

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
June 3, 2013
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- approved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called the June 3, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Rick Barnes gave the invocation.

Secretary: those present at roll call were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair and Secretary Verna Crawford, Bonnie Jo Griffith, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Homer Scott.

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

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Rick L Barnes, Chief Paula Pechonick, Jana Roth, Nicky Kay Michael, Mr. Michael, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Councilwoman Janifer Brown, Jean Lewis, Bruce Martin, Councilwoman Annette Ketchum, Greg Brown and Tribal Manager Curtis Zunigha.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to approve the agenda as written. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2013 with corrections. John Sumpter seconded the motion.

Discussion: John Sumpter noted that on the second page Bonnie Jo moved to table Resolution 2013-02, seconded by Homer Scott, the “r” was left off of Homer.

Motion carried with five yes.

Treasurer’s Report

Chairman Brooks said according to the Trust Board Financials indicate the overall value of our funds is \$4,014,144.94 and increase from last month of about \$60,000 from last month.

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer’s report pending audit, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with five yes.

Committee Reports

Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks

Chairman Joe Brooks stated that no meeting was held due to the Tribe handling all economic development, an issue that will be addressed on the ballot in November. Adding two committees, Elders and Veterans, and eliminating Economic Development and Land Management will also be on the ballot.

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June 3, 2013. The Committee received several applications that were incomplete. Three were approved and the others will be addressed at the meeting on Monday June 10 at 1p.m.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

The Cultural Preservation Committee regularly meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Cultural Preservation Committee met on May 21, 2013, the Tuesday before the Delaware Pow wow. The Pow wow was well attended. The Committee made a donation of two loads of gravel for the roads. Committee member Jim Bo Hammon donated another load of gravel.

Education: Chair Verna Crawford

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met May 20, 2013. Three applications were approved one for educational assistance, one for athletic assistance and one was a scholarship. The next meeting will be June 10, 2013 at 1 p.m. in the Social Services Bldg. conference room.

Joe Brooks asked if Tribal members were aware of the Education Committee revisions? Verna Crawford answered that all the revisions were on the web site.

Land Management: Chair DeAnn Ketchum

No meeting due to DeAnn Ketchum's resignation from the Trust Board.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

The funds of this Committee are returned or left in the principal of the Trust funds.

Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

No report was given due to no meeting being held. The funds allocated to this Committee are transferred to the Accounting department to cover the expenses of the Trust Board, such as accounting, staff support and other related expenses. Chairman Brooks stated that there is no

need for a committee, perhaps a chairman to see that Accounting receives their funds. He also reported that the recommendation for a change in the percentage going to this committee will be on the November ballot. Trust Board Chairman Chet Brooks added that the audit expenses will be taken out of all the other committees.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2013-02 was tabled at the last meeting.

Verna Crawford moved to approve Resolution 2013-02 with corrections, seconded by John Sumpter.

Discussion: The resolution number was incorrect. Joe Brooks pointed out that his name was not listed among those who could receive information. Both corrections will be made.

Resolution 2013-02 is titled: A Resolution of the Trust Board of Delaware Tribe of Indians to Identify Designated Officials Approved to Conduct Business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

This allows Tribal Officials (Chairman Chet Brooks, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Vice Chair Verna Crawford) to give directions on how monies are invested and initiate tribal disbursements, (via Trust Board resolution). Chairman Chet Brooks, Chief Paula Pechonick, and Vice Chair Verna Crawford, Trust Board members Homer Scott, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Bonnie Jo Griffith, Tribal Council Treasurer Janifer Brown and CFO Jean Lewis to receive information on tribal trust accounts.

Motion carried with four yes and one no (Joe Brooks).

New Business

Chairman Brooks stated that the next order of business was to fill the vacant seat on the board.

Bonnie Jo Griffith quoted that from the minutes of the last meeting “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.” The notice had not been posted.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to table filling the position to the next meeting, seconded by Verna Crawford.

Discussion: Chairman Brooks replied that the Trust Document states that a vacant seat must be filled at the next regular meeting. Chairman Brooks said that he took full responsibility for not getting it posted. The secretary should have gotten it posted. Secretary Crawford apologized and

said she had gone out of town shortly after the last meeting and would be more diligent in the future.

Motion failed.

Chairman Brooks said he had received one request, from Nicki Michael, to be considered for the position.

Joe Brooks moved to have Nicki Michael to fill the seat of DeAnn Ketchum and for her to be sworn in at this meeting. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with three yes and one abstention (Bonnie Jo Griffith).

Chairman Brooks gave Nicki Michael the oath of office.

Joe Brooks moved to appoint Bonnie Jo Griffith as treasurer. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved for Joe Brooks to be chairman of Land Management. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Joe Brooks).

Verna Crawford moved for Nicki Michael to be Chair of the Education Committee. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with five yes and one abstention (Verna Crawford).

Verna Crawford stated that the Trust Board has been working on proposed revisions to the Trust Documents. One of the proposals is to combine the Master Plan and the Trust Document. She suggested have a workshop on Wednesday June 12, 2013.

Verna Crawford moved to place proposed revisions to the Trust Document in the DIN and on the website following the next Trust Board workshop. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

Joe Brooks moved to hold Town Hall meetings for comments on the Trust Documents. The first meeting will be held in Chelsea on Saturday July 13, the second in Nowata on Saturday July 20, Bartlesville on July 27. Seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with six yes.

It was agreed that notice would be placed in the local newspapers for the Town Hall meetings.

Joe Brooks moved to extend all Trust Board members by one year to coincide with the Tribal Council elections and not have a Trust Board member election this year. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford pointed out that the current Trust Document requires a Board member election this year. One of the suggested revisions is to have Trust elections on even years at the same time as the Council. This will save money. It was stated that once the revisions

are approved the four Board members will serve an extra year and that would be unfair for the three that would be up for election this year.

Motion carried with three yes, one no (Verna Crawford) and two abstentions (Bonnie Jo Griffith and Homer Scott).

Verna Crawford moved to have the next meeting on July 1, 2013 at 4p.m. in the Delaware Community Center. Seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. Motion carried with six yes.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Homer Scott seconded. Motion carried with six yes.