



# DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

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## DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TRUST BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

June 14, 2020

Minutes recorded by Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski, Secretary

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Michelle Holley at 2:06pm.

### Prayer

Prayer offered in Lenape and English by Chief Chester Brooks.

### Roll Call

Roll Call by Secretary Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski. Present were Michelle Holley, Chairwoman, Roger Stewart, Vice Chairman, Secretary Crystal Thaxton-Dombrovski, Joe Brooks, Treasurer, Kay Anderson, member, Bonita McGrew, member, John Thomas, member. All present. Quorum established. Chairwoman Holley welcomed members.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by R Stewart. Seconded by B McGrew. All in favor, motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion made by K Anderson to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion seconded by C Thaxton-Dombrovski. All in favor, motion carried.

### Financial Report – J Brooks Treasurer

As of April 30, 2020 our fair market value was \$4,285,901.08. As of May 31, 2020 our fair market value was \$4,422,857.17, reflecting a net gain of \$136,956.09.

### Committee Reports

- Reinvestment – Carry Forward \$15,350.00 Budget: \$24,000.00 Year to Date (YTD) Expenditures: \$12.20 Balance: \$39,337.80
- Cultural Preservation – Carry Forward \$37,294.05. Budget: \$24,000.00. YTD Expenditures: \$1,648.96 Balance: \$59,645.09.
- Community Services – Carry Forward \$20,821.65 Budget: \$60,000.00 YTD Expenditures: \$11,068.52 Balance: \$69,753.13
- Education: Carry Forward \$0.00 Budget: \$72,000 YTD Expenditures: \$27,000.00 Balance: \$48,000.00

- Elders – Carry Forward \$17,275.15 Budget: \$12,000.00 YTD Expenditures: \$1,358.23 Balance: \$27,916.92
- Veterans – Carry Forward \$11,310.24 Budget: \$12,000 YTD Expenditures: \$333.37 Balance: \$22,976.87
- Tribal Operations – Budget: \$36,000.00 YTD Expenditures: \$0.00 Balance: \$36,000.00
  - This balance needs to be transferred over to the Tribe side.

Motion made by R Stuart to approve financial reports pending audit. Motion seconded by B McGrew. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Committee Reports

- Community services – J Brooks
  - There was no face to face meetings held. All applications for community assistance have been addressed by poll vote. There were burial assistance approved and a meeting was scheduled for July and has had several applications to be approved in July. No emergencies noted.
- Elders Committee – K Anderson
  - Kenny Brown notified Elders Committee that the nursing home where his mother resides is now open to visitors. The elder's committee will now be able to present the Pendleton blanket given to the oldest living Delaware. J Brooks volunteers to drive the tribal van at the specified time to present the blanket. K Anderson also states that the committee still needs to identify the oldest living Delaware for the 2nd quarter of 2020.

Motion to approve committee reports in the packet made by R Stewart. Motion seconded by B McGrew. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

J Brooks reports that a tribal member is starting to construct a sweat lodge on the north end of the pond. It is J Brooks recommendation that the cultural committee support this endeavor if we can get it approved by the City of Bartlesville Fire Department. The Tribe needs to find out the regulations and obtain a permit to have a fire. M Holley states she is in support as long as all cultural guidelines are being followed and it's done properly. J Brooks states the importance of signing a participation waiver due to Covid-19 virus risk due to being in close proximity. Crystal to research the effect of heat and humidity on the virus. J Thomas states we should have no problem getting a permit for sweat lodge fire. He also stated we should inform neighbors of the intent as well. J Brooks states the framework is already built. J Thomas also states that participation should be restricted because he has contacted other medicine men who "does this" and it is under their advisement that it should not be a community event, but as private family use only. But no to any other type of ceremony. J Thomas also states he has been asked to available for consultation when needed and though is not a medicine man, he would be glad to help out any way he can. J Brooks also says he will approach the Community Services committee and see if that committee would also be supportive to help furnish covers.

C Thaxton-Dombrovski inquired regarding the charge for copies of tribal meeting minutes, financials and committee reports. J Brooks states this has been a tribal policy for years because the meeting packets can be several pages long and can become quite expensive to make copies. J Thomas suggests making a webpage exclusively for the Trust Board (TB). C Thaxton-Dombrovski states it would not be efficient to have more than one place to search for information. She goes on to state that there have been no updates regarding minutes of the TB or Tribal Council in months, even years and we should have a plan to disseminate this information to our tribal citizens. M Holley states she remembers having this same conversation after C Thaxton-Dombrovski inquired as to why there were no TB meeting minutes on the tribal website. M Holley identified one issue as not having an onsite Webmaster and it would be more efficient to have an in-house Webmaster. M Holley suggests writing a recommendation to the Tribal Council to provide training to someone in-house to manage the tribal website. M Holley is to compose an email to the Tribal Council making this recommendation. J Brooks also supports C Thaxton-Dombrovski's concerns of lack of communication from the TB to tribal citizens. For example, there was an old version of the Trust Document still on the website long after a new one was adopted. The TB officials were not updated correctly and is still not up to date with the sitting TB members.

J Brooks moves to recommend that the TB recommends to the Tribal Council that we have an in-house Webmaster who is able to update and keep tribal website up to date as the tribal citizens are entitled to know what is going on. Motion seconded by M Holley. All in favor. Motion carried. M Holley is to draft letter to send to Tribal Council before their meeting on Saturday.

M Holley starts discussion regarding CARES Act. She states that tribes have used the majority of the assistance money to provide direct assistance to their tribal members. M Holley asks that the TB recommend to the Tribal Council allocate a portion of the CARES Act to the TB Community Services budget. J Brooks states that the portion that could have been used in this manner was sent to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) and the tribe actually received an amount of money that is restricted to administrative use. So the Delaware Tribe (DT), according to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the CNO, must go to the CNO to ask for our portion of direct assistance to the DT.

Chief Brooks confirms that the DT received an amount directly from the Department of Treasury and it is in fact restricted on how it can be spent and it cannot be spent on individual tribal members. It can only be used to buy facemasks, health equipment and electronics. Chief also confirms that the DT is to go to CNO and request the CARES Act money that is supposed to be distributed to the DT. M Holley states she works for a number of other tribes that has allocated parts of the CARES Act to their tribal citizens and she would be more than happy to sit down with the TC and lend her knowledge to help with a budget and look at relevant options to get increased assistance for individual citizens.

C Thaxton-Dombrovski seeks clarification regarding the 2 amounts received from the Treasury. One amount was sent directly to us that has to be used for administrative purposes and another amount that can be used for direct assistance to tribal members that was sent to CNO that we will have to petition them for. C Thaxton-Dombrovski asks how long that portion has been with CNO. Chief Brooks states the money have been with CNO for approximately 2 weeks. C Thaxton-Dombrovski then asks if during that 2 weeks, has there been a letter drafted to request our portion of the direct assistance money. Chief Brooks states, no there as not. Chief Brooks states this will be addressed at the special TC meeting Saturday.

M Holley makes motion for the TC's consideration to include the TB on discussions, not necessarily the MOA discussion as that is legislative and that is their realm, but as we're looking at if there's any type of modifications that can be made to this funding application, so to speak, or the request. I think that the

TB and the TC should be working collectively and addressing this and moving forward, I would like to have communication with the Council and the TB before there is any type of modification and see how we can potentially be able to use that funding for our tribal members assistance. Motion seconded by C Thaxton-Dombrovski. All in favor, motion carried.

Set the Time, Date and Location of Next Meeting

Motion made by J Brooks for the next meeting to be held Tuesday July 14 at 2pm at Tribal Headquarters, Bartlesville, OK. Motion seconded by K Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

C Thaxton-Dombrovski moves to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by M Holley. Meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.