

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Delaware Trust Board Minutes  
July 1, 2013  
Delaware Community Center  
Minutes--- approved  
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called the July 1, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair/Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer Bonnie Jo Griffith, John Sumpter and Joe Brooks. Homer Scott and Nicky Michael arrived late.

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

Guests attending were Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Bruce Martin and Greg Brown.

Charles Randall asked for a clarification. The Trust Board had previously passed a motion to change the year from odd to even to coincide with the Tribal Council election. He stated that the Trust Document called for the election of three Trust Board members this year. The Trust Board voted not to have an election for the three Trust Board members this year. The reason stated was to save money by waiting till next year, but an election is planned for approving a revised Trust Document and Master Plan. Since there will be an election held there is no reason not to put candidates for Trust Board on the ballot.

Chairman Brooks stated there are four Trust Board members, Verna Crawford, Nicky Michael, John Sumpter and himself, whose terms do not end this year. He stated that the Trust Board felt that it was unfair to extend some of the terms and not others. He said that it would be necessary to extend terms to make the Trust Board and Tribal Council Elections coincide. He stated that the Trust Document is very clear how to force an election if one is not held. That is by a petition signed by 100 adult tribal to force an election.

Randall stated that if an election of Board members is not held this year, the Board would be violating the current Trust Document.

When asked what he thought would be the solution to the problem, Charles stated that it should be written into the new document stating that the people elected this year would serve until 2018 and the people whose term is up in 2015 will serve until 2016.

Bonnie Jo Griffith commented this issue might come out in the Town Hall meetings that will be held in July.

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

**Joe Brooks** moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2013 with corrections. **Nicky Michael** seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Bonnie Jo Griffith pointed out that the word “coincide” was misspelled. Also, Nicky is spelled with a “y” not an “i”. It was also noted that the minutes referred to the name of Jim Bohammond should be Jimbo Hammon.

**Motion** carried with all in favor.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Bonnie Jo Griffith noted that we had gone down \$10,000 this month. Chief Financial Officer confirmed the loss was due to the drop in the market value.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to accept the Treasurer’s report pending audit, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks**

No report.

**Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford**

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, June10, 2013. Several applications were approved a more detailed report will be presented in August.

**Land Management: Chair Joe Brooks**

No meeting.

**Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks**

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. Chet stated that Delaware Days would be held September 27 and 28.

**Education: Chair Nicky Michael**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met June 10. Nicky reported that we approved on one Academic Achievement. The next meeting will be on July 9 at 1 p.m.

**Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter**

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

**Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks**

Meets quarterly. No report was given due to no meeting being held.

**Old Business:**

**Bonnie Jo Griffith** moved to hold a workshop Wednesday July 3 at 11 a.m. to finalize preparation for the three Town Hall meetings to be held in July. Seconded the motion.

Charles Randall informed everyone that on Wednesday at noon there would be a surprise party for Bonnie Thaxton who will be 90 on Saturday, July 6, 2013.

**New Business:**

Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that she will not be at the August meeting and her absence will be unexcused, she will on vacation.

Verna Crawford stated that she had received information at NCAI on a proposed educational center next to the Veteran's Wall. The plans are to gather information on individual veterans, including photos and stories and would be recorded so visitors would be able to hear about the veterans. She stated that she had a short video that would be played before the Tribal Council meeting. Donations are needed to make this dream a reality.

Joe Brooks asked if Crawford has presented the proposed resolution from our Tribe regarding increasing the rate for veteran's trips to the doctor.

She reported that the resolution was presented to the Veterans Committee Chairman. He informed her that the rate is in a law and every Congressional session the attempt is made to get it changed. He said he would work on the resolution and be in touch with me before the NCAI meeting in Tulsa in October.

Nicky Michael thanked John Sumpter, the Veterans, and staff, especially Bruce Martin, who helped her, put together a National Indian Child Welfare prayer service for the Brown family. Dustin Brown, father of Baby Veronica, was presented an eagle's feather. This family has been

struggling to get permanent custody of Dustin's daughter. The case has gone all the way to the Supreme Court. The Court referred it back to state court. If Brown loses his daughter this could result in the Indian Child Welfare Act being narrowed. That would not be in the best interest of Native American Children.

Verna Crawford stated that there was a prayer vigil at NCAI. Vigils were held around the world. Bonnie Jo Griffith announced that the Elders Committee met after lunch and elected officers. Mary Waters were elected Chairman, Bonnie Jo Griffith Vice Chair, and Jan Brown treasurer. Mary Randal was elected Secretary; she is a non-voting member of the committee.

**Other Business:**

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to adjourn. John Sumpter seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.