

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Trust Board Meeting

January 22, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Trust Board of the Delaware Tribe of Indians was called to order at 3:01pm by Chairwoman Michelle Holley

Prayer by Chief Chet Brooks

Roll call by Secretary Crystal Dombrovski. All present. A quorum was established

Roger Stewart moved to approve agenda, motion seconded by Joe Brooks. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by R. Stewart to approve minutes of last meeting. Motion seconded by Kay Anderson. All in favor. Motion carries.

Financial Report by J. Brooks, Treasurer

*Reports provided in meeting packet

J Brooks makes a motion that the Trust Board approves a one time donation from community services of \$2,452.14 to the education committee to put the education balance at zero balance for the end of December. This motion is seconded by Bonita McGrew. Discussion: John Thomas inquires if that will deplete community services fund for the people. J Brooks states that the community services fund will not run short due to this one donation. All in favor. Motion carries.

Chief Brooks congratulates the Trust Board for ending December with the highest amount of monies the Trust Board has ever had. M Holley thanks Chief Brooks on behalf of the Trust Board.

R Stewart moves to approve November and December financials. Motion seconded by K Anderson. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services – No report. Meeting was not held due to pending budget. Next meeting will be held for community services and education combined will be on January 27 at 1:30pm.

Cultural preservation report given by B. McGrew. The moccasin classes have ended with only a few completed moccasins, therefore, instructor Margaret Bird invited people to her home to complete their projects. Kay stated she and her grandkids took Margaret up on her offer. The date for the Delaware Tribe Stomp Dance and Chili dinner has been set for March 14. The dinner is at six and stomp will begin at 7 at the Dewey Fair Building. There will be cake walks, auction and vendors. Bring your lawn chairs. Chief Brooks announces a Town hall meeting will be held on that day as well at 2pm in the same room as the Dinner and Stomp.

J Thomas suggests the Trust Board donate door prizes as to show unity with Tribal Council. This is to be discussed and proposal presented at next month's meeting.

Elder report by K. Anderson. The planned trip to Pawhuska was canceled due to bad weather, however, many of the elders went on their own.

K Anderson states oldest elder is to be honored every 3 months and the search is ongoing.

C Dombrovski expresses her displeasure at Charles Randell's displeasure at the "vacations" the elders take each month. Crystal states this is something the elders have earned and as long as they are able, they should be able to spend their budget as they see fit. Socialization is very important for the elderly community.

Tribal operations report. Chief Brooks offers his appreciation for the budget that has been set.

Motion made by J Brooks to approve all committee reports as provided and seconded by C Dombrovski. All in favor. Motion carries.

Unfinished Business

J Brooks reports that all items at the tribal gift shop bought by committees of Trust Board and Tribal Council are to be sold at cost + freight x 1.1 (10%). J. Brooks encourages us not to forget about buying from the gift shop. Individuals always pay full price. It is decided that the Trust Board look into buying door prizes for town hall council at the gift shop.

B McGrew suggests the gift shop look into getting new merchandise. She volunteers to check with Anita Davis to seek out new vendors.

New business

J Brooks states after all expenses, there has been an increase of \$597,898.81 for the year. J Brooks recommends increasing the budget \$240,000.00 at to prevent going into a negative balance for the education committee. Motion seconded by R Stewart. Discussion: J Thomas clarifies the budget is to be increased from \$153,000 to \$240,000. And asked the plan for the increase funds. J Brooks confirms that is the intended increase and the plan would be to follow the percentages that the tribe approved according to the Trust Document as follows: Reinvestment committee – \$24,000, Cultural Preservation - \$24,000, Community Services - \$60,000, Education Committee \$72,000, Elders Committee - \$12,000, Veteran's Committee - \$12,000, Tribal Operations - \$36,000. This totals exactly \$240,000. M Holley wants to point out that the Education and Community services committee will see largest increase. In 2019, the Trust Board experienced an extreme deficit and the Trust Board was unable to fund a number of scholarships and forced to cut many programs. However, the deficit can be offset this year and the Trust Board will be able to once again provide needed services for our tribal citizens in 2020. J Thomas states he is all in favor of giving our committees all that we can but he also cautions the Trust Board to be careful in increasing the budget in case of a bad financial year. M Holley inquires to J Brooks as to what the budget increase would leave our balance. J Brooks answers our balance would remain at \$4,449,189.40 after pulling out \$240,000 for a budget. J Thomas asks how the \$240,000 number was decided on. J Brooks states it was a collaboration with Allen Barnes regarding education funding and

taking into consideration the amount that was made last year. The \$240,000 is not even 1/3 of the amount the Trust Board made in 2019.

Upon further discussion J Brooks wishes to modify his motion to state that the budget be reviewed every 3 months and make adjustments accordingly at the discretion of the Trust Board. Modified motion seconded by B McGrew. All in favor. Motion carried.

M Holley states that the reinvestment committee discussed creating an endowment for future funds. M Holley asks who on the Trust Board is interested and willing to work on researching an endowment. J Brooks and C Dombrovski express their interest. Red Day Johnson has also expressed her interest. This invitation also goes out to any and all Tribal Council and tribal citizens who wish to serve in a working group for this purpose. J Thomas states we need to look at our trust document as it states our monies are to be invested in an interest bearing account. M Holley agrees and states that is why a work group is necessary to interpret the trust document. J Thomas states the trust document is due for change. M Holley states we need to research the endowment first in order to make possible changes to the trust document.

J Brooks asks the Trust Board members to speak with their Tribal Council members regarding the recent trust money awarded to the tribe from the joint lawsuit. J Thomas states he believes that all the judgement monies should be overseen by the Trust Board. Chief Brooks states he does not agree it all goes to Trust Board because it came out of trust to go to individuals and the Council. Chief clarifies when he says Council, he means tribe. M Holley suggests this be a topic to be discussed at our town hall (strategic planning) meeting. J Thomas also states it should be a vote of the people as to where they want the judgement monies to go, Trust Board or Council, half/half, all to one? C Dombrovski inquired from where the judgement funds were awarded? J Thomas states it was awarded from Docket 72/298. C Dombrovski asks what specifically does the Trust Document say about Docket 72/298 funds? J Thomas states that any money from Docket 72/298 is to be governed by the Trust Board. C Dombrovski states that if we are to follow the Trust Document to the letter, as we should, then the whole judgment award should be overseen through the Trust Board.

No further new business. J Brooks moves to schedule then next regular meeting on February 19, 2020 at 2:00. Motion seconded by B. McGrew. All in favor. Motion carries.

R Stewart moves to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by K. Anderson. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned 4:12.