center, requested funding for the annual Christmas Party. She stated there are 50 children who attend regularly. Last year the Trust Board donated \$10 per child and requested the same for this year for a total of \$500. The parents will provide food and decorations. The group has preformed for several events such as the Bartlesville Indian Women's Club and the Cherokee Nation.

Joe Brooks moved that the amount of \$500 be split between Cultural Preservation, Community Services and Education Committees for the Delaware Youth Drum group Christmas Party. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Guests present were Mary Randall, Nancy Sumpter, Cy Hughes.?

Tribal officials and employees present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Council Member Jan Brown, Justice Charles Randall, Tribal Manager Chief Curtis Zunigha, Leslie Fall Leaf, Lesa Steele, Cece Biggoose and Councilmember Nate Young.

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

Minutes of previous meeting:

Homer Scott moved that the November 3, 2012 meeting absence of Joe Brooks be unexcused. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with two yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

Verna Crawford moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2012 with corrections. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks noted that he was listed as absent and that he seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Secretary Verna Crawford acknowledged that the changes would be made.

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

Treasurer's Report

Joe Brooks moved to table the Treasurer's report. Verna Crawford seconded the motion.

Motion carried with three yes.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks

Committee Chairman Joe Brooks noted that no meeting had been held due to him being out of town. Joe asked for volunteers to serve on the Committee. Chief Paula Pechonick and Titus Frenchman volunteered. Verna Crawford commented that Jenifer Pechonick would like to be on the committee.

Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha pointed out that the Trust Master Plan calls for there be an Economic Development director; it does not authorize a committee. He stated that the Tribe has an Economic Development Supervisor and as such meets the requirements of the Trust Master Plan.

Joe Brooks responded that we have always had a committee. He then requested a motion to appoint the volunteers to the Committee.

Homer Scott moved to appoint Chief Paula Pechonick and Titus Frenchman to serve on the Economic Development Committee. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Chairman Chet Brooks stated that Secretary Verna Crawford had just given him a report from Arvest Management with the current total assets of the principal the agency manages to be \$3,543,388.32. This does not include the money still under the management of the Office of Trust Fund Management or the Imprest account the Committees work from.

Community Services: Acting Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2012. The Committee approved 23 requests, which included utilities, emergency, housing, burial, pharmacy, medical services, dental and optical. The next meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2012 following the Education meeting.

Education: Chair Verna Crawford

The Education Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2012. The committee approved one education assistance request and denied one athletic assistance request. The Education Committee guideline for athletic assistance requires the activity be a school sponsored/required program. The request was for a non-school connected program.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 10 2012 at 1 p.m.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

The Cultural Night held the second Tuesday of each month is growing in attendance. Chief Pechonick and others are teaching moccasin making and other skills. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Land Management: Chair DeAnn Ketchum

No report given.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Meets quarterly. No report was presented.

Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

Meets quarterly. No report was presented.

Old Business:

Joe Brooks Commented on the recent trip by himself, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks, Curtis Zunigha and Leslie Fall Leaf. He stated that he has the full backing of the NCAI Veterans Committee to submit three resolutions to NCAI. The resolutions should be submitted the Mid-year Conference in June. One address all veterans 50% to 100% disabled should be drawing the mileage rate equal the Federal, not half of it. Another is for Veterans to have a nationwide lifetime hunting and fishing license. If Veterans are 100% disabled should be sales tax exempt, not just in Oklahoma but Nationwide. Veterans fought for the United States not one State and should be acknowledged by the whole United States. He stated he went to every Veterans meeting, some others on economic development and tribal taxation.

Verna Crawford suggested that the Veterans Committee meet and set-up a structure and activities. There are many activities the Veterans could do and programs that could be developed. Joe Brooks stated he agrees fully.

Verna Crawford stated that the Trust Board should start working on strategic and long term planning. The Council is also working on this. The Trust Board will hold a preliminary workshop will be Monday, December 10 following the Education and Community Services Committee meetings.

Chairman Chet Brooks reported that at a joint meeting held earlier in the day the Trust Board was asked to assist with funding for Economic Development. Verna Crawford suggested the Board hold a short Executive Session.

New Business:

Joe Brooks stated that John Sumpter was at the VA office today and could not be at this meeting.

Joe Brooks moved that the absence of John Sumpter be excused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Joe Brooks moved that the absence of DeAnn Ketchum and Cass Smith be unexcused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes.

Other Business:

Joe Brooks moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. She suggested the Board move to another room as a courtesy to out Tribal members. Motion carried with three yes.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

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