

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
May 6, 2013
Kansas Headquarters, 601 High Street
Minutes--approved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called the May 6, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Kansas Headquarters, 601 High Street, Caney, KS.

Verna Crawford gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll; those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Homer Scott, Bonnie Jo Griffith, and Secretary Verna Crawford.

Joe Brooks and DeAnn Ketchum were absent. Chairman Brooks announced that he had received a letter from DeAnn Ketchum tendering her registration. He also stated that Joe Brooks wanted his absence noted as unexcused since Joe was on vacation.

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest inviting anyone who would like to address the Board to do so.

Judge Rick Barnes issued his appreciation that the Trust Board was holding the meeting in the Caney office. The meeting was held in the Tribal Court Room.

Chairman Brooks noted that the facilities are nice. The meeting was held in the court room. Guests, tribal officials and employees present included Rick L Barnes, Chief Paula Pechonick, Nicky Kay Michael, Mr. Michael, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Bruce Martin and Nancy Sumpter.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Homer Scott seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2013. Homer Scott seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Treasurer's Report

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

Discussion: Chairman Brooks stated that DeeAnn Ketchum was the treasurer. Brooks noted that as of March 30, the principal balance was \$3,955,299.75.

Bonnie Jo Griffith commented that at the April meeting Joe Brooks reported the balance at \$3,902,151.80. That is an increase of over \$50,000, at that rate we could go over \$4 million by next meeting, Bonnie stated.

Motion carried with four yes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve Resolution 2003 to set the Trust Board fiscal year to the calendar year. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion.

Discussion: The Trust Board fiscal year was the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). The Trust Board changed that to coincide with the Tribal Council year of October 1 to September 30. CFO Jean Lewis reported to change the fiscal year would require the software company to make the necessary changes and that would cost up to \$7,000, Chairman Brooks explained.

Motion carried with four yes.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks

No Report

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, April 8, 2013. The Committee approved 6 requests for services, two burials, one rental assistance and three medical. The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013 following the Education meeting, reported Verna Crawford.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. The Delaware Powwow will be in less than three weeks, (Memorial Weekend—May 24-26, 2013). Everyone is encouraged to attend. April 21, 2013, tribal representatives, including four Committee members, attended an opening ceremony “Honoring Code Talkers” at the Wyandot County Museum in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Those attending were Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief and Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Charles and Mary Randall, Verna Crawford, Jim Rementer, Annette Ketchum and Anna Pechonick. April 22, 2013 John Sumpter and Chet Brooks attended the play, “Manhatta” in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reported Chair Chet Brooks. There will be one more committee meeting before Powwow.

Education: Chair Verna Crawford

The Education Committee met on Monday, April 8, 2013. The Committee approved three applications, one for Vo-tech training and two for Athletic Assistance. The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013 following the Education meeting, reported Verna Crawford.

As an addition to the Community Services report, Tribal members Karon Miller and Jodie Peck will be presenting a plan to assist elders and later, other Tribal members, to receive free or low cost prescriptions. They plan to have the project plan in early June.

Land Management: Chair DeAnn Ketchum

John Sumpter reported the cemeteries are looking good and are being prepared for Memorial Weekend.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

Attorney Amanda Proctor and Arvest Bank representative Scott Thompson met with members of the committee and Trust Board to discuss what the status of the Trust is. The general consensus is that it is an irrevocable Trust because the Delaware people as a whole owns the money and have designated a plan for the use of it. There still needs to be an official determination before everyone will be comfortable with this, reported John Sumpter.

Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

Meets quarterly. No report was given.

Unfinished Business:

Secretary Verna Crawford read into the record the Poll Vote to approve Resolution 2013-1 into the record: The resolution is titled: “A resolution of the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians support and assistance to the Delaware Museum, Archives and Library project.”

The resolution provides the Delaware Museum, Archives and Library project with \$5,000 to purchase products to start-up a gift shop. Provided the revenue will be used to purchase and when feasible support the project. Anita Mathis is the project head and has obtained many historical items for the Museum. She will supervise the purchase and sale of the products and other expenditures, stated Crawford.

The Resolution passed with four yes and two no (Joe Brooks and Bonnie Jo Griffith). (Resolution and Poll vote attached). The reason for the poll vote was an emergency because of the need to purchase products in time for the Powwow.

Nancy Sumpter commented that products needs to be American and/or Native American made.

John Sumpter stated that consignment doesn't work for the Native craftsman. It takes a lot of time and material and isn't feasible for the craftsman. Craftsman may put products in the booth on consignment.

Crawford requested volunteers for working the booth at the Delaware Powwow.

A monthly report will be presented to the board.

New Business:

Resolution 2013-02 titled “A Resolution Of The Trust Board Of The Delaware Tribe Of Indians To Identify Designated Officials Approved To Conduct Business With The Office Of The Special Trustee For American Indians.”

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to table the Resolution till next meeting, seconded by Homer Scott. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Charles Randall suggested that the Resolutions be placed on the website so that if there are questions regarding a previous Resolution, it would be easily available, unless the resolution contains confidential information.

John Sumpter moved to accept the resignation of DeAnn Ketchum, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Chairman Brooks stated that the vacancy on the Board would be posted on the Internet regarding the position. The notice will state that applicants must send letter, via mail or email, stating their interest in serving and that they must be present at the June meeting to be considered.

Other Business:

John Sumpter moved to make the absence of Joe Brooks unexcused, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. Motion carried with four yes.

Chief Pechonick pointed out the Verna Crawford has been setting in two seats, Assistant Chairman and Secretary, and perhaps the Board should appoint a new secretary. It was noted that a treasurer would need to be appointed at the June meeting.

John Sumpter moved to wait till June to appoint a secretary and treasurer at the June meeting, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Bonnie Jo Griffith stated she had a problem with poll voting. She agreed that the Museum was an emergency because of the need to buy product. But the day after the last meeting she was called to vote on a matter that had been decided at the meeting the day before. Bonnie Jo Griffith said unless it is a real emergency she will not vote on any poll vote.

Emergency will be only matters that cannot wait till next meeting.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to have the June meeting at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Tribal Community Center, John Sumpter seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with four yes.

Adjourn: John Sumpter moved to adjourn seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.