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DELAWARE TRUST BOARD LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Sub-Committee on Cemeteries

Meeting: Monday, June 4, 2012, 2:00 P. M.

Delaware Community Center Building

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Chairman DeAnn Ketchum called the meeting to order. Those present were Chet Brooks, Annette Ketchum, Dee Ketchum, Jenifer Pechonick, and Curtis Zunigha. Dr. Greg Brown was present and Dr. Brice Obermeyer was on conference call. Steve Falleaf, Titus Frenchman, Jo Griffith, Wayne Stuff and John Sumpter were absent.

Jenifer reported on the meeting Vicki Sousa had scheduled with the Assistant District Attorney, herself, and Chief Pechonick the end of May. Jeni had the Title 8 Cemetery Guidelines from the ADA. Lengthy discussion followed about that meeting. The tribe owns the Busby and Sam Williams cemeteries, but Washington County owns the Silverlake and Jackson-Fall Leaf cemeteries. The county wants to keep the Silverlake Cemetery because there are as many non-Indians as Delawares buried there. Further research is needed to acquire the Jackson-Fall Leaf.

Brice reported that Dr. Marc^{ic} Ventre^{er} (from Missouri Delaware Settlement/Dig) doesn't have the GPR equipment to locate graves at the Sam Williams Cemetery (the Delaware Burial Grounds). It would be costly to get it done with the GPR equipment and personal coming from Missouri. She suggested contacting University of Oklahoma/Geologists Offices. Brice will research this and also the possibility that Tim Baugh of State of Oklahoma might have an idea on grants for GPR.

Discussion of getting qualifying cemeteries on the Historical Register in Oklahoma, as the Bezion at Nowata County is. Brice explained that since there are hundreds of tribal cemeteries who would like to get that status, it is harder to acquire now than earlier because of restrictions. The Bezion qualified. Jeni and Brice are both going to research grant money for the Delaware cemeteries if some categories for funding could be found. Brice said that the earliest he can apply for an up to \$40,000 grant is March 2013 because he has one right now.

→ should we apply for this?

Curtis reported that the Tribe had the Delaware (Williams), Busby (at Copan) and Jackson-Fall Leaf (on Cotton Creek) mowed before Memorial Day. Also four dead trees were removed from Delaware Burial Grounds. Land Management paid for this.

Dee asked about baling the North 40 acres. Curtis is looking into this because there is tall grass up there and it looks bad. Motion made by Annette and seconded by Chet passed for Curtis to get the best deal on baling for N. 40.

Discussion about the Lenno (Belmire) Cemetery West of Hwy 75 on the Four Mile Road followed, with pictures that Curtis had from a trip up there. It is in terrible condition and has been for years, with no burials for over 70 years. It is on private property, but may be the best one to get a grant on because of its historic factor. Delaware Charley who scouted with John Fremont was buried there in 1885, at age 77 yrs. Other graves were Yellowjack and Lenno, per Curtis. [I checked Talking Tombstones and there are around 40 or more graves. ak]

→ The state doesn't have GPR equipment. State Archaeologist didn't respond to my e-mail. Crystal Douglas (KAW) did reply. She is going to look for our files (Tim Baugh)

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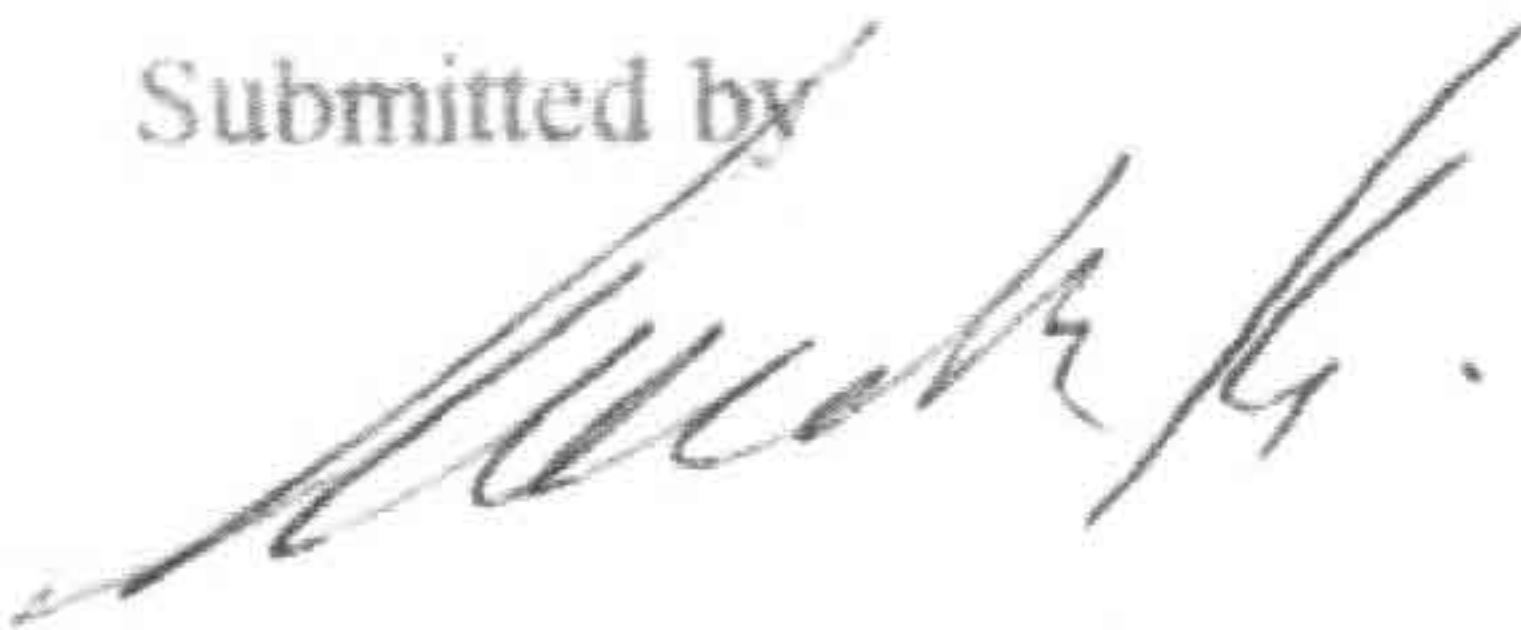
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DeAnn summarized the meeting with the consensus of the determinations made by the committee:

1. Don't need the county of deed any cemeteries at this time.
2. The County can mow their cemeteries according to their annual schedule, but the Tribe will supplement the mowing if and when needed and will continue to mow the Delaware and Busby. When the Land Management funding is used up, Brice has funding that may be used for maintenance
3. Dee and Chet will go through the cemetery rules and bring them up to date, where necessary, and will go to the Elder Committee for its input.
4. Jeni will prepare a resolution for the Tribal Council and determine official names to be assigned the cemeteries and their locations, along with approved cemetery rules. Thus all will be memorized.

DeAnn will call the next meeting and send minutes to members of Land Management and the Cemetery Committee. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by



Annette Ketchum, Secretary

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