

**Delaware Tribe of Indians  
Delaware Trust Board Minutes  
December 2, 2013  
Delaware Community Center  
Minutes--- Approved  
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary**

Chairman Chet Brooks called the December 2, 2013 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:22 p.m.

Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary called roll. Those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Nicky Michael, Secretary Verna Crawford, Board members Mary Watters, John Sumpter, Joe Brooks and Homer Scott. Treasurer John Sumpter was absent due to a VA doctor's appointment.

**Joe Brooks** moved to excuse John Soumpter's absence due to a Veteran's Administration appointment. Motion carried with six yes.

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, Judge Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Judge Rick Barnes, Cy Hughes, Mary Watters, Gil Watters, Greg Brown, Janifer Brown, Judge John Chapman Young, and Business Manager Curtis Zunigha.

**Verna Crawford** moved to approve the agenda. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

**Joe Brooks** moved to table the minutes of November 5, 2013. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. **Motion** carried with six yes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Chairman Brooks reported for Treasurer John Sumpter, who was at a medical appointment at the VA, that the Trust account as of October 31 was \$3,991,998.86. He announced there would be a special meeting on December 16, 2013 to approve the 2014 budget.

**Verna Crawford** moved to accept the financials ending October 31, 2013 pending audit. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford**

Chair Verna Crawford reported the Community Services Committee met on November 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Services meeting room. Members present were herself, Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Bonnie Joe Griffith, Homer Scott, Nicky Michael and Allan Barnes. She stated that she remains Chair and Alan Barnes is Co-Chair. Our next regular meeting will be on December 9 and have a workshop on December 16 at 10:30 a.m. to develop our 2014 budget and any program adjustments needed. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. Our balance, as of October 31, was \$12,051.63. There were 41 applications approved for a total \$6,900.

**Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks**

Cultural Preservation Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6 p.m. Chairman Brooks reported. The Committee met in November 2013 and elected Chet Brooks to continue as Chair and Bruce Martin as Co-Chair, Jim Rementer is still serving a secretary. There will be a group of people here from New York to get information on Lenape presence in New York City, Manhattan Island and southeast New York on Monday, December 9. Anyone wishing to participate, are welcome. We are also over spent \$1,050 and will receive \$1,800 and some odd dollars.

**Education: Chair Nicky Michael**

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. Chair Nicky Michael reported the Committee met November 18, 2013. I was elected to continue as Chair and Bonnie Joe Griffith is now the Vice Chair. Four applications were approved, two for Drivers Ed and two Athletic assistance. We discussed having the higher education scholarship application on line. Students are requesting that they be able to get on line and fill out those applications. The Committee is in the hole, the new percentages will pull us out of that. We are in the hole \$3,286.59. There will be a workshop on December 16 to work on what needs to be done. The next meeting will be January 13, 2013

**Elder Committee: Chair Mary Watters**

Chair Mary Watters reported that the Elder's meet on November 4, 2013. The meeting is held after lunch. Lew Ketchum gave the invocation. Officers present at the meeting were Mary Watters, Bonnie Joe Griffith and Mary Randall, Jan Brown was absent. There was no treasurer's report. The Elder's are now a Committee and will receive 5% of the Trust Budget. The current amount is approximately \$4,000 and the 5% will be added giving us about \$8,600 for next year. We acknowledged the month's birthdays and anniversaries. Jack Tatum brought up Elder's health care. We will plan to have a speaker come and talk to us about health care and insurance benefits available to us. Our current project is getting our veteran's pictures on the wall. We have set a deadline for in April. There is an elders trip planned for Friday, December 6 to go to Woolroc and than to Johnstone Park that evening. We are working on planning our budget and will work with Verna and see what we need in it.

**Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter**

Meets quarterly. No report.

**Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks**

Meets quarterly. No report.

**Veterans Committee: Chair**

The committee chair and members will be announced at the next Board meeting.

Disabled American Veterans will be here on the first and third Monday of each month to assist veterans with

**Joe Brooks** moved to elect officers. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Joe Brooks** moved the monies remaining in the Economic Development Committee budget, after all committees are brought to a zero balance and expenses have been paid, be divided between Cultural Preservation-12.5%, Community Services-37.5%, Education-31.25%, Elder's-6.525% and Veteran's Committees-6.25% according to accounting department recommendations. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Joe Brooks** moved that the reoccurring expenses, board stipends, supplies, printing and another reoccurring expenses, be paid by the Committees based on Cultural Preservation-13.33%, Community Services-40%, Education-33.33%, Elder's-6.66% and Veteran's Committees-6.66%. Accounting concurred with this plan. Homer Scott seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** CFO Jean Lewis explained that an account will be set up so everyone will see what the expenses are and how much each committee pays. She stated that in her opinion this will work very well. Chairman Brooks stated he has been asked how much these expenses would be. He asked her to provide an estimate by the December 16 workshop.

**Motion** carried with six yes.

**New Business:**

Mary Randall announced that Monday, December 9, 2014 at 12:30, after lunch, a lady will be here to talk about the Affordable Health Care Act. She will have a power point presentation. She is from the OKC Area Intertribal Health Board, her name is Melissa Gower. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Joe Brooks** moved to hold the January 6, 2014 Trust Board meeting at four p.m. in the Delaware Community Center. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

**Homer Scott** moved to adjourn. Nicky Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried with six yes.

The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Chairman Brooks** declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.