

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Delaware Trust Board Minutes  
September 9, 2013  
Delaware Community Center  
Minutes---Approved  
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called the September 9, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.  
Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll; those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair and Secretary Verna Crawford, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks, Bormie Jo Griffith, Homer Scott and Nicky Michael

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

Guests present: Chief Paula Pechonick, Councilman Nathan Young, Councilwomen Janifer Brown and Annette Ketchum, Cy Hughes, Darrell Glenn, Mary Watters, G.R. Watters, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Bonnie L. Thaxton, Bruce Martin, Nancy Sumpter, Darrell Glenn, John Chapman Young, Greg Brown, Priscilla Mason, Curtis Zunigha, Don Mason, Cecilia Biggoose, and Leslie Fall-Leaf.

**Joe Brooks** moved to approve the agenda. Bonnie J o Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

**Verna Crawford** moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2013 with corrections if needed. Bonnie Jo Griffith seconded the motion.

**Motion** carried with five yes and one abstention (Bonnie Jo Griffith).

**Treasurer's Report**

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit seconded by Joe Brooks. Discussion: Chair Brooks commented that the account had recovered \$60,000 that was lost due to the market going down last month.

**Motion** carried with six yes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development: Chair Joe Brooks**

No report—no meeting.

**Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford**

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, August 12, 2013. The Committee met August 12, 2013 and had to reschedule till August 19. The Committee reviewed and approved 29 requests for assistance. There were 4-Burial, 1-Emergency, 2-Student Optical, 2-Elder Optical, 5-Dental, &-Utility, 2-Medical, 1-Elder Prescription, 1-Emergency Travel, and 3-Rental Assistance requests for a total of \$6,981.14. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013 following the Education meeting.

## **Land Management: Chair Joe Brooks**

No report—no meeting

Discussion: Chairman Brooks pointed out that if and when the proposed revised Trust Document the budget would change. Economic Development and Land Management will be replaced with an Elders and a Veterans committee, both of which will receive 5% each.

Community Service, Education, Cultural Preservation and Tribal Operations will be increased by 5% each.

Motion carried with six yes.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved for John Sumpter and Homer Scott to represent the Trust Board at NCAI in Tulsa in October. The Trust Board will pay per diem rate for food, mileage and the registration fee. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion called with four yes and two abstentions (Jolm Sumpter and Homer Scott).

### **New Business:**

Nancy Sumpter filed petition number 2013-1 on July 30, 2013.

The Petition stated the following:

“We, the Delaware Tribal members whose signatures appear below, Demand the Delaware Trust Board hold a referendum election for the purpose of approving the "New" Trust Document with the Master Plan incorporated. This document has been presented to the people at three town Hall meetings, in the Delaware Indian News and on the official Delaware website. The document has been drafted according to the input of Delaware Tribal members at the town hall meetings and responses received from Delaware Tribal members by mail, in person or email.”

Petition pages 1-6, w/ 34 signatures, were officially verified on August 27, 2013.

Petition pages 7-20, w/ 44 signatures, were officially verified on August 28, 2013.

Petition pages 21-23, w/ 10 signatures, were officially verified on August 29, 2013.

Petition pages 24, w/2 signatures, were officially verified on August 30, 2013.

Petition pages 25-35, w/34 signatures, were officially verified on September 6, 2013.

Total of 124 signatures submitted as of Monday, September 9, 2013.

There were 123 signatures officially verified by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary.

One was denied because individual is part Cheyenne and is enrolled with that tribe.

Report submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary.

The proposed revised Delaware Trust Document will be on the ballot for the November 2, 2013 election.

### **Other Business:**

Joe Brooks asked everyone say Happy Birthday to his brother, Chairman Chet Brooks. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to him.

Bonnie Jo Griffith moved to hold the next meeting on October 7, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

John Sumpter moved to adjourn the meeting. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25p.m.