

Delaware Tribe of Indians
Delaware Trust Board Minutes
January 21, 2015
Delaware Community Center
Minutes--approved
Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Trust Board Secretary

Chairman Chet Brooks called January 21, 2015 Trust Board meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Assistant Chairperson Mary Watters gave the invocation.

Secretary called the roll those present were Chairman Chet Brooks, Assistant Chair Mary Watters, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer John Sumpter, Members Joe Brooks, and Homer Scott.

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, Nancy Sumpter, Gilbert Watters, Michelle Holly and Johnny Barker.
and Bonnie Griffith.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with amendments. Add under New Business, A. Committee appointments and B. Election of officers. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of previous meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Sumpter reported the Trust balance as of December 31, 2014 was \$4,243,276.08. He noted this is more money than we have had in a long time.

Chairman Chet Brooks called on CFO Jean Lewis to address the Board, as she had requested. Jean asked the Board members to review the document they had received at the beginning of the meeting. These figures are the actual budget for 2015. The total is \$133,652.02. Committee totals are: Reinvestment—10% --\$13,365.20; Cultural Preservation—10%--13,365.20; Elders Committee—5%--\$6,682.60; Veterans Committee--5%--\$6,682.60; Community Services—30%--\$40,095.61; Education—15%--\$20,047.80.

Jean Lewis said that any committee that had a balance as of December 31, 2014 it would roll over and be added to the committee totals.

Joe Brooks asked that since Community Service and Education ended the year with a negative balance, would this amount be deducted from the new budget?

Jean replied that yes, unless another source of funds can be found.

Verna Crawford reminded everyone that the Tribal Council voted to pay the Community Service balance from the IHS pass-through and Education from the Lenape Scholarship Fund. All expenditures approved after December 31, 2014 will be paid with Trust monies.

Joe Brooks moved to table the December 2014 financials, seconded by Verna Crawford. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to require the minutes and financials be received at least four days prior to meetings, seconded by Homer Scott. Motion carried with all in favor.

Committee Reports:

Community Services: Chair Verna Crawford

The Community Services Committee met on Monday, January 12, 2015. Verna Crawford reported that seven Community Service applications were review and approved for a total of \$899.53. (1 Elder Prescription, 1 emergency and 2 medical). The next meeting will be on February 9. 2015.

Cultural Preservation: Chair Homer Scott

Cultural Preservation Committee, Elders Committee and Veterans Committees are Co-hosting a stomp dance Saturday, February 14, 2015 starting at 4 p.m. following the Delaware War Mothers bean dinner. Social dances will begin at 4 p.m. The evening meal will be at 5:30 P.M. Joe Brooks and John Sumpter are donating the chili and beans. The Stomp dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. All tribes are invited to participate. Gas stipends will be paid to all Leaders and Shell Shakers 16 years and older.

There are activities are held every Monday. The 1st and 3rd Mondays are for traditional singing and drumming in the Community Center. The 2nd and 4th Mondays Jim Remmenter holds language classes in the Social Services building.

Education: Chair Dr. Nicky Michael

The Committee regularly meets on the second Monday of each month. The Committee met January 12. Eight applications were reviewed and approved for a total of \$1,650. (2 Athletic Assistance, 1 Education Assistance and 5 higher Education Scholarships). The next meeting will be on February 9. 2015.

Elders Committee: Chair Mary Watters

The Elders Committee met on January 5, 2015. Bonnie Thaxton gave the invocation. December minutes were approved. Jan Brown gave treasurer's report.

December activities included a Christmas party on December 23.

Nancy Sumpter moved that the Elders so more traveling. Bonnie Thaxton seconded the motion adding that a stop at Brahms be included. Motion carried. January 28 after lunch the Elders will take a trip to Philbrook Museum in Tulsa with a stop at Brahms on the way back.

Elder Advisor Jack Tatum started a discussion on the Elders participating more in Cultural Preservation Committee activities. Stomp dances and language classes were discussed.

The Committee decided to have Jan Brown serve as secretary/treasurer. She has been serving a treasurer.

Alan Barnes the lunch program director announced that if anyone knew of elders who needed help or was home bound, lunches could be taken to them if we wanted.

At the December meeting everyone was invited to wear some form of native dress to the January meeting. Nine people dressed in Delaware attire. They were Chief Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Lew Ketchum, Bonnie Thaxton, Mary Watters, Pat and Walter Donnell and Mary and Charles Randall.

Bonnie Joe Griffith moved to wear something with an Indian motif at each meeting and have Jack Tatum lead us in a bean dance. Mary Watters seconded the motion, which passed.

Joe Griffith moved that if the Cultural Preservation Committee plan activity such as a stomp dance the Elders would participate. Bonnie Thaxton seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on February 2, 2015.

Reinvestment: Chair John Sumpter

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

Tribal Operations: Chair Joe Brooks

Meets quarterly. Joe Brooks stated that as soon as Jean Lewis has the final total for the Committee budget a check will be cut to the Tribe. The funds for Tribal Operations is paid to the Tribe to cover the cost of administer the Trust funds.

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

The Veterans Committee met on December 19, 2014. The date for a fundraising auction was set for March 17. More items are requested to be donated for the auction. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of a gun safe and rifles for the Color Guard to use at burial details. There will be a Taco dinner before the auction.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A. Committee Assignments

Chairman Brooks stated that committee assignments are done annually. He asked the Board which committee they would like to be assigned. The Board member assigned to each committee will make the monthly report.

Mary Watters is Trust Board representative on the Elders Committee, John Sumpter on the Reinvestment, Verna Crawford on Community Services, Joe Brooks on Education, Homer Scott on Cultural Preservation, Roger Stewart on Veterans and Chet Brooks on Tribal Operations.

B. Election of Officers

Joe Brooks nominated Mary Watters for Assistant Chairperson. John Sumpter seconded the motion. Mary Watters was elected by acclamation.

John Sumpter nominated Verna Crawford for Secretary. Roger Stewart seconded the motion. Verna Crawford was elected by acclamation.

Joe Brooks nominated John Sumpter for Treasurer. Homer Scott seconded the motion. Homer Scott was elected by acclamation.

Other Business:

Verna Crawford moved to hold the February Trust Board meeting on February 18, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Delaware Community Center 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Joe Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn. John Sumpter seconded the motion. All approved. Chairman Chet Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.