

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Delaware Trust Board Minutes

December 17, 2014

Delaware Community Center

Minutes--approved

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

I. Call to order:

Chairman Chet Brooks called the December 17, 2014 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

A. Prayer:

Elder Mary Watters gave the invocation.

B. Roll Call:

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Joe Brooks, Mary Watters and Homer Scott. Treasurer John Sumpter was absent and Dr. Nicky Michael was open due to her resignation.

Joe Brooks moved to make the absence of John Sumpter excused. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Welcome guests:

Chairman Chet Brooks welcomed guest. He asked if any guest would like to address the Board at this time.

Guests, Tribal officials and employees present included Mary Randall, Charles Randall, Jyme Felix, Curtis Zunigha, Jean Lewis, Alan Barnes, and Bonnie Griffith.

D. Approve the agenda.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to amend the agenda to include the Elders and Veterans Committees. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

II. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (s):

Joe Brooks moved to table the November 2014 minutes. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Joe Brooks gave the report stating that the funds went from \$4,190,859.50 in October to \$4,253,174.80 in November.

Joe Brooks moved to accept financials pending audit. Verna Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Tribal Operations Manager Curtis Zunigha noted that Jean Lewis has been brought as the Tribal CFO. It took some long hours for Jean to get the reports out in time for the meeting.

Chairman Brooks related the Boards appreciation for Jean Lewis' hard work and welcome her back.

Joe Brooks stated that the total budget for 2014 was about \$101,000 and for 2015 it is projected to be \$131,311 up about \$30,000. Each committee will have more to work with this year.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, December 12, 2014.

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2015.

B. Cultural Preservation: Chair Chet Brooks

Chairman Brooks announced his resignation as Committee Chair and that Homer Scott was installed as the new Committee Chairman. Before leaving that Chairmanship that the committee only spent about half their budgeted funds for 2014. Brooks said the Committee seems to be in better shape than when he took over. The Committee is reserving funds for the event coming in July at the Stockbridge Muncie facilities to get a good turnout for it.

Homer Scott stated that the Committee meetings would be held on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. The next meeting will be on January 5, 2015. Cultural Drum and dances and Pow Wow drum practice will be held alternating every other week. Language classes will be on the second Monday at 6 p.m.

Cultural Preservation Committee donated \$500 to Lenapeosy Foundation for the children's Christmas Party.

C. Education: Chair Dr. Nicky Michael

Assistant Chair Bonnie Griffith gave the Committee report. She stated that four applications were reviewed and approved, two for schools and two for education, for a total of \$163.

Spring Scholarship applications are due by January 31, 2015. The Scholarship review and awarding will be at the February meeting.

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The next Committee meeting will be January 12, 2015.

D. Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

Committee met on December 1, 2014. It was a short meeting due to visitors. Following approval of minutes and treasurer's report the meeting was turned over to the Social Security District manager Kevin Rhoads and his assistant Roxanne Herman of the Bartlesville office. They talked about the SSI supplement to Social Security benefits. Following the meeting some of the elders met with them. We have the number for anyone else who is interested in more information on this.

Mary Randall submitted her letter of resignation as Committee secretary on November 14. No replacement has been chosen. As yet Mary Watters stated that she has done a great job as secretary and will be missed. Mary Randall will continue to be active with the Committee.

The next meeting will be Monday January 5. Bonnie Thaxton is organizing a cultural program for that day. Everyone is requested to wear their tribal clothing on that day. All tribes are invited to participate. It will be fun and interesting. Mary Randall reported that the Elder Committee raised \$240 on the raffle for the afghan donated by Rosie Ladd. This will go toward the Wisconsin trip.

E. Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

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

F. Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

Meets quarterly. Joe Brooks reported that the 2014 budget was about \$15,000 and the projected amount for 2015 is \$19,566.74. This will be paid to the Council in a lump sum in January 2015. This is for the administrative support given the Trust Board by Tribal staff members.

G. Veterans Committee: Chair Kenny Brown, Vice Chair Homer Scott.

Last meeting we had agreed to have the Color Guard and Gourd Club to go to the Pryor Pow Wow. The next meeting will be today following this meeting. We will set the date for our next fundraising auction. Still requesting items to be donated for the auction.

V. Unfinished Business:

A. Replace Dr. Nicky Michael due to her resignation.

Chairman Brooks stated that two applications have been received, Roger Stewart and Michele Vernon.

Roger Stewart gave a short speech noting his abilities and desire to serve the tribe.

Verna Crawford moved to elect Roger Stewart to fill the seat vacated Dr. Michael by acclamation. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Verna Crawford stated it has been the policy of the Tribal Council and Trust Board that candidates be present to be considered.

Motion carried with all in favor.

Justice Charles Randall gave Roger Stewart the oath of office.

VI. New Business:

A. Approve 2015 overall budget.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the proposed overall 2015 budget and publish it in the next DIN. Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Joe Brooks read the Committee totals for the record, (Reinvestment - \$13,131.16; Cultural Preservation- \$13,131.16; Community Services- \$39,393.48; Education- \$32,827.58; Elders- \$6,565.58; Veterans- \$6,565.58; and Tribal Operations- \$19,696.74.)

Motion carried with all in favor.

VII. Other Business:

A. Set the time, date and location of next meeting.

Verna Crawford moved to hold the next meeting at 4 p.m. on January 21, 2015, Delaware Community Center, Bartlesville, OK. Seconded by Mary Watters.

VIII. Adjourn

A. Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. Homer Scott seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.