

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
August 5, 2013
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--- approved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called the August 5, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Tribal Elder Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll; those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, John Sumpter, Nicky Michael, Joe Brooks, Homer Scott and Secretary Verna Crawford. Bonnie Jo Griffith was absent. She had informed the Board at the last meeting that she was going on a trip and to consider her absence unexcused.

Joe Brooks moved Bonnie Jo Griffith's absence be recorded as unexcused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Chief Paula Pechonick, Councilwoman Janifer Brown, Bonnie L. Thaxton, Nancy Sumpter, Mary Randall, Judge Charles Randall, Judge Rick L. Barnes, CFO Jean Lewis, John Moore, Chief Justice Don Mason, Pricilla Mason, Greg Brown and Business Manager Curtis Zunigha.

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

Minutes of previous meeting:

Nicky Michael moved to approve the minutes of July 3, 2013 with corrections. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford pointed out that on the first page at the bottom the date should be June not March

Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman Brooks stated that the Treasurer was absent but Auditor, Bill Turner of Turner and Associates, PLC and CFO Jean Lewis were both in attendance. Mr. Turner reviewed the recently completed audit. There were no findings in the audit.

Chet Brooks ask Jean to go over the current financials. He noted that the May financials reflected a total of \$4,004,000 and the June financials shows \$3,879,000. He asked why there was such a large difference. Jean Lewis informed the Board the loss was due to market fluctuation, it dropped by about \$68,000.

Joe Brooks moved to table the Treasurer's report until the September meeting due to the absence of the Treasurer. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks

No report due to a meeting was held.

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, July 8, 2013. The Committee considered and approved 12 applications. The next meeting will be on August 12, 2013.

Land Management: Chair Joe Brooks

No report due to a meeting was held.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

Meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Chairman Chet Brooks announced that the annual Delaware Days will be held on September 27 and 28 at the Fall-Leaf Powwow grounds near Copan, OK. Committee has requested a donation to assist with attorney fees. The Committee is being sued regarding a permanent campsite that has been vacated and the previous camper wants financial payment for improvements made on the site. Several tribal members volunteered to go to court and testify on behalf of the Committee. Many also volunteered to donate money to assist with the attorney fees. This will be addressed at the next meeting depending on the outcome of the Court case.

Education: Chair Nicky Michael

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met July 8, 2013. The committee considered and approved one Academic Achievement application. The

Committee agreed to extend the scholarship deadline for students on a quarterly basis not by semester.

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: Joe Brooks stated that the Trust Board Members should get the packets ten days before the meeting recently that has not been the case. He said he would also like to be reminded when the Committee meetings will be held.

Chairman Brooks briefly reviewed the town hall meetings. He said that 22 attended the meeting in Chelsea, 24 in Nowata and about 30 in Bartlesville. The comments and suggestions obtained at the meetings and from other sources will be reviewed and implemented. The Trust Board will hold a workshop soon. The general opinion seems to be that the people want the Trust Board to continue administering the allotted funds and to elect board members. No one had any problem with the change of percentages. Increasing Education, Community Services, Cultural Preservation and Tribal Operations by five percent. The plan is to replace Economic Development and Land Management with an Elders Committee and a Veterans Committee. Each may receive five percent each.

In order to get the revised Trust Document on the ballot there will need to have a petition with 100 valid signatures. There is a petition circulation now. Nicky Michael thanked the Tribal Council members who attended the Town Hall meetings. Verna Crawford added the Trust Board's appreciated all those who attended them.

New Business:

Secretary Verna Crawford noted that proposed budgets were in the packets. She said the committees should to review the budgets and submit their budgets for 2014 for approval at the September Trust Board meeting. The budget will be on the ballot in November and will be printed in the October DIN for tribal member review.

Other Business:

Chairman Brooks apologized for not allowing the guests to address the Board. Charles Randall pointed out an error in the minutes. The July minutes stated "Randall stated that if an election of Board members this year, the Board would be violating the current Trust Document." It should have stated, "Randall stated that if an election of Board members is no held this year, the Board

would be violating the current Trust Document.” Secretary Crawford thanked him and said she would correct the minutes.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.