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New Delaware Trust Board members appointed by the Trust Board members in March and April. Joe Brooks, left, took his seat at the March meeting filling the unexpired term of Raymond Cline. Tom Moore, center, filled the seat vacated by Rusty Brown and TJ Aaroe, right will serve the remaining term of Doyle Hayes.

Delaware Tribe Trust Election November 5, 2011

The 2011 Trust Board Election will be held November 5. The election will be for the Chairman and three Trust Board members. Ballots will be mailed to all Delaware Tribal members 18 years and over. Tribal members are urged to make sure the Delaware Registration Department has their correct mailing address on file.

Tribal members 18 years and older are eligible to run for office. The Candidate filing forms are available in this issue of the Delaware Indian News and on line at delawaretribe.org.

The seats open for election are Chairman and board members Verna Crawford, Bill Hatch and Tom

Moore. Persons interested in filing for one of these positions must send the declaration form to the Election Committee by September 15, 2011 and include a short biography of themselves.

Candidates are allowed to submit an article about their qualifications and plans to be published in the Delaware Indian News. These articles may be one 8 ½ inches by 11 inches. The format must be Microsoft word, rft format, size 10 font and may be emailed to: officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com or mailed to: Delaware Tribe of Indians Attention: DIN, 170 NW Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006. The articles must be received by September 15, 2011.

Your Opinion Needed: Restore Delaware Tribal Membership to Idaho Delaware Group-Yes/No

By Verna Crawford

The Idaho Delaware group, "Who are They" and "Why should they be considered to be members of the Delaware Tribe?" This question has been discussed for more than a decade. More recently the Tribal Council was presented with an appeal to "bring them back into our tribal family. The arguments have been very persuasive, both

for and against—the pros have been more solid.

The documentation appears to prove that the ancestors of the Idaho Delaware were members of the Delaware Tribe when the Tribe was located in the Lawrence Kansas area. When the Tribe was removed to Indian Country and located within the Cherokee Nation boundaries. As indicated in

the documentation, they moved as a family unit from Oklahoma to the area of Wyoming and Idaho, as directed by a government official. The group understood that land would be given to them. Upon arriving in this area they learned that no land was available to them because this was Crow country. (See: Delaware of Idaho Historic Overview—pages 18-19.)

The Tribal Council appointed a committee, headed by Trust Board member Tom Moore, to research and report back. The committee was directed to substantiate the existence of the named ancestors and how they connect to the Delaware Tribe and the best way to include this group as Tribal members. (The complete report on page 11).

The committee recommended, as one avenue, putting the issue on the November ballot and let the people decide.

Vice Chief Chet Brooks presented a resolution at the June 9 Council meeting to adopt an ordinance which states:

The Delaware of Idaho are descendants of Rebecca Lucas who was listed on the removal rolls and incorporated into the Cherokees in 1893, but died before the 1906 rolls.

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Delaware Tribal Council hereby grants by this Ordinance full membership forthwith into Delaware Tribe of Indians to all members listed on the Delaware of Idaho rolls dated 16 May 2011, attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance by reference, and membership to any direct descendant of those persons listed on the aforementioned rolls. Provided, however, such direct descendant shall file an application prepared by the Delaware Tribe of Indians proving they are a direct descendant of a member on the aforementioned rolls as a prerequisite to membership into the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians accepts

the Delaware of Idaho's waiver of interest in any funds on hand or funds pending to be received on the day of the members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Those person's granted membership from the Delaware of Idaho's rolls dated 16 May 2011 are hereby barred from claiming any interest in funds on hand or funds pending to be received on the day of being granted membership into the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Provided however this provision does not preclude the members on the Delaware of Idaho rolls dated 16 May 2011 after becoming members of the Delaware Tribe of Indians having an interest in all funds after the date of being admitted as members as any other member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Ordinance applies specifically to the Delaware of Idaho only and not to any individual, other

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Message from Chief Paula Pechonick

I hope this message finds you well. May you find cool places to beat the summer heat. The Tribal offices have been busy! I want to give you a brief update on what your Chief has been working on these past few months. When elected, I was appointed by the Claremore Indian Hospital to serve on the Board which met April 14. DEA met in the month of April to discuss ongoing economic development efforts.

Also in April, the Tribe was invited to display our Tribal flag at the U.S. Attorney's Office. I, along with Assistant Chief Chet Brooks and Councilwoman Jenifer Pechonick, presented the flag for display alongside other tribes in the district. I also participated in several conference calls regarding unemployment for past employees.

I attended an Emergency Management conference at the Downstream, in Quapaw Oklahoma. The conference was informative. We are looking into options, possibly a partnership with Washington County to best administer emergency management.

Representatives of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) came to Bartlesville to present information on gaming and various aspects of gaming. We have learned much and have much more to learn. In the event that someday we do become a tribe with gaming, we will have had many hours of training with these free opportunities. To date, we have had 3 seminars and look forward to additional hours in the future.

I was invited to the Bartlesville area Kiwanis meeting to speak. I spoke about the Tribe to the Kiwanis members. We are well-received by the area community and people were able to ask questions.

The Copan Pow-Wow was absolutely wonderful this year (as always) but the weather cooperated to give us the most beautiful weekend. I was especially blessed by my children as well as several grandchildren being able to attend this year. For the first time in years, the permanent camps



were offered rations. This was funded by the Delaware Enterprise Authority (DEA). I personally visited the camps on Friday to determine the number of campers in each camp. Pow-Wow is a very busy time for me and traditionally finding time to leave my camp to visit is difficult. The opportunity to visit the camps on Friday was a pleasure.

I wish to personally thank the Cultural Preservation Committee for their donation to the Pow-Wow to help the ongoing effort to restore and paint the bleachers. I personally went out and painted the bleachers for the last several years including this year, with Councilwomen Jan Brown and Jenifer Pechonick.

In June, I attended an economic summit in Anaheim, CA. I was invited to participate in the Tribal Leaders Roundtable: Women in Leadership. Overall the experience was positive and I was honored that the Tribe was invited to participate.

We are working on revising the personnel policies as they have not been updated in a long time. Once the policies have been revised, they will be presented to the Tribal Council review. We will also be reviewing the Procurement Policy to make sure it is current and corresponds with federal regulations.

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We are planning the General Council for November 12, 2011. We hope to have a big attendance at this annual gathering. Some ideas that have been offered include a meal, drawings and a dance. Many have expressed their concern with the negativity often displayed at General Council. We hope to have an orderly meeting which allows people to voice their concerns in a civil way. We hope that you will plan to attend!

By the time you receive your paper, the 4th of July weekend will have come and gone. I hope that you had a happy and safe time. I appreciate your continued input and support

May the Creator continue to bless you and your family.

Wanishi! Chief Paula Pechonick

Ntakeutamen, Councilwoman Janifer Brown

"Hey" fellow Delawares. This is your council woman Janifer Brown, trying to get you up to date on what's going on here at headquarters. We have had three different accountants since I took my council seat in November, so training in the accounting program has been constant. The accountant we have at present is working out very well. Her name is Jade Johnson, married to Mary Watters' grandson, Jimmie. Jade learns quickly and takes on challenges. I think we have found a treasure. She is also overseeing our Service Office Building funded through the Federal ICDBG Grant program. Thanks to Shirley, our enrollment officer, a grant application is being submitted to help us open the Wellness Center for tribal health awareness after the Service Building is finished and the offices have been relocated into the new building. That means the pool would be opened back up and available for rehab. Exciting isn't it? The exercise equipment room is already open from 8am to 5pm during the week for Delaware who want or need to exercise.

One thing the council is discussing is our cousins, the Idaho Delaware. They want to be recognized as members of the tribe they were a part of at one time. As I understand, this can be done by allowing the roll of 1867, a list of Delaware who were removed from Kansas and relocated in Indian Territory, to be included in our tribal membership criteria. It would allow these people as well as other families lost in the move from Kansas to become Delaware members. We all know what it's like not to be considered Delaware when you know you are.

The tribe is buying new software that will allow us to finally make our tribal picture ID's. Many of you are getting upset because the ID's are not being made. I understand, but we were unable to find a solution as our software was out of date. Shirley was shown software while attending an enrollment seminar. Many other tribes use this very software for their tribal enrollment. Creating ID cards is just one of the positive things about it. We will be able to print member's family trees, only at their request of course, data mapping for service area reports which we need for grant applications, and much more. The switch over to the new software should be completed by the end of July. Shirley has already had some training in its use, so the switch over could even be sooner.

That's all I can think of for now, so until next time, call 1 918-214-5376.

Weli keshku, Wanishi. Nkaxpila.

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From the desk of Wayne Stull, Trust Board Chairman

A message to the Delaware Tribal Elders and Tribal members

At the May Trust Board meeting, Trust Board members approved \$2,500 of the \$5,000 requested by the Elder Committee, the other half coming out of Tribal monies. It will be used to "increase information on the availability of federal programs, network with other tribes and help establish the Elders in the national arena." Titus Frenchman, chair, quoted in a letter to the Trust Board. I too agree with Titus that more can be done for the Elders. The Elder Committee purchased an \$8,000 walk-in freezer, table top meat slicer and dish sterilizer. Delaware Tribe has regained control over the Nutrition Program from the Cherokee Nation. The Elder Nutrition program is fully staffed with a funded budget for food and salary. It will require more of money and work but with Titus Frenchman, Bonnie Thaxton, Marilyn Coffey and Jan Brown's leadership, the goals will be achieved. A vital and major part of the Delaware Tribal history, knowledge and wisdom which will someday be lost if not absorbed daily by each and everyone – also lost will be the ability listen, listen, listen and learn. Next time you meet and greet a Delaware Elder give them a big hug. Thank them for all they've done and still do. We are blessed to have a strong foundation and path to follow created by our Elders. This again is a small contribution, thanks Trust Board members for making it a little bit better from the Delaware Tribal Elders.

Wayne E. Stull, Trust Board Chair



Tribal members, family and friends, today is not the last day of spring. We have already had 20 consecutive days of over 90 degrees and summer starts tomorrow. Everyone should get plenty of Vitamin D this summer. The sun is good for you along with a little heat will make the fall and winter something to look forward to but not too soon. Enjoy your summer; hope everyone had a good pow wow. I could not attend this year due to commitments beyond my control, but I will make it next year.

We now have a full Trust Board with the appointment of Teri Jo Aaroe and Tom Moore. Welcome aboard TJ and Tom! The Economic Development Chair is Tom Moore, Community Service Chair is TJ Aaroe, Education Chair is Verna Crawford, Re-Investment Chair is Bill Hatch, Cultural Preservation Chair is Chet Brooks, Tribal Operations Chair is Joe Brooks and I am the Land Management Chair. At the present time, my programs are operational and working for all Delaware Tribal Members.

Arvest Bank made a portfolio presentation at the meeting. Scott Thompson and Josh Randolph of Arvest verified the Trust Board investment balance of \$3,435,977.06. This amount is managed and invested very conservatively. The current yield is approximately \$130,000 a year which is used to fund your Trust programs. The Trust Board would like to thank Arvest Bank and their management team for doing a good job for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

Next issue will include the program chairs email addresses and phone numbers for any questions tribal members may have.

Remember to smile, thank the Creator for each day and treat everyone like you want to be treated.

God Bless, Wayne E. Stull, Trust Board Chair

A message to the Delaware Tribal Veterans

At our May Trust Board meeting the Board agreed to fund ½ of the budget for the Veteran's Committee/Lenape Color Guard. Delaware Veterans represent the Tribe with passion and pride. Delaware Tribal members can be proud of not only all our veterans (both men and women) but also our Lenape Color Guard headed by John W. Sumpter, Chairman and members Kenny Brown, Glen Miller, Homer Scott, David Ina, CA Griffith (currently on active duty), former Chief Curtis Zunigha and Quinton Elkhair Sumpter. John and all of the members do a great job at many events throughout the year. The Trust Board agreed to provide \$3,500 of the \$7,000. The money will be used according to the budget presented to the Trust Board for replacement cost of new uniforms, boots, field jackets, new flags and flag pole, per diem and travel money needed to attend events. I appreciate the Trust Boards consideration and approval. This is a small service the Trust can provide for veterans. Thanks again to the Trust Board members and Veterans. Sincerely,

Wayne E. Stull,
Trust Board Chairman

Idaho Delaware Question

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group or entity."

The Council tabled the issue to the August meeting, with the direction that the concerns, possibilities and historical information be pub-

lished in the DIN.

The Council requests the opinion of the Tribal members.

Tribal members are asked to let the Council know which direction should be taken:

Should Delaware Tribal membership be restored to the Idaho Delaware?

Adopt the Ordinance presented by Vice Chief Brooks, thus restoring tribal membership.

Put the issue on the November

ballot.

Please send your thoughts to the Tribal Council, by contacting Council members, emailing: officialdelawareindiannews, or writing to Delaware Tribal Council, 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!



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Tribal Enterprise and Economic Development Committee Update



Tom Moore, Trust Board Member

By Tom Moore, Trust Board Economic Development Committee Chairmam

After years of riding the sidelines and watching from a 'safe distance' - I took it upon myself to get involved with our Tribe. Having been in business management, entrepreneurial business ventures and business ownership for the past decade, it seemed fitting that I start out by putting myself in a position to understand our Tribe's current and future economic development plans and then see what I could do to help. While there have been many rumored business plans over the years, nothing ever seems to get done. I wanted to understand why, and see if I could help remove any roadblocks. Most members seem to feel that the future of our Tribe is greatly dependant on our ability to self-sustain through business enterprise, and I agree.

From what I can gather, since recognition, the Tribe put together a package of businesses that it wished to purchase through the use of Tribal Economic Development Bonds that were authorized through the federal government's economic stimulus plan. A quick review of the IRS website will show that our Tribe was awarded \$22.5M for the acquisition of businesses and an airpark. Obviously there was a business plan in place that led to this bond allocation, however, this bond still sits unfunded and the businesses have not been purchased. After a few discussions with those who worked diligently to put this package together I was informed that those left with the final decision were reluctant to use tribal lands as collateral, so the deal to fund the bonds fell through. The fact of the matter is that you have to expose yourself to some risk in order to succeed in business, but the first duty of

the tribal government is to protect Tribal members and using the Tribal land base as collateral on a business deal ignores that duty if there is any possibility that the land base could be lost. Back at the drawing board, several other plans to fund the bonds have been in the works, and hopefully the backing will be arranged and the businesses purchased with a lower risk threshold or more acceptable collateral. Having been in a position of working to capitalize a business, I can verify that this is not an easy or speedy task, and given the Tribe's short résumé in business operations, I am sure that the difficulties abound.

One major factor in funding these bonds (or any outside financial venture for that matter) for the Tribe will be the Tribe's ability to rise above the petty politics of the day and prove itself as a BUSINESS rather than just a tribe. Seeing the importance of this, the Tribal Council passed the Enterprise Development Act of 2007, which authorized and created the Delaware Enterprise Authority, the Tribe's business arm. While the tribe is perfectly capable of transacting business through the Tribal Council or even Trust Board, any long-term business plan with financing from outside parties will inevitably face the question, "Well, what happens after the election?" This is an unanswerable question for the Tribe, because regime changes result in shake-ups, halts to plans, and disruptive reorganization. Those who would be interested in financing a business plan with our Tribe know that a business cannot operate well if it is subject to political whim or outside political forces that could turn it into a pawn in a much larger power struggle. Furthermore, business plans cannot be made if those in a position to see them through could disappear overnight after an election. This is why our Tribe needs a separate business arm. If we are to have any long-term business growth, it cannot be subject to politics. Furthermore, outside businesses fairly refuse to enter into any types of business relationships or financing agreements if there is a significant risk (like all of the management could be replaced with an election

because of an unpopular decision regarding a completely separate issue).

I have very little knowledge of the current Delaware Enterprise Authority's Board or management. My initial read is that the Board comprises a fairly elite group of business leaders with the experience to weigh decisions and act in the best interest of the Tribe. Additionally, those who have been hired or volunteered to help the Authority move forward with business plans appear to be very competent. That said, the information regarding the structure, business plans, and future of the Authority are somewhat illusive or otherwise confidential and this is a source of frustration. While the direction of the Authority should be fairly obvious, the actual plans must remain private in order to ensure that opportunists do not take advantage of the Authority's hard work. There is a balancing act here, and I do not feel that the Authority has done a very good job of keeping the Tribe informed of its

plans, even if only in broad terms. There have been few (if any) public explanations of the Authority's victories or failures, and while some of those conversations are best kept somewhat private to protect other future business interests, many of them should be shared with the Tribe to ensure its members understand the challenges faced and continue to support the direction of the Authority in whatever way they can.

It has come to my attention that some members wish to see the Delaware Enterprise Authority disbanded or abolished. While I may share some of that frustration, I also understand that the goal of our Tribe has to be to bolster its business opportunities, and without a constant business arm, any plans will be greatly hampered. If there needs to be a change in the Authority's management or make-up, so be it, but the baby should not be thrown out with the bathwater. My ambition would be to see the authorization of the Authority added to our Constitution to ensure

its legacy even further, not risk whatever business opportunities it faces by seeking its abolition! What makes the Authority necessary is this exact type of political maneuvering, were it not for the politics of the day the majority of functions of the Authority could be performed by the Tribal Council and/or Trust Board, however, politics will always be a part of these institutions. We cannot risk our Tribe's future prosperity on today's politics and I would beg anyone who opposes the Delaware Enterprise Authority to make their argument or take their fight to those individuals whose behavior they hope to affect, not the Authority itself. To even risk the dissolution of the Authority would set back any plans our tribe has for economic development for several years because outsiders will see this action and discount the Authority (or any future incarnation of it) as just another political organization with too much risk to ever do business with in any long-term capacity.

Crawford Addresses Tribal Election, Housing and NCAI Updates

By Verna Crawford

Hello, again! Summer is here. I hope all who read this have a safe, happy and eventful season.

This is a Trust Board election year. The seats of three Boardmembers and the Chairman will be on the ballot in November.

Two other issues that may be addressed on the ballot are increased stipends for Tribal Council members. Increases were approved by the Council at the January 24, 2011 Delaware Tribal Council meeting.

Discussion noted that councilmembers devote at least 20 hours per week to their council duties, some at the tribal office.

Vice Chief Chet Brooks moved to pay non-officer council members, Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch, Jenifer Pechonick, \$160 per week plus 12.5% for each year served on council with a cap of \$1,500 per month to be paid from fuel tax money or other available funds. Jenifer Pechonick moved to pay council officers, Chet Brooks, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, \$160

per week plus 12.5% for each year served on council with a cap of \$1,500 per month to be paid from fuel tax money or other available funds. Both motions passed.

Tribal members will be asked to confirm this decision on the ballot.

The second issue you may be asked to decide is the status of the Idaho Delaware. The group has asked to be allowed to return to the Delaware Tribe.

A Committee was appointed at the May Council meeting to research and recommend a course of action. The Committee Report (page 11) and a Historical Overview of the Idaho Delaware Group is on page 18 and 19.

Please read all the information and let the Council know what you think is the path we should follow.

Now on to Housing, I attend most of the monthly meetings of the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe (HADT).

They are working to meet the housing needs of the Tribe and are doing a good job. I also attended

the Spring meeting of SPIHA (Southern Plains Indian Housing Association) the regional housing association, of which HADT is a member. I did this on my own, not paid by the Tribe. This meeting was held at the Cherokee Casino Conference Center in Catoosa, OK. I spoke with several Oklahoma HUD officials and received compliments on the good job the HADT staff are doing. The conference was very interesting, one of the sessions covered NAHSDA regulation, the HUD guidelines for Indian Housing. They are complicated and strict. I, for one, commend our Housing staff for doing a great job and keeping the Tribe out of difficulties.

The annual Housing Annual Performance report was given at the March Council meeting. Debbie Markle, Financial Coordinator of the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe (HADT) made the presentation.

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Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office Update

By Brice Obermeyer

The Delaware Tribe's Historic Preservation Office (DTHPO) is tasked with protecting and preserving sites of cultural and religious significance to the Delaware Tribe. Such sites would include locations such as current and past cemeteries and graves, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties and reburial sites.

The DTHPO is funded by the revenue generated from the Section 106 consultation fees (see below) provided by private companies who require our services. A vast majority of our daily time is spent providing formal and timely responses to consultation requests from public and private companies. Since January 2011, our office has completed a full review of over 250 project requests from both private companies and public agencies.

Beyond such routine work, we also have the following news and items of interest to share about our work over the previous month.

DTHPO Established under the Tribal Council

The DTHPO was established by a unanimously approved motion of the Tribal Council on August 3, 2009 for an undefined trial period. After almost two years of successful and viable operation, the time has come to formally establish the DTHPO and clarify its' organization. On June 6, 2011, the Tribal Council passed a resolution that formerly established the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office.

NAGPRA Database Project Archaeologist, Greg Brown has now completed the Delaware Tribe's NAGPRA database, which contains over 14,600 individual records from over 1000 archaeological sites that are curated at more than 63 museums and institutions. The items in the database are also linked to 377 scanned and digitized site forms, inventories, and correspondence related to each individual record.

Completing and managing the database is one of our grant deliverables for our currently funded NAGPRA Documentation Grant. With the data entry complete, the NAGPRA database provides us with a digital and easily accessible record of all of the inventories of human remains

and funerary objects that have been sent to the tribe and are in need of repatriation and reburial.

GIS (Geographic Information System) Map Database

Work on the tribe's GIS (geographic information system) continues, with the creation of database attributes (date, site type, etc.) for over 260 archaeological sites and 110 modern or historic settlements. Other data added included 20-30 historic period features and sites in Kansas, data for over 100 "counties of interest", several hundred major and minor rivers, streams and other landscape features, and over 50 geographic images (taken from books and reports) and overlaid on the landscape, mostly showing treaty boundaries, physiographic provinces, lithic outcrops, trails, and site distributions. Once completed, the GIS Map Database will provide a digital record of the past and present regions, sites and landscapes occupied by the Delaware Tribe.

Delaware Nation History Summit, May 6-7, 2011

Tribal members, Titus Frenchmen and Nicki Michael presented at the Delaware Nation's History Summit in Anadarko on May 7, 2011. Brice Obermeyer also presented. The focus of the summit was on the Delaware's participation in the Civil War. The conference was well attended by those interested in the topic.

St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers Tribal Consultation Meeting, May 17-18, 2011

Brice Obermeyer attended a consultation meeting with the St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers in St. Louis, MO. Several tribes from Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa attended the consultation. During the two day event, the Corps of Engineers provided information about their NAGPRA related collections and potential reburial options were discussed. Plans for future projects were discussed and the tribes expressed the need to include the tribes on such projects during the planning stages rather than after the project commenced.

Of particular note was that the St. Louis District is the head office for issuing contracts for professional services. The Corps of Engineers gives preference to

minority businesses when issuing contracts and as such, contracting with tribes for professional services such as archaeological surveys, archival research and curation management was discussed as a mutually advantageous possibility. We are currently following up on this possibility and are hopeful that it will enhance the sustainability of our office as well as add to the tribe's economic development.

Archaeological Information Management Workshop, May 23-25, 2011

Greg Brown represented the tribe at a workshop in Lakewood, Colorado for the Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR); a national online repository of digital archaeological information for scholars, tribes, agencies, and consultants. Organizations were trying to understand the possible value of this repository for various groups. tDAR is envisioned as a place to find hard-to-locate historical and archaeological information as well as a possible place to store digital data produced by a tribe or agency for long-term preservation. The workshop (approx 20 participants) was also attended by representatives from the Navajo Nation and Gila River Reservation in Arizona, as well as the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, US Forest Service, and others.

NAGPRA Summit held: Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record, May 27, 2011

The Delaware Tribe hosted a NAGPRA Summit on the topic of Delaware Burial Practices in the Archaeological Record on May 27, 2011. This one-day event brought together archaeologists, museum representatives and tribal members to share their experiences and research on the topic. The presenters included tribal members James Jackson and Titus Frenchmen. Dr. Jay Custer, archaeologist at the University of Delaware, Eric Hollinger, archaeologist at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History and Dustin Cushman, Ph.D candidate in archaeology at Temple University also presented. Although we expected representatives from the Delaware Nation to present,

they were not in attendance at the event.

The presenters did an excellent job of incorporating contemporary tribal perspectives with the ways in which archaeologists interpret the artifacts found at past Delaware gravesites. The information presented at the Summit will allow our office to better access the funerary nature of graveside objects that are currently identified as non-funerary objects. Plans are being made to produce a report and/or publication from the presentations.

The seminar was held at the Delaware Community Center in Bartlesville and was free and open to the public. The presentations began at 10:00am and concluded at 4:30pm. Lunch and refreshments were provided for the approximately fifty people who attended the event throughout the day.

Beyond this one-day seminar, we continue to encourage any

Preserving Delaware History; Documents, Books, Pictures

By Anita Mathis

Greetings.... First let me introduce myself. I am Anita Davis Mathis. I am a former member of the Delaware Trust Board, former chair of Land Management and Cultural Preservation. I am currently serving on the cultural preservation committee as well as Land Management committee. As a member of Culture Preservation I have become increasingly interested in our Delaware Tribal History and the preservation of same.

As of the first of 2011, Marilyn Coffey and myself have been involved with the Bartlesville History Museum, Director Joan Singleton and Collections Manager Debbie along with a federal grant we have begun the long and somewhat tedious process to preserve Delaware Tribal history. To date we have copied approximately 1500 pictures, a few artifacts and a couple of books. These items have all been documented into the Tribal Archives. This is all being done with a move toward building a Delaware Tribal Museum.

Under the direction of Chief Pechonick I have just returned from a very educational trip to Ignacio, Colorado. Where I attended

tribal member that would like to provide us with their experiences at traditional Delaware funerals to contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org. Participation is voluntary and the information provided will be used to help our office in our ongoing repatriation efforts to rebury Delaware human remains and funerary objects housed in museum collections.

Association of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums (ATLAM)

Anita Mathis and Brice Obermeyer attended a three day training seminar provided by the Association of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums. The topics of the seminars ranged from how to start a tribal museum, how to develop digital and online exhibits and the proper care of tribal documents and images. We hope to use this training as we begin working toward establishing a tribal library and museum.

several days of seminars and workshops through "ATLAM" Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums. It was truly a learning experience. There was a seminar on "Nuts & Bolts of Exhibit Development" another on "How to start a Tribal Museum". There was also a seminar on the "Care Of Rolled And Folded Documents." I certainly do not wish to exclude an outstanding seminar on "Archives 101." Having kept good notes and returning with all work books and articles, I feel I can better answer some questions.

As tribal members we hope you will either donate pictures, artifacts, or any information on past Tribal members, customs, dress, books, activities ect.

Please feel free to contact Marilyn or myself with any questions, comments or to make arrangements to donate, loan, any pictures, documents, books, artifacts or anything related to our Delaware Heritage.

With your help this can be a tremendous success.

Thank You.

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Delaware Tribal Council Minutes

Delaware Tribal Council Minutes-March 7, 2010

Approved with corrections requested by Chief.

Call to Order: Chief Paula Pechonick at 6:19 pm

Invocation: Dee Ketchum

Guests: Dee Ketchum, Annette Ketchum, Anita Mathis, JoAnn Markley, Lu Ann Hainline, Debbie Markle, John Tucker, Jack Tatum, Barbara Wallace, Levi Randall, Verna Artherton, Nate Young, Nancy Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, T.) Aaroe, Joe Brooks; and James Coffey

Others present: Tribal employees Lacey Harris, Marilyn Coffey and Tribal attorney Vicki Sousa.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guest asking if anyone would care to address the council.

Former Chief Ketchum requested to speak. He presented an article to be placed in the next DIN. He spoke regarding his objection to the council receiving a stipend of \$160 per week. (the position paper will be filled with these minutes and will be printed in the April DIN). Ketchum said his stand is that this should have been presented at General Councilor in a referendum vote.

• Comments

Verna Crawford: I work on the production of the DIN and have for many years. I am now able to spend more time at the Tribal Office

Jan Brown: I am down there every day from 8 am to nearly 5 pm. I will be there with or without payment.

Chet Brooks: It is time for the Council members to be paid. They should have to work at least 20 hours per week.

Bill Hatch: The officers have duties that require work and should be compensated.

JoAnn Markley: We need a business, we could use that money to invest in a business.

Chief Pechonick: That is what we are working toward.

Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford, Jan Brown, Wayne Stull, Bill Hatch and Jenifer Pechonick. All members were present.

Acceptance of Agenda:

Wayne Stull moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Jan Brown.

All in favor and passed.

Approval of minutes: February 14th, 2011

• Motion by Wayne Stull to Accept the minutes with corrections. Jan Brown seconded. All in favor and passed.

Treasurers Report: Jan Brown presented the financials stating that some grant programs require the money to be spent, then the Tribe is reimbursed. This makes it difficult to have financials that are clear and up to date.

• Motion by Verna Crawford to approve the financial report, pending audit, seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. All in favor and passed.

Old Business:

Delaware Housing Authority

Debbie Markel, representative of the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe presented the Annual Performance Report that has to be submitted to The Department of Housing and Urban Development at end of each year.

Roof Repair

Chief Pechonick stated that there has been a leak in the Community Center for some time. Jan Brown reported that bids were received for the repair and has been awarded and work completed for \$3,100 instead of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Child Care paid a portion of this. The contractor also gave a bid on replacing the air conditioner in the kitchen.

Jan reported that during a storm the Delaware flag canle down. The halyard broke and was replaced and the flag is back up.

Chief Pechonick said the guttering on the Wellness Center came down during the last snowstorm and is in the process of being repaired.

Office Report:

Lacey Harris presented the office report.

1. Construction has started on the walking path around the pond. Phil Cramer Construction started pouring the sidewalk on March 2, 2011.
2. The Community Center flagpole has been repaired.
3. Jade Johnson was hired on March 3, 2011 to be in the accounting department.
4. There have been 3 enrollments.

Resolution 2011-06; To accept the new members registered.

• Wayne Stull moved to accept new members, Chet Brooks seconded. All in favor and passed.

New Business:

LIHEAP

Janifer Brown reported that there was a problem with the program. In the past applications went to the Trust Board Community Services Committee to get approval. Since the LIHEAP grant is Tribal and should be administered by the Tribe. Chief Pechonick stated that the LIHEAP is alive and well and for everyone to spread the word. Jenifer Pechonick noted that LIHEAP is for assisting low-income families and elders with utilities. One hundred and fifty dollars may be paid for heat and \$150.00 for AC. This amount is paid to the provider. If the tribal member has a cut-off notice the Community Services may help with up to \$100. This may be paid only once per year. There are also 10 air conditioners available for loan if an elder needs one this year.

IHS money

Chief Pechonick announced that she would be meeting with the Cherokee Nation representatives on March 11, 2011, at which time she will receive a check for \$184,000 of IHS money that was in our possession when Federal Recognition was lost. The money will be used for the same items as Community Services does, medical assistance, eyeglasses, and more, but will not be restricted just to youth or the Elders. Chet Brooks announced that the Cherokee Nation Clinic in Nowata now has the eye clinic operating. Brooks said that if any Delaware also is registered in the Cherokee Nation they would pay for your glasses if you are 55 or older. It is probable that the examine is free and there is a discount on the glasses.

ICDBG Update

Jenifer Pechonick reported that in 2009 when the Tribe recovered federal recognition we applied for an ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) to expand the Educational Resource Building. The grant has been awarded and construction will begin soon. The 2010 ICDBG grant application was for a

Social Services Building on this property. There has not been any announcement of any grants awarded. These applications were written and submitted by Sherry Rackliffe director of the Child Care Department.

Tribal Council Meetings

Chief Pechonick asked if the Council would like to have two meetings per month because our meetings are so long. Jan Brown said one consideration is that if we had a second meeting the financial reports could be up to date. Having the meeting on the first Monday the accounting department has not received the bank statements and cannot reconcile the accounts. Thus the financial reports are a month behind.

Resolutions

Chief Pechonick noted that the membership resolution has already been addressed. Dee Ketchum questioned Resolution 2011-04, Authorizing DEA to move forward with business development plans and projects for the purpose of issuing Tribal Economic Development Bonds. As stated this is not a grant it has to be paid back. Are these tax-free municipal bonds, same as issued by cities and states? Verna Crawford commented that the Resolution in question was to re-evaluate the existing projects to see if they are still viable. This authorization does not give anyone the authority to go out and sell the bonds. Bill Hatch asked if we are paying anyone to do this evaluation? No one will be paid unless the projects are successful. One direction given was to apply for an extension of the issuance of the bonds. The bonds will not be sold unless the projects are proved to be potentially successful.

Other Business:

• Chet Brooks moved to place issue on ballot in November for a referendum vote on the council members stipend as stated in motions on January 24, 2011, that Tribal Council members must attend all Council meetings and that all Tribal Council members must work at least 20 hours per week, seconded by Wayne Stull 6 yes and one abstained Bill Hatch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Delaware Tribal Council Minutes-April 4, 2011

--- Approved 4.18.2011

Submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of April 4, 2011 to order at 7:19 p.m. Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Chief Pechonick then requested roll call. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, members Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Member Bill Hatch was absent due to injury. Chet Brooks reported that Bill was not present because he had a doctor's appointment for a blood clot in his arm. This was result of a fall on the ice in early March. Chet said he thought it should be an excused absence due to medical reasons. Discussion was held regarding what constitutes an excused absence. Joe Brooks commented that when he was Chief, a motion was passed by both the Council and Trust Board that an excused absence was for medical reasons or funeral of a Council member, spouse, child, parent, sister or brother.

No decision was made regarding this being an excused or unexcused absence. It was noted that two consecutive unexcused absences was grounds for removal from the Council. Comment was made that travel on Tribal business was an excused absence.

- Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to research what has historically been excused and unexcused absences to discuss at the next meeting, seconded by Wayne Stull.
- Motion carried, with six yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests asking if any would care to address the council.

Guests present were: Teri Jo Aaroe, Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter, John Sumpter, Homer Scott, Titus Frenchman, Trust Board member Joe Brooks, Bruce Martin, Atty. Vicki Sousa, Verna

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Artherton, Don Jr. and Priscilla Mason, E. Kay Anderson, and Tribal employee Lacey Harris.

- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011.
- Seconded by Jan Brown.

Verna Crawford commented that over the years, Council secretaries have enlisted members of the staff to transcribe the minutes, but that she will be doing them now. "It is my assigned responsibility and I take that seriously," she said.

- Motion carried with six yes.

Jan Brown gave the treasurer's report stating it was a bit smaller than normal. It is because our new accounting people are having trouble understanding the program. They gave us what they were comfortable is true and factual. If we start meeting every other week maybe we could have complete financials on the third Monday. By than all the bank statements will be in.

- Verna Crawford moved to approve the financial report pending audit.
- Seconded by Wayne Stull.
- Motion carried with six yes.

Unfinished Business

Chief Pechonick stated the ICDBG has been approved. Jenifer Pechonick said that is an \$800,000 grant. There will be two construction projects going on at the same time. The 2009 grant is for expansion of the Education Building and the one received last week will be for a Programs building. These grants were written for the tribe by Sherry Rackliff, Child Development Director.

Chet Brooks asked if these funds come directly to the Tribe? Jenifer confirmed they are. She explained that in the past Sherry, along with her assistant, Karen Lay, have administered the tribe's ICDBG grants, but do not wish to continue to do so. Sherry and Karen will help train our staff person to take over and make this a smooth transition. What that means is that the administration funds, about \$27,000, from the grant will come directly to the Tribe.

Chief Pechonick reported that she, Jan Brown, Jenifer Pechonick and Atty. Vicki Sousa met with the Cherokee in Catoosa and received

two checks that totaled \$338,000.

We talked to them about the Housing Authority needs money, about \$500,000 per year that the Cherokee have been keeping. This was 2009-2010 monies. We talked to a guy from the Cherokee Nation about it and he is working on this. If we can get this money we may be able to build more elder housing on our acreage here in Bartlesville. Wayne Stull commented that Paula Ragsdale from the Cherokee Nation called him offering to help in anyway she can on this matter.

Verna Crawford stated that the Housing Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. The sub-recipient Memorandum of Agreement with the Cherokee Nation was negotiated with the Delaware Tribe Council, without input from the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe.

Don Mason, Jr. reported that he has been looking into a Child Support enforcement program, which could lead to building and expanding the Tribal Court system. Wayne Stull stated that there is money available for that.

Verna Crawford commented that we have ordinances that need to be updated and expanded and judicial training is needed for our judges. She mentioned, due to the recent passing of Judy Harmon, there is an opening on the Court. This could be placed on the ballot in November.

Jenifer Pechonick noted in the office report the need to send Shirley Moore and Lacey Harris to attend required LIHEAP training June 27 - 29, 2011 in Florida. The training is required in the grant and the funding will come from the grant.

- Jenifer Pechonick moved to send Shirley Moore and Lacey Harris to attend required LIHEAP training June 26 - 29, 2011 in Florida.
- Seconded by Verna Crawford
- Motion carried with six yes.

New Business

Jan Brown reported that an architect was needed to make an overall plan for all of our land here.

- **Jan Brown moved** to advertise for an architect.
- Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.
- Wayne Stull stated that when

the architect to keep in line with the Delaware cultural.

Jenifer Pechonick said the architect would not be looking at the building, but at the whole layout of the property.

Joe Brooks stated that the plan was already done and should be stored somewhere in the records. Others confirmed the statement.

- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to table the architect until next meeting to allow time to find the plans.
- Seconded by Chet Brooks.
- Motion carried with six yes.

Chief Pechonick reported that we have several grants to talk about. We have applied for or will be applying for two Library Grants.

Jan Brown clarified that a \$50,000 Library grant was submitted the first of March and a \$150,000 grant due for submission in May. The grants are to put our historical material on computer to preserve them.

Chief Pechonick stated that two grants have been awarded to the Tribe. One is a Language written by Jim Rementer and the Title VI Elder Nutrition Program is now under the Delaware Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick said that an ANA SEDS (Social Economic Development Strategies) grant has been applied for. This grant would be for digitizing Tribal Documents such as ordinances, minutes, any older documents are in paper files now. Also an IT firm to set up database and categorize the data and set up a share of restricted documents. It is a three-year grant and is for \$1.2 million with a 20% match. The grant pays indirect cost 15.76% and the other 4.24 % will be off set by space cost. Notice will not be received until September.

Verna Crawford stated for those who don't know, that the SEDS grant is from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

Chief Pechonick said when we met with the Cherokee, I asked them about our 638 money. There are several items listed such as roads, education, etc. Chet Brooks asked if the MOA addresses the 638 money?

The Tribe can apply for many programs with the blessings of the Cherokee Nation. Programs that the Cherokee do not want to apply for, programs they have maxed

out on, even some that they only get a small amount for, we can go for additional funding for the area, stated Verna Crawford.

Wayne Stull said there are many programs we can cooperate on.

The list of poll votes taken was not available, so these will be read into the record in the next meeting.

- **Wayne Stull moved** to approve the Resolution to approve new enrollments.
- Seconded by Chet Brooks
- Motion carried with six yes.
- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** that we that we have an all day NIGC training from 9:30 to 5 pm with a second day of training on May 9, with dinner served followed by a Special Council meeting on April 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.
- Seconded by Jan Brown.
- Discussion: Chet Brooks asked if that was to be every month or just this month? Just this month for now, replied Jenifer.
- Motion carried with six yes.

Verna Crawford asked if the walking path go all the way around the pond. When Mary Jo Peterson drafted the original proposal to be in the shape of a turtle and a gazebo and cultural information in place, is this still the plan?

Chief Pechonick replied in the affirmative. It will be done in stages as funds are obtained.

Jenifer Pechonick presented a job description for a grants compliance and training coordinator.

Verna Crawford requested to table this till next meeting to allow the Council time to review the proposal.

Wayne Stull stated that Sherry Rackliff is the best in the business. Jenifer Pechonick added that she has received every ICDBG she has applied for.

Joe Brooks addressed the Council saying that in a meeting about two months ago Chief Pechonick appointed the whole Trust Board and Council to the personnel committee. There are only three members of the Trust Board, why not include them he asked.

Chief Pechonick said it was only the Council was appointed. She said that there are four members of the Trust Board on the personnel committee.

Information was presented to the Council concerning the Idaho Delawares, who are interested in being adopted into our tribe.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Delaware Tribal Council

Minutes-April 18, 2011

Approved -- May 2, 2011

Submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of April 18, 2011 to order at 7:19 p.m.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Chief Pechonick called for the roll call. Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, members Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Member Bill Hatch was absent due to his daughter's illness.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guest asking if any would care to address the council.

Nathan Young reported that the United States Attorney's Office would like Chief Pechonick to come up and bring a Delaware Flag to them. They have a flag of every tribe in their conference room, but not a Delaware Flag. He said he would get with Shelby Moore and get a time and date.

Guests present were: T.J. Aaroe, Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter, Bruce Martin, Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa, Nathan Young, Bonnie Thaxton and Jean Kirkendall.

- **Wayne Stull moved** to approve the agenda as worded.
- Seconded by Jan Brown.
- Motion passed with six yes.
- **Wayne Stull moved** to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011, with corrections.
- Seconded by Chet Brooks.
- Discussion: Jan Brown pointed out that an explanation had been added that was not stated at the meeting regarding the Personnel Committee membership. Joe Brooks had stated that all the Trust Board

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and Tribal Council had been appointed to the Committee at a previous meeting. The actual motion made at the November 22, 2010 Tribal Council meeting was: Jan Brown moved to have the Tribal Council be the Personnel Committee. Motion carried. This will be added to the end of the minutes as a footnote.

Jan Brown noted that the minutes were submitted listing all Council member names each time a vote was taken. It was agreed that unless there are differing votes it would be noted that six voted yes. Chief Pechonick stated that she had corrected that.

Jan said that she was just trying to cut them down. They are so long that I just won't read them.

Jenifer Pechonick asked if the minutes could have proper grammar she indicated two places that needed correcting.

- Motion passed with six yes.

Chief Pechonick moved on to the Treasurer, noting that there wasn't one.

Jan Brown stated that the two girls in the office do not know this program we have. We can do payroll and pay our bills, but we cannot load in grants information to the system, there are a lot of things we cannot do. The EPA department has training money and offered to send these two girls to training.

Jenifer pointed out that the people in the Child Development Department are familiar with this accounting and would come down to the office to assist and help train the staff. They just need to be asked.

Unfinished Business

Chief Pechonick stated that at the last meeting the need for a master plan for the Tribal property was discussed. Joe Brooks at that time informed the council that a plan had been done. Some drawings were found in the files.

A PUD is required to be on file with the city of Bartlesville. The Chief, Jan, Jenifer and Sherry Rackliff worked together and revised the plan to include what is expected to be needed in the next twenty years as far as buildings

go.

Attorney Vicki Sousa commented that she had seen plans with the water flow, the sewer and all the infrastructure. Jan said that we had to have all the buildings on the plan.

Jenifer Pechonick said the design includes a museum, expanding the Wellness Center, the Programs Building, expanding that, new Elder Nutrition Center, new school age after care/Boys and Girls club, a gymnasium, tribal headquarters, an assisted living facility, more housing, Community Center expansion, and expansion of this building (Child Development and Resource Center). What was done basically was take the buildings that are here and added future structures that would be needed in the future.

Bruce Martin suggested that a cook shack be added on the backside of the Community Center for outdoor events such as funerals. Many tribes provide a cook shack for their members.

Wayne Stull said that this was originally done so that we could get roads money.

Moving on, Chief Pechonick addressed the proposed Grants and Compliance and Training Coordinator.

Chief Pechonick asked Chet Brooks if he had any more information on the Idaho Delaware.

Chet related that they would like for us to change our constitution to include them in our membership so that they could get a CDIB card. They would like us to put this on our next election.

There are about 550 members of the Idaho Delaware. These people have proved that we all have common ancestors. The Kansas Delaware have also proved that common ancestry, but by Treaty, The Kansas group dropped out of the Tribe and became US citizens. The Idaho Delaware did not remove themselves from the Tribe.

Nancy Sumpter asked why? It seems that every time we start getting money and improving our selves, people come to us to be adopted.

What they bring to us is an established community and would bring possible mutual economic development. Gaming would be only one of the possible endeavors.

Vicki Sousa cautioned that the

Tribe should make careful rules laying out the criteria for who can be admitted.

Tom Moore suggested that the simplest way would be to go back to a previous role, such as the 1868 role. This would take an amendment to the Delaware Constitution.

Chet Brooks said these are our relatives that have come to us for help and I think we should help them.

Chief Pechonick ruled that the representatives of the Delaware Idaho group should come to the next council meeting.

- **Jenifer Pechonick made** a motion to hire a Grants Compliance and Training coordinator.
- Seconded by Wayne Stull.
- Discussion: This person would be responsible managing grants, for making sure all grant reports be submitted on time and scheduling staff training.
- Motion carried with six yes.
- **Jan Brown moved** to advertise for a cook and a program director/activities director for the Title VI Elder Nutrition Program.
- Seconded by Verna Crawford.
- Motion carried with six yes.

Office Report:

Chief Pechonick called for the Poll Votes to be read into the record. Some were from March but were not available at the April 4, 2011 meeting.

Jenifer Pechonick noted that this is one reason to have two meetings a month, so there will not so many poll votes.

Secretary Verna Crawford read the votes.

1. March 11, 2011 Poll vote to outsource the Indirect Cost Proposal. There were three bids. Arledge and Associates, the firm that does the Tribal audit, was the low bidder at \$5,000. Jim Denton will be responsible for the proposal because he does not work on the audit. Motion approved with six yes. Bill Hatch did not respond.
2. March 17, 2011 Poll vote to send Frank Hensley, EPA Director, to the National Zinc Conference. Motion approved with six yes. Bill Hatch did not

respond.

3. March 18, 2011 Poll vote to send Frank Hensley, EPA Director, to an Inaugural National Native American 8(a) Conference, April 18-19, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

4. March 18, 2011 Poll vote to give an employee a \$1 per hour raise. Motion approved with five yes and one no. Verna Crawford voted no, because this did not seem like an emergency and could wait till a regular council meeting.

5. March 24, 2011 Poll vote to roll over for six months a CD in the amount of \$112,993.86 at the Exchange Bank of Skiatook, Ok. Motion approved with five yes and two abstained—Bill Hatch and Jenifer Pechonick.

6. March 25, 2011 Poll vote to approve Lacey Harris attending "The New Annual Tribal Enrollment Conference 2011" on May 3-5. The class will cover enrollment and database information. Motion approved with six yes and one abstained—Bill Hatch.

7. April 7, 2011 Poll vote to make the Tribe TDHE (Tribal Designated Housing Entity). Motion passed with five yes, one no—Verna Crawford and one abstained—Bill Hatch.

- **Motion was made** by Jan Brown to approve the Poll votes as read.

- Seconded by Wayne Stull.

- Motion carried with six yes.

New Business:

Chief Pechonick reported that Elisabeth Reed has been in contact with the Tribe. She was Miss Wheel Chair of Oklahoma in 2008 and 2009 and went on to be Miss Wheel Chair of Oklahoma coordinator. She has become aware of the Miss Wheel Chair of USA. She is seeking contributions to allow her to compete in the pageant. She is working on her Masters at Western Governors University and plans to start a Doctorial program in August. The Council agreed to suggest that she apply for an Education Scholarship, noting that applications are due July 31.

- **Wayne Stull moved** to approve Resolution 2011-10 to approve three new people registered.

- Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

- Motion carried with six yes.

Several guests pointed out that the addresses on the DIN were wrong, last names were correct but first names were wrong.

Jan Brown said it was an error between the database and preparing the DIN mailing list. She assured everyone that it would not happen again.

Chet Brooks requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Executive Session began at 7:45 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

- **Wayne Stull moved** to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

- Seconded by Chet Brooks.

- Motion carried with six yes.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Delaware Tribal Council

May 2 2011 Minutes

--- Approved 6.6.2011

Submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting of May 2, 2011 to order at 6:10 p.m.

Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chief Paula Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Jan Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, members Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Member Bill Hatch was absent. Crawford reported that she had received an email dated Monday, May 2, 2011 at 11:25 a.m. The message was that Bill was having oral surgery on Monday and would not be at the meeting.

- **Jan Brown moved** Bill Hatch's absence be unexcused, until he brings a doctor's note showing an emergency. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

- Motion carried with five (5) yes and one (1) abstention.

Wayne Stull moved that every absence be unexcused until documentation is provided

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proving an emergency for the Councilmember or their immediate family members (spouse, children, parents, in-laws, siblings) or the Councilmember is traveling on Tribal Business. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick.

- Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests, asking if anyone would care to address the council.

Guests present were: Cris L. Klinger, Gwen Klinger, Lanay B. Creech, Nancy Sumpter, Teri Jo Aaroe, Tom Moore, Bruce Martin, Nathan Young, Homer Scott Jr., Charles Randall, Verna Artherton and Mary Randall.

- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to accept the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Wayne Stull.
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.
- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to suspend the agenda to move the Idaho Delaware presentation to the next order of business.
- Seconded by Wayne Stull.
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Cris Klinger introduced himself as the Speaker for the Idaho Delaware and thanked the Council for allowing them to be on the agenda. He then introduced Gwen Klinger, Economic Development Director and his wife and Chief Lanay Creech. Chief Creech proceeded to make his presentation on incorporating his group into the Tribe.

(Note: The presentation was a request that the Idaho Delaware be incorporated into the Delaware Tribe. (Presentation of summary and discussion attached.)

- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to form a committee to research how to incorporate the Idaho Delaware into the Delaware Tribe. Seconded by Jan Brown.
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Tom Moore was appointed committee chairman and members appointed were Chet Brooks, Nathan Young, Charlie Randall, Brice Obermyer and Cris Klinger.

- **Verna Crawford moved** to return to the agenda.
- Seconded by Jan Brown.
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.
- **Wayne Stull moved** to approve the minutes of April 18 with corrections. Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick. (no discussion).
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.
- **Jenifer Pechonick moved** to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit. Seconded by Wayne Stull. (Note: report in packet).
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Unfinished Business:

Chief Pechonick stated that at the last meeting, Nathan Young had informed the Council that the US Attorney's Office in Tulsa requested a Delaware Tribal flag for their conference room. Last week Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Chet Brooks and Councilmember Jenifer Pechonick delivered a flag to the office. This is the Northern District, which has thirteen tribes in their jurisdiction. They now have a flag for each one.

Chief Pechonick reported that several attorneys were present and offered their services. They want to help Indian Tribes. She concluded saying that it was a nice visit.

Chief Pechonick informed the Council that she has been visiting with the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe (HADT) in the last month or so regarding money that the Cherokee are holding that should come to the Delaware Tribe and Housing Authority. The talks are about how to get the money turned over to the Tribe. A plan is still under discussion. The Council passed a resolution, by poll vote, making the Tribe the TDHE (Tribally Designed Housing Entity).

Verna Crawford asked if that makes the Tribe the sub-recipient instead of the Housing Authority? The Chief said yes.

Chief Pechonick praised Mary Jo Peterson, the Tribes former Chief Accountant, for working diligently to get the IHS money that was recently returned to us.

Secretary Verna Crawford was directed to contact the HADT and request a joint meeting for 1:00 pm.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 in Chelsea, OK. The use of the conference was also to be requested for a personnel committee meeting following the Housing Authority's meeting. The personnel committee agenda will include policy changes, employee positions and a consultant contract.

Office Report

Jan Brown reported that the \$5,000 LIHEAP funds returned to the Tribe, in lieu of purchasing ten window heat and air conditioners, would be used to purchase portable units that may be rolled from room to room as needed. She stated that the units are 13,000 Btu and that it may be possible to purchase more than ten. There unites will be loaned to Tribal members in emergency situations, such as the air conditioning at the home of an elder needs repair.

Discussion of the funding request for the Elders and Veterans Committees was tabled.

Bruce Martin informed the Council that the Athletic department of Haskell University has setup an account with the Haskell Foundation for donations. Haskell has received a 25% reduction in funds, as a result the athletic department activities, football and basketball among them, are in great need. The only paid position is the coach all other positions are volunteer. Funds are needed for equipment, travel, stadium and field maintenance and more.

Verna Crawford suggested that an article be written about the situation and plead for alumni support. The article could be posted on the Tribal Web site and in the Delaware Indian News next edition. Other suggestions were to send the news release to local and Native American newspapers.

- **Jan Brown moved** to adjourn.
- Seconded by Verna Crawford.
- Motion carried with six (6) yes.

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Ketchum Institute Of American Indian Studies Formed

Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville has established the Ketchum Institute of American Indian Studies which will be directed by Chief Dee Ketchum. The purpose of the

Institute is to further the development of American Indian Studies at the University.

The newly established curriculum at Oklahoma Wesleyan will begin in the fall of 2011 with Ketchum teaching a course entitled Introduction to American Indian Culture. This three-hour course will feature the Delaware, Cherokee and Osage Tribes. Additional courses will be taught by OKWU instructors.

Dee Ketchum, former chief of the Delaware Tribe, is excited about the potential educational impact that the Institute will

have on Indian and non-Indian students seeking a degree in American Indian Studies. The Institute will raise interest in the diversity of Indian tribes and will provide exposure, information and accuracy in the field. Anyone interested in making contributions to the OKWU Ketchum Institute may acquire further information at www.OKWU.edu or call 918-335-6225.

Current plans are underway for setting in place an American Indian Museum at LaQuinta Mansion on the OKWU campus. The collections to be displayed will be on loan from individuals and other museums.

Anyone interested in participating by placing artifacts in the museum may contact www.OKWU.edu /

Attention Students at Rogers State University

Senior RSU administrators met with representatives of the Delaware Tribe to discuss an internship opportunity for students interested in media and public relations. It was a high-level meeting that included RSU President Larry Rice and Delaware Chief Paula Pechonick, among others.

The intern(s) will develop their skills through:

1. the publication of the Delaware Indian News, and
2. learning public relations skills with the tribe. The paper has been published for 34 years but the new chief would like to invigorate it with new ideas.

Goals for the paper are:

1. connect tribal members who live in other areas of the country with the happenings of the leadership;
2. provide news about "Indian

Country" from elsewhere in the U.S., including news about other tribes that might affect the Delaware;

3. to be politically neutral, and
4. to be a voice for the tribe and to encourage the engagement of all members

Publication dates are in January, April, July, and October, so a student's internship could take place in fall, spring, or summer. The layout is on Macintosh with InDesign Software.

Interns can contribute and learn about various elements of media, such as how to:

1. create a better more professional layout;
2. write articles;
3. practice news photography;
4. solicit advertising;
5. issue PR/news releases to other publications.

I explained that students could enroll in our Corporate Communications Internship for 3 credit hours. And I promised to alert RSU students about the opportunity. If you are interested please let Jeff Gentry know. Use my faculty email:

jgentry@rsu.edu Thanks for your consideration. --JG

**For your information:
Minutes of both Tribal Council and
Trust Board are posted monthly on the
official Tribal Web site:
www.delawaretribe.org.**

Tribal Housing, Carcieri Fix Impacts Tribal Sovereignty

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The 2004 ITG grant is the only grant that the Housing Authority is the direct recipient of and has full authority over how it is spent. HADT is in the process of spending the remaining funds in this grant as directed by HUD

When NAHASDA took effect in 1996 the Housing Authority had 1.7 million dollars in reserve. That was monies received as subsidies since the housing authority stated. Those reserves now have to be spent; in June of last year the 2004 budget was amended to allow the purchase of additional housing units. About \$500,000 was used to purchase six houses in Bartlesville and the plan is to buy four more in the area.

When the Housing Authority moved back to Chelsea in 2005 several programs were dropped, such as general assistance.

When the tribe lost its federal recognition an avenue was needed to channel funds from HUD to HADT. The Cherokee Nation (CN), the Delaware Tribe and HADT entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) making HADT a sub-recipient of the funds. stepped in and gave us our cash portion to meet the needs of our original stock. HADT receives \$490,000 to \$500,000 per year to continue to operate and maintain HADT and the properties it is responsible for

The CN keeps the needs portion of the grant and HADT receives the FCAS portion

NAHASDA is broken down into two funding parts, one is the needs portion for which the Tribe, generally through the Housing Authority, directs what it is used for. The tribe may identify homes that need rehab, Delaware people that need general assistance, college students that need help with housing, or you may build, this is the needs portion for the Delaware Tribe. The Elder units at Lenape Acres in Bartlesville were built with the needs portion of the monies because this was a need for the Delaware Tribe.

The FCAS portion is used to maintain and operate the units in inventory.

The Annual Performance report is like a report card for HUD it shows that the homes have been inspected and the housing author-

ity is complying with the budget plan.

There are about 30 units, including the recent purchases, in the Bartlesville, Copan, and Dewey area.

There is a waiting list for people needing assistance. Delaware applicants have a preference, but there has historically been a lack of Delaware applying for housing.

The biggest obstacle to placing people in homes is criminal history. That eliminates most of our applicants. NAHASDA regulations will not allow anyone with a criminal record, especially drug related, to be housed.

Felonies and drugs are the biggest cause for ineligibility. A person can have a felony for a DUI. HADT, as well as most other housing authorities, have lowered the requirement to five years on some felonies, such as DUI, robbery without weapons, victimless crimes. Drug charges of any kind cannot be considered. The others are considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Delaware Tribal Council appoints the Board of Commissioners. Whenever it is time for appointing a commissioner the HADT notifies the council of the open position, recommends reappointment of an existing commissioner. The council may take the recommendation or appoint someone else.

The HADT Board of Commissioners meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Authority office in Chelsea, OK. Council member Verna Crawford attends most of their meetings.

NIGC (National Indian Gaming Commission) held two full day training sessions regarding the rules and regulations on Indian gaming. The DEA arranged this training in case we ever do get into gaming.

I traveled in June to Milwaukee, Wisconsin as the Tribal Delegate to the Mid-Year NCAI Conference. TJ Aaroe was the alternate. This was June 13 to the 16. We had a very busy few days.

One of the concerns addressed was the Carcieri Fix. This directly impacts Tribal sovereignty and trust land.

Here are a few reasons why it matters to our tribe:

The Carcieri decision is a direct attack on tribal sovereignty. The

erosion of tribal trust acquisition rights will embolden our opponents to challenge other elements of tribal sovereignty.

Indian trust land is the foundation of tribal economies and the only real federal protection of tribal authority from state and local governments.

Carcieri has significantly slowed DOI's processing of trust land applications - even for those tribes who may not have a "Carcieri problem." The uncertainty and delay that accompanies the "under federal jurisdiction" analysis, which is determined on a tribe-by-tribe basis, can jeopardize potential economic development opportunities for all tribes.

Until Congress restores the Secretary's authority to acquire land in trust for all tribes, tribal opponents can use Carcieri to bring litigation challenges on proposed acquisitions and even some lands that are already in trust.

Even for those tribes that believe they were "under federal jurisdiction" in 1934, the prospect of costly, protracted litigation may frighten away potential partners and investors for economic development projects.

Carcieri gives rise to ongoing confusion regarding criminal and civil jurisdictional authority in Indian country. The Supreme Court's misguided decision potentially opens up for review hundreds of federal prosecutions of violent crimes committed in Indian Country, creating a real threat to public safety on tribal lands.

Many state Attorneys General, county and local governments are calling for an overhaul of the entire land-into-trust process. They are using the need for a Carcieri fix as leverage in a divide and conquer strategy against Indian country. We must stand together against this effort to ensure that all federally recognized tribes receive equal treatment under the law.

DO NOT LET THEM DIVIDE AND CONQUER!

Learn more about the Carcieri Fix at www.usetinc.net/carcieri

Editors Note: Anyone wishing to assist Tribal Members in their quest may send letters to: Delaware Indian News, 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK 74006 or officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com

"In Loving Memory"

Katie (Stout) Porter

Memorial services for Katie (Stout) Porter, 88, of Nowata, Oklahoma were held May 21, 2011, in the Hillside Christian Church in Nowata, with Ben Killion officiating.

Cremation arrangements were by the Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory.

She was born on October 18, 1922 at Bartlesville to Edward T. and Me Helen (Berry) Stout. She died Sunday, May 15, 2011.

She was raised in Nowata and married Cecil P. Porter on May 22, 1947 at Independence, Kansas. She was a homemaker and a hairdresser

in Nowata for many years and also owned the Silver Saddle Motel in Nowata.

She was a member of the Hillside Christian Church.

She is survived by one son, Donald Porter of Disney, Oklahoma; one sister, Susie Walden of Tulsa; one great-grandson, Cody Eugene Porter; one great-granddaughter, Whitney Nicole Porter; two great-great grandchildren; and her niece, Carole Holder of Collinsville, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1988; and one grandson, Darrin Porter.

Note: When a family member is deceased, please send the proper documentation to the tribal registration department to remove the individual from the mailing list and current roll. A copy of the death certificate or obituary from the newspaper will be good. Obituaries and photos, if available, will be printed in the DIN. The Community Services Committee has a Burial Assistance Program. Up to \$300 may be paid on outstanding funeral expenses. See more information on website. delawaretribe.org.

You Are Invited! Have Lunch with the Elders

If you haven't been to lunch with your elders lately you're missing out. We have a new cook, Archie. He has three years of culinary arts school and worked two years at Outlaws restaurant. He is Delaware and the son of Donna Young.

Lunch is served at 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

After lunch we have card games on Tuesday and Bingo on Thursday, and yes there are prizes. The other three days we offer chair exercises in the mornings at 10:30. More activities will be added as we grow. Suggestions for other projects are welcome.

This is a Title VI program for Native American Elders, 60 and over. Native Americans under 60 and other guest can come eat for a small charge. Donation are appreciated. Come join us.

Letters to the Editor:

Looking for John Yellowjacket

Dear Editor:

I am looking for anyone who is related to John Yellowjacket 1859-1905, buried at the Delaware Cemetery, Dewey, Ok. He married Sarah Charley 1865-1888, and was also married to Ora Buffalo. born

1852. His daughter Ida Yellowjacket, was married to John Falleaf, and also had a son George that died at age 4 yrs. He was the son of She She & Ah Quail Pee Taw, his sister was Louella She She, married to William H. Shailer. His Brother was my Great Grandfather Samuel She She (Sheshey). If anyone has information please contact me at sixtoesstripes@yahoo.com

Billie Jean Sheshey

Committee Report on Idaho Delaware Issue

A committee was appointed at the May 2, 2011 Tribal Council meeting to research the feasibility of and the best vehicle to allow the Idaho Delaware to become members of the Delaware Tribe. Tom Moore was appointed chairman. Members included Chet Brooks, Jenifer Pechonick, Charles Randall, Don Mason, Cris Klinger and others. Members included, Chet Brooks, Charles Randall, Nate Young, Brice Obermeyer, Cris Klinger, Lanay Creech, and others.

The committee had two conference call meetings. The duties, as understood by the committee, were to try to verify the information received at the May Council meeting and to research the best way to bring the Idaho Delaware into the Tribe, if that was what the Tribal Council chose to do.

After reviewing the available materials, performing research in applicable areas, and several discussions with the committee members, we have found two distinguishing issues that we feel must guide the Tribal Council's next steps with the Idaho Delaware's membership request. We have also come to a consensus on what we feel are the next appropriate steps to take if it is the Tribal Council's wish to assist the qualified Idaho Delaware to gain membership into the tribe.

Issue #1 – There are several groups across the country claiming to be “Delaware Indians” but the Idaho Delaware group is distinct from all other groups that we are currently aware of and, as such, are due additional consideration. As many of you may know, the case of the Idaho Delaware is unique because their lineal ancestors trace back to our Oklahoma group and were part of the group who left Kansas for Oklahoma during the late 1800's. Available information traces the Idaho Delaware's ancestor (Rebecca Lucas) to the 1867 Pratt Removal Rolls and was due an allotment in Oklahoma like so many of our own ancestors, however, she died sometime prior to 1898 and was therefore not listed on the 1906 rolls. Her heirs/children were misidentified on subsequent rolls and eventually left Oklahoma and ended up in Wyoming and then Idaho. The com-

mittee feels that given this similar identity and history (as Delaware Indians removed from Kansas to Oklahoma), there is no other group befitting the rightful heirs to Rebecca Lucas than our own.

Issue #2 – The Delaware Tribe of Indians Constitution stipulates in Article 2, Section 1 that our tribal members be those included on the 1906 per capita roll and their descendants. The second paragraph of that Section gives the Tribal Council “the power to enact ordinances, to establish rules and regulations governing membership, adoption, procedures for enrollment, and preparation and approval of an official membership roll.” As we all know, this Constitution was re-adopted by our people and submitted to the BIA as part of the approval process to regain our federal recognition. The main issue here lies in the reading of that second paragraph. Since the terms, membership, adoption, and enrollment are not defined within the document, they are subject to interpretation. We feel that if someone in a position of judgment were to interpret them strictly, the second paragraph of that Section may read as giving the Tribal Council the authority to oversee the policies and procedures in place to ensure that the requirements of the first paragraph are met, i.e. adopting genealogy forms, enrollment cards, membership cards, etc. to prove lineage from the 1906 rolls. However, if someone in a position of judgment were to interpret the terms more broadly then the second paragraph may actually vest the Tribal Council with the ability to perform adoptions of new members into the tribe after establishing rules and regulations to do so. The problem here is that nothing in the document appears to support that broader reading, performing adoptions is not listed in the enumerated powers of the Tribal Council in Article 5 of the Constitution, and aside from one instance (occurring long before our recognition issues) has adoption been a common tribal practice. Our conclusion is that the waters are far too muddy in this area and we are provided with no clean way to add membership to our tribe that would pass outside scrutiny from either tribal members or the BIA, and an amendment to the Delaware Con-

stitution is needed to clarify the intentions of the language.

Rather than attempt to create some vague new regime within our constitution or rectify the above-described issue in regards to adoption and enrollment, our basic concept is to do the bare minimum change that will provide the desired result without any undesired side effects. We agree that if our Constitution included an earlier roll of those removed from Kansas to Oklahoma, whom many of us already consider to be our kinsman, were used along with our 1906 per capita roll, then the Idaho Delaware could become eligible for membership and the integrity of our tribe would not be breached. One major concern is that we would need to fully vet any list to ensure that it only includes those who share this common bond, and it is also important that the list was prepared by the federal government during roughly the same time period. This should alleviate any concerns about objectivity or impropriety in our process or reasoning.

To be clearer, the committee feels that the next best steps are as follows:

1. Determine whether or not the Tribal Council supports the membership of the Idaho Delaware in our tribe. (Funds will be required to perform the following task and support will be needed to keep this process moving forward.)
2. Contract with Dr. Obermeyer to evaluate and compare the 1906 rolls currently used with the final roll compiled of Delaware living in Kansas who opted to remove themselves to Oklahoma with the rest of the tribe—likely the 1867 Pratt Removal Roll, though research may provide a better candidate roll. (At the conclusion of this evaluation a decision will need to be made about the best way to proceed, whether that roll can actually be used without unknown complications, if a different roll should be evaluated, or any other issues that may arise through such evaluation.)
3. Seek a pre-conditioned BIA approval of a minor Constitutional change to include an additional roll as a source for

membership to identify any issues. (If the BIA is adamant about denying any such requests or is unsupportive of the concept, it would be better to know early on to properly maneuver through any obstacles prior to getting the full tribal body involved.)

4. Package the information for tribal membership and either pull together 100 signatures to get an amendment including such roll in the membership provisions of the constitution or seek a 2/3 majority passed resolution from the Tribal Council to get on the ballot. (To avoid backlash over cost, this would probably need to go on a regularly scheduled election ballot.)
5. Receive 2/3-majority vote in the Tribal Election.
6. Return to the BIA for final approval of the constitutional amendment.

In closing I would like to note that we are all very appreciative of the opportunity to serve the tribe and will await further direction from the Tribal Council. During our last conference call we requested that Dr. Obermeyer prepare a cost estimate to evaluate and compare the past rolls and that will be provided once it is complete, though it is important to note, that his work is not an exact science and will be an estimate only.

Thank you, Tom Moore

Discussion following presentation of the Report at the June 6, 2011 Tribal Council meeting resulted in asking the tribal members opinion.

It was noted that, of the 1500 plus Delaware were removed to Indian Country, 70% died before 1906. The Idaho Delaware trace their lineage from Rebecca Lucas. She was on the 1867 Pratt Removal Roll and on a later roll taken in 1893. She died before the 1906 Dawes Roll. Had she lived she and her descendants would have been on the Dawes Roll.

The 1996 Tribal restoration document stated there are five known Delaware groups: Delaware Nation in Anadarko, OK, Muncie, Kansas Delaware, Idaho Delaware and the main body in Oklahoma. Federal and Court documents identify the Idaho Delaware as part of the main body of the tribe removed from

Kansas in the late 1800.

A discussion was held on whether the Constitution gives the Tribal Council the right to adopt people into the tribe by ordinance or as a constitutional amendment. The portions of the Constitution that might apply, are Article II -Membership and Article V- Powers of the Tribal Council. The second paragraph of Article II could be interpreted to mean the Council could adopt people into the Tribe or to adopt rules and regulations governing membership criteria.

Article II Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Delaware Tribe shall consist of all those persons whose names are included on the Delaware Indian per capita roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 20, 1906, and their descendants.

The Delaware Tribal Council shall have the power to enact ordinances, to establish rules and regulations governing membership, adoption, procedures for enrollment, and preparation and approval of an official membership roll. Provided: Nothing contained herein shall be construed to invalidate the presently existing membership roll or the membership of those persons enrolled prior to the effective date of this Constitution and Bylaws.

The difference between an ordinance verses a Constitutional Amendment was explained. An ordinance is a law passed by the Tribal Council and as such could be repealed or amended by future Councils. If either of these actions were to be taken in the future all the Idaho Delaware could lose the tribal membership the proposed Ordinance would grant.

A Constitutional Amendment would be approved by the voting membership of the Tribe. Changing or revoking an amendment would also have to be voted on by the voting membership of the Tribe.

When the Council does anything of this magnitude it should be done the right way, so that the action will stand.

The Council decided to place articles in the July DIN addressing all aspects of including the Idaho Delaware in the Tribe.

After receiving feed back from the general population of the Tribe the council will consider what action will be taken on the issue at the August meeting.

Delaware In the News

Don Mason, Jr. Appointed Associate Justice

Donald Mason, Jr., has recently been appointed by the Tribal Council to a vacancy on the Delaware Tribal Court.

Mason was born in Tulsa and grew up in the Tulsa area. After graduating from high school, he attended and graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater with a bachelor's degree in English. Mason then attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned his law degree. Mason has practiced law in the Tulsa area for over eleven years. His practice usually consists of divorces, custody, child support, adoptions, guardianships and some criminal work. He is a member of the Tulsa and Creek County Bar Associations. Mason is also a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Mason is admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Courts in Tulsa and Muskogee and the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver. He is also admitted to practice in the Cherokee Nation courts.

Mason is a member of Americans for Indian Opportunity.

When not practicing law, Mason works in the auction business. Don auctions estates, residential and commercial property, bankruptcy estates, farms, businesses and government surplus.



Four Generations of Mary Watters' Family

Charles Randall Takes Office as Delaware Judge



Judge Charles Edward Randall

Charles Edward Randall was appointed to the Delaware Tribe Judiciary at the June 6, 2011 Tribal Council meeting. He replaced Seth Pickett who resigned due to moving to Texas.

Charles was born September 2, 1941 in Fairfax, Oklahoma. He is a Great Great Grandson of Eliza Welenuxkwe (Woo-le-noo-squay) Snead and John A. Randall. After graduating from

Fairfax public school, Charles attended Oklahoma State University where he met Mary Hummel his wife of 49 years. They have one son Charles Glen and three Grandsons Charles Dalton, Devin Glen and Denton Trey all of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Charles' professional career consisted of various positions in computer science and application development with

Bell Oil and Gas Company, H. C. Price Company and Reda Pump Company. He retired from Reda Pump Company after 33 years of service to their present home in Osage County.

The Delaware are a proud people and we need everyone involved with tribal activities so that we can move forward for the benefit all.

Congratulations

Tony & Lola

Happy Anniversary to Delaware tribal member Tony Brown and wife Lola of Pawhuska, OK,
for Your

25th Wedding Anniversary
May 23, 2011.



Annette Ketchum, left, and Mary Watters participate in an OK Mozart Festival showcase event, "American Indian Storytelling" on June 14, 2011 at the Bartlesville Community Center. Oklahoma Community Center. Oklahoma Indian Summer and Bartlesville Indian Women's Club storytellers shared stories passed down through generations.

Courtesy of Becky Burch Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise.

Delaware In the News



The Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee Honored Elder Evelyn Thomas (receiving blanket) and Veteran Eddie Barnes (in white shirt) during the 2005 Delaware Days in September.



DEA Sponsors Rations at the Delaware Pow-Wow

The DEA (Delaware Enterprise Authority) was excited to sponsor rations at the Pow-Wow this year. Rations were a tradition at the Pow-Wow for many years. Over the years as costs rose at a rate higher than contributions, the tradition became a memory in the late 80s. Chief Pechonick

Friday.” said Jenifer, who helped with the process.

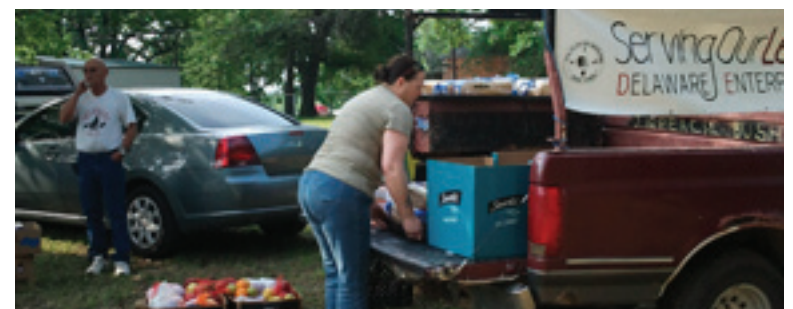
The DEA was able to provide ground beef, potatoes, carrots, onions, apples and oranges, crackers and bread for the camps. “Next year we hope to expand menu to include canned tomatoes and corn” said DEA Chairman Wayne



visited personally along with Councilperson Jenifer Pechonick and tribal member Dr. Kim Moore (Pechonick’s daughters) each of the permanent camps at the Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds on Friday morning and afternoon of the Pow-Wow. Each camp reported the number of campers who sleep at the Pow-Wow and rations were distributed at 9am Saturday morning based on this number. “Saturday morning was difficult, there were some camps who arrived late (and didn’t get a ticket) and there were other camps who weren’t able to make it on Saturday morning. We ended up giving the rations of those who didn’t make it to pick up to those who didn’t receive tickets on

Stull. Many campers shared stories about rations. Bruce and Lee Ann Martin met at the last year rations were passed out by the Pow-Wow Committee.

A special thanks to the Delaware Pow-Wow Committee for giving their blessing to the ration distribution, Aldi’s Food for providing excellent customer service, Jack Clinton for arranging the bread delivery, the Markley Camp for hosting the distribution, the Anna Anderson Davis Camp for storing the food, Brice Obermeyer and ESU students for delivery, and Patrick Watt, Justin Falleaf, Hannah Sears, Jodi Pechonick, Kristin Morrison, the Chief and Jenifer Pechonick for preparing the rations for distribution/distribution.



The Delaware Cultural Preservation Committee

The Culture Preservation Committee was founded in 1991. The goal is to preserve Lenape culture, language, songs and dances. The Committee is involved in a number of activities every year.

May 26, the night before the Delaware Powwow, there was Culture Night at the Powwow grounds.

Our Committee also holds a two-day event called Delaware Days in September. This is held on the last Friday and Saturday of the month, and this year it will be September 23 and 24. This two-day event is a time for Delaware Tribal members and their friends to get together for visiting, dancing, storytelling, and many other activities.

This is held at the Fall-Leaf Powwow Grounds northeast of Copan, OK. We have always been grateful to the late Fred Fall-Leaf, and now to his family, for allowing our activities to be held there. We always honor an elder and a veteran every year.

The Committee makes donations to local powwows or dance activities as our funds will allow. The Committee also holds Delaware Cultural Night on the night before the Delaware Powwow.

Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center. Our meetings are open to the public.

The Committee chairman is Chester Brooks. Members are:

Bonnie Thaxton, Paula Pechonick, Jan Brown, Kenny Brown, Anita Mathis, Titus Frenchman, Diana Hallman, Jim Hammon, Annette Ketchum, Bruce Martin, Jenifer Pechonick, John Sumpter, Jack Tatum, and Jim Rementer, a non-voting member, is secretary.

Editors Note:

The Cultural Preservation Committee is one of the seven committees established and funded by the Trust Document and governed by the Delaware Trust Board. Trust Board members are Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chairman Chet Brooks, Secretary Verna Crawford, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, members Tom Moore, Bill Hatch and Joe Brooks.



Duck Dance at Delaware Days

Delaware people share your news with us. Send birth notices, weddings, obituaries, graduations (High School or College), family reunions, anniversary celebrations and other news about your family to: officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com Include photos when possible.

Oklahoma Indian Summer September 15-17, 2011

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. – Oklahoma Indian Summer will celebrate its 24th festival September 15-17, 2011 at the Bartlesville Community Center at the corner of Adams and Cherokee in downtown Bartlesville, OK. The festival executive committee invites everyone to join them for this family-friendly American Indian cultural exchange.

Well-known American Indian and Western artists with a variety of styles compete for the top prize in the art show and sale and younger artists compete in a youth art competition. Visitors can also find youth and adult powwows with competitive and non-competitive dancing, demonstrations, horse painting, storytelling, as well as craft and food vendors on site.

The fine arts market is open Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday. Nationally recognized artists display and sell traditional and contemporary artwork which includes sculpture, painting, gourd art, pottery, leather and more. A juried art competition held prior to the festival will award \$500 to best of show.

This year for the first time the Oklahoma Indian Summer will welcome Western art. Festival Coordinator, Jenifer Pechonick said she is really looking forward to the addition of Western art to the festival. "We had many requests to expand the art show to Western art. I think the Board's decision to expand the art show is exciting. We are also able to continue Green Country's Got Talent this year, which was a new addition last year. We are already preparing for next year's 25th anniversary of the festival." Pechonick says it is hard to believe the number of man hours it takes to put on the festival. "We couldn't do a festival of such magnitude without so many dedicated volunteers."

The 2011 Tribal Council and Trust Board Meeting Schedule

- **Date:** First Monday of each Month, unless unforeseen events cause them to be postponed to the following week.
- **Time:** To be announced.
- **Location:** Delaware Child Development and Resource Center East of the Delaware Community Center.
- **Check the Tribal web sight for more information.**
- **www.delawaretribe.org.**

The preliminary round for the talent show will be September 8 at the Bartlesville Community Center at 6p. Talent show finals will be held on Thursday night, September 15 at the festival and \$1200 will be awarded at the finals.

The annual youth art exhibit with Native American theme also will be on display for grades 4-12. Green Country area students in grades 9-12 will compete for a \$1000 best of show "Lewis B. Ketchum Scholarship" for the school of their choice, the art show is limited for competition to students in Green Country (NE OK), however, students from other locations are welcome to submit material for display. Entry forms are available on the website.

The powwows Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night offer a variety of special interest dances such as the gourd dance, intertribal dances and contests including traditional and fancy dances and the colorful fancy shawl dance; a guide to the dances and schedule is available at the information booth in the Community Center.

A variety of American Indian cultural demonstrations including storytelling are scheduled inside the Community Center all weekend. Special demonstrations will occur Friday morning for area students. If you are involved with a school interested in participating, please contact Joy White 918-534-1293. A schedule is located on the website:

www.okindiansummer.org and at the Community Center during the festival.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Festival Coordinator Jenifer Pechonick at 918-331-0934. Artist, vendor or concessionaire information is also available upon request or on the website.

Attention! Native Graduate Students!

The American Indian Graduate Center, Inc. announces the availability of fellowships and loans for service to American Indian and Alaska Native undergraduate and graduate students.

To find out more information and eligibility requirements about various programs, please

visit www.aigc.com to view programs listed under scholarships and fellowships. Some of the fellowships include:

Elizabeth Furbur Fellowship: Graduate fellowship for women studying the creative fine arts, visual works, crafts, music, performing, dance, literacy,

creative writing and poetry.

Dr. George Blue Spruce Fellowship: Dr. Blue Spruce created the fellowship as a step toward increasing the very low number of American Indian dentists.

Gerald Peet Fellowship: Priority to medical students or health-related fields.

Grace Wall Barreda Memorial Fellowship: Graduate fellowship for students seeking advanced degrees in environmental studies or public health.

Jeanette Elmer Scholarship—Graduate Fellowship: AIGC was granted authority to accept administration of the trust fund monies of the Jeanette Elmer estate. This fund is designated to provide scholarships to students who have completed their bachelor's degree and are enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program at an accredited institution and who are members of Wisconsin, New Mexico or Arizona tribes.

Katrin Lamon Fund: For Native American graduate students majoring in literature, journalism and communications or a related field.

Ruth Muskrat Bronson Scholarship Fund: Priority to nursing or health-related fields if the nursing pool is non-existent. One or two graduate students per year. In addition, there are links to other scholarships on the site.

Divorce Clinic Announced

Don Mason, Jr., a tribal member and attorney, will be starting a divorce clinic. Those who have a Delaware roll number and reside in Tulsa, Washington, Nowata or Rogers County may apply.

The clinic is open to those Delaware seeking an UNCONTESTED divorce with NO issues (custody, support, debt division, asset division) left to be litigated. Feel free to contact Mason at 918.344.7828. Each application will be evaluated for acceptance on a case by case basis.

NOAA All Weather Radios Update

Approximately eight years ago, the Delaware Tribe received a grant to acquire NOAA All Weather Radios for Delaware Tribal Members. In the process of re-starting our Federal Recognition, the staff found a few of the radios. It would be a great help if you already have one of these radios to bring them in so they can be re-programmed to start being of assistance to you. If you are going to bring in the radio, we will be re-programming them the week of August 8, 2011.

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Secretary Chet Brooks

Call to Order: Wayne Stull 4:06

Innovation: Chet Brooks

Roll call: Doyle Hayes, Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, and Chet Brooks

Guests: Joe Brooks, Nancy Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, Nate Young, T.J. Arroe, Annette Ketchum, Dee Ketchum, Verna Artherton, Levi Randoll, and James Coffey

Others present: Chief Pechonick, Council Treasurer Jan Brown, Jenifer Pechonick, Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa, Staff member's Lacey Harris, Anita Mathis and Marilyn Coffey.

Acceptance of Agenda:

Wayne Stull entertained a motion to suspend the agenda and fill the empty Trust seats.

Agenda was suspended and Chairman Stull read the letters from Joe Brooks and Jenifer Pechonick expressing their desire to fill the empty Trust seats.

Bill Hatch and Verna Crawford raised the point that they had received a similar letter from Marilyn Cole. Chairman Stull informed that he had announced that copies of the Trust seat requests were to be mailed to him. There was about 20 minutes of discussion on considering Marilyn Cole's request which apparently was considered non-existent.

During the interim Tribal members Nancy Sumpter and Titus Frenchman complained that proper notice had not been given to Tribal members who might wish to fill these seats. Nancy Sumpter announced verbally that she would be interested in one of those seats. Another member suggested we go into executive session to discuss appointing a fired employee to one of those seats.

After a ten minute free for all looking for a hard copy of Marilyn Cole's letter, Chet Brooks got online and read a copy of her email, which he was sent the morning of the meeting. The email did express her interest in serving on the Trust Board and that she was out of town at her Uncle's cancer surgery. Chairman Stull expressed his concern that he had not been contacted

by, or copied by Marilyn.

- **Doyle Hayes** made a Motion, that Joe Brooks fill the longest term empty seat.
- Bill Hatch seconded.
- All in favor and passed.

Joe Brooks was sworn in by Chairman Wayne Stull and the Trust Board then entered long discussion about filling the other empty seat. Joe Brooks stated that the Trust document requires us to fill the second empty seat at this meeting. At least two Tribal members in the audience asked that we wait till the next meeting to fill the two empty seats, since Doyle Hayes announced he was resigning at the end of the meeting.

- Joe Brooks made a Motion for Jenifer Pechonick to fill the empty seat.
- Chet Brooks seconded.
- Joe Brooks (yes) Chet Brooks (abstained), Verna Crawford, Bill Hatch and Doyle Hayes (no). Verna Crawford agreed that the two empty seats should not be filled till the next meeting.

Returned to regular agenda and minutes from last meeting were approved 5 in favor, Joe Brooks abstained.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer's report and financials were given. Doyle Hayes mentioned an item of concern on the Tribal operation financials but his question was resolved to Boards satisfaction.

- Doyle Hayes moved to accept the financial report subject to audit.
- All in favor and passed.

Chet Brooks handed out minutes of the January Cultural Preservation meeting and reported his committee meeting regularly. He also asked about the percent of the Community Service budget expended last year and suggested perhaps that committee should consider placing line item on their budget for the use of the Elders Committee. Elder Committee chairman Titus Frenchman spoke to that issue but was asked to present it in the New Business.

Old Business:

No old business was presented.

New Business:

Titus Frenchman brought a proposed budget for the Elders Committee, suggesting that we might

be able to take it out of Community Services or the other committees, Chairman Stull entertained discussing the budget at our next meeting. Agreeable but the Elders Committee did need travel and food expenses to attend the cultural meeting at the Caddo the following weekend.

- Bill Hatch made a Motion that \$275.00 mileage and food expenses (to be taken out of Community Services) be approved for this meeting.
- All in favor and passed.

Joe Brooks mentioned that he would like to see all the committees up and running, including education, cultural preservation, and economic development. Joe advised each board should have a committee, and should meet monthly. Wayne Stull stated committee assignments would be made at our next meeting after empty seats were filled and we had a full board.

Chief Paula Pechonick presented a resolution prompted by OST concerning our Trust funds.

- **Resolution 211-02 OST-** Authorization for Chief Paula Pechonick, Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford and Vicki Sousa to have access to OST records, to inquire about Trust Fund Accounts.

After some discussion the subject was tabled to the next meeting.

- Joe Brooks makes a Motion, to accept Doyle Hayes resignation.
- Chet Brooks seconded.
- All in favor and passed.

Wayne Stull adjourns the meeting 6:00 pm.

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--- Approved 4.18.2011

Submitted by Verna Crawford,
Council Secretary

Chairman Wayne Stull called the meeting to order at 5:01 Monday April 4, 2011 in the Delaware Trust Board.

Stull asked Titus Frenchman to give the Invocation.

Secretary Chet Brooks called roll, those present were Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks and Joe Brooks. Member Bill Hatch was absent due to a doc-

tor's appointment regarding an accident and two seats are vacant.

The Chairman addressed the question of establishing a quorum. He stated that though as chairman, he can only vote to break a tie, he is a member of the Board and with four members present there would be a quorum present. Wayne said that we could cancel this meeting and do it again next month. Joe Brooks indicated that he would not be present next month.

- **Chet Brooks** moved to declare a quorum.
- Seconded by Joe Brooks
- Motion carried with three yes.

Wayne Stull moved on to the appointment of two new board members.

- Joe Brooks moved to change the agenda to select the two new Trust Board members.
- Chet Brooks seconded the motion.
- Motion carried with three yes.

Wayne Stull welcomed everyone in attendance and asked the candidates to speak to the Trust Board. The people who had submitted a request for consideration were Terri Jo Aaroe, Titus Frenchman, Bruce Martin, Don Mason, Jr., Tom Moore, Jenifer Pechonick, Daniel Cass Smith, John Sumpter, Nancy Sumpter and Johnny Tucker.

Chairman Stull recognized Titus Frenchman, who expressed his desire to be considered for membership on the Trust Board. Titus noted his long history of employment in several states, Tribes and governmental departments. He indicated that he had a large variety of experience. He thanked everyone for allowing him to address the group.

TJ Aaroe spoke next, expressed her appreciation for being considered for this position. She said I have not had any experience on the Trust Board, but I want to see good things happen for the Delaware people. I have volunteered in the Elder Nutrition kitchen. I love the Delaware people, my people and that is why I want to be on the Trust Board.

Nancy Sumpter stated that she didn't have much education, as far as being on Trust Board, but is a fast learner. I intend and want to put my voice in for the Tribe, to

make sure it gets on the right track and stays on the right track and accomplish what we all set out to do. Which is to make this Tribe well known, well organized and I think we can do a real good job. I'd like a chance to do this. Thank you for at least considering me.

Tom Moore started by saying, that he is the new comer here. This is my first Trust Board meeting. I put my name in because I think I know what the Trust Board does, but at the same time I also know that my experience with the Tribe is limited. There will be a lot of on the job training, as Nancy mentioned. My biggest ambition with the Tribe is to let everyone here know that I am here to help the Tribe. I grew up in Nowata and now live in Tulsa. I have started several businesses; I currently own the hotel at Expo Square in Tulsa, with a group of entrepreneurs who guided me away from becoming an attorney, though, I went to law school. We invest in and start new businesses. I thank you for your consideration.

Jenifer Pechonick stated I have served on the Trust Board previously. I have a strong interest in moving the Tribe forward through economic development. I am active on our cultural committee, I was a scholarship recipient, I am very familiar with the Trust Board. I have attended meetings since 1991, at it's inception. She expressed her appreciation for consideration.

Don Mason, Jr. withdrew his name from consideration, stating that with the abundance of qualified candidates he felt his attention would better serve the Tribe in other directions.

Bruce Martin stated my mom was Patsy Martin. I grew up in Bartlesville and lived in Lawrence, Kansas for about 20 years. I was the director of the Upward Bound Organization at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Director of the Indian Center in Lawrence, Director of the Indian Center in Kansas City, worked with native American youth and taught cultural classes there. I attended meetings with my Mom over the years. I am

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familiar with checks and balances and I think there should be fewer members of the Trust Board on the Tribal Council. Thank you.

John Sumpter said I have been involved with this Tribe since 1995 and have served on several committees. I believe in the little guy, I was a squad leader and platoon leader, that is taking care of lives. That is where it gets real. That is when I started practice what I preach. I take my responsibility serious. He indicated that he supports the Veterans, and the Elders. He told the people present that to put your duties above everything else. My heart is with the people. That is what I bring to you. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Daniel Cass Smith and Johnny Tucker were not present to speak.

Joe Brooks informed the Chairman that the two open seats have different term limits, one is seven months and the other is 19 months. It was decided to vote for both seats at the same time.

Chairman Stull counted the votes.

TJ Aaroe and Cass Smith received two votes each.

It was agreed by all of those present that the announcement on the Web page stated that candidates must be present to be considered. This decision eliminated Cass Smith and Johnny Tucker from consideration. A second vote was required.

Tom Moore received two votes and Bruce Martin received one.

TJ Aaroe will serve the 19-month term. Tom Moore will serve the seven-month term and will need to run in the November 2011 election.

Chairman Stull administered the oath of office to the elected Trust Board members, who then took their seats.

- **Chet Brooks moved** to return to the agenda.
- Seconded by Joe Brooks.
- Motion Carried with five yes.

Verna Crawford requested to have the NCAI Mid-year Conference be added to the agenda under

new business. The Chair approved the request.

- **Verna Crawford moved** to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 with corrections, if needed.
- Seconded by TJ Aaroe.
- Motion carried with three yes and two abstained. (Aaroe and Moore).

Chairman Stull called for the Treasurer's report.

Verna Crawford reported that the financials for December 1 to 31, 2010 were in the packets. The beginning Market Value was \$3,318,033.20 and the ending Market Value was \$3,349,820.95. Crawford asked if there were any questions regarding the financials.

- **Joe Brooks moved** to have the packets mailed 10 days before the meetings. (Financials and Minutes). Hard copy or email at the preference of the Trust Board member.
- Seconded by Verna Crawford.
- Motion carried with five yes.

Chairman Stull called for nominations for Officers starting with Treasurer.

- **Joe Brooks moved** to elect TJ Aaroe as Treasurer by acclamation.
- Seconded by Chet Brooks.
- Motion carried with four yes and one abstention. (Aaroe).
- **Joe Books moved** to elect Verna Crawford secretary by acclamation.
- Seconded by Chet Brooks.
- Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Crawford).
- **Verna Crawford moved** to elect Chet Brooks as Assistant Chairman by acclamation.
- Seconded by Joe Brooks.
- Motion carried with four yes and one abstention (Crawford).

Chairman Stull appointed Committee Chair and Vice Chairpersons as follows:

- A. Community Service—Chair Verna Crawford, Vice Chair Joe Brooks.
- B. Cultural Preservation—Chair Chet Brooks, Vice Chair TJ Aaroe.
- C. Economic Development—Chair Tom Moore, Vice Chair

Wayne Stull

D. Education—Verna Crawford, Vice Chair Tom Moore.

E. Land Management—TJ Aaroe, Vice Chair Chet Brooks.

F. Reinvestment—Bill Hatch, Vice Chair Wayne Stull

G. Tribal Operations—Joe Brooks, Vice Chair Wayne Stull

The need for volunteers for the Committees was noted and a sign up sheet was passed around.

No reports were in the packet.

Chet Brooks reported for Cultural Preservation's February meeting, stated that Jim Rementer has made copies of Lucy Blalock's language tapes and they will be stored at the Tribal Headquarters.

Chairman Stull stressed that as soon as the committees are organized they will meet every month and have a report in the packets.

Unfinished Business:

Delaware Trust Board Resolution No. 2011-02: Appointing Trust Board representatives to conduct business with the BIA Office of the Special Trustee.

Chairman Stull explained that it is necessary to have designated persons who has the authority to contact the BIA regarding the Trust money that is in the process of getting released to the Tribe. There are three categories of authority, they are to receive information, initiate disbursements and provide investment instructions

Chairman Stull recommended keeping Attorney Vicki Sousa and Attorney Tom Peckham to receive information on these accounts.

Joe Brooks said that all Trust Board members should be able to receive information.

Chet Brooks moved to approve Delaware Trust Board Resolution No. 2011-02 Titled:

A resolution of the Delaware trust board authorizing tribal officials to conduct business with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians

1. WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, section D of the Delaware Tribe of Indians' Trust Document, the Trust Board is authorized to perform managerial functions and execute routine business functions relating to the administration of the Dela-

ware Judgment Fund; and

2. WHEREAS, the Tribe has a need to receive timely and accurate responses to requests for financial information and/or draw downs from our tribal trust accounts that are maintained by the Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians; and

3. WHEREAS, the Trust Board realizes that to ensure such timely and accurate responses, it is necessary to identify certain tribal officials and individuals who are authorized to initiate financial transactions, obtain information, or give investment instructions.

4. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to initiate tribal disbursements via Trust Board Resolution: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford and Chief Paula Pechonick.

5. Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to provide investment instructions via Trust Board Resolution: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford and Chief Paula Pechonick.

6. Be IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Trust Board hereby approves the following person(s) to receive information on tribal trust accounts: Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, Treasurer TJ Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford, Trust Board members Bill Hatch, Joe Brooks, Tom Moore, Chief Paula Pechonick, Attorney Vicki Sousa and Attorney Tom Pecham.

7. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Trust Board has reviewed and completed the form provided by OST (attached hereto and incorporated herein) in accordance herewith.

- **Tom Moore seconded motion.**
- **Motion carried with five yes.**

All appointed persons signed the form provided by the BIA. The Resolution will be prepared and signed by Chairman Stull and Secretary Crawford.

Chairman Stull addressed the question of allowing a line item for Elders Committee and the Veterans Committee. He requested that both committees provide the chair, vice chair and a list of committee members, a line item budget for a full year. Funding may be targeted after this information is received. It was also noted that both the Trust Board and the Tribe would share funding.

New Business

- **Joe Brooks moved** to limit the number of persons attending NCAI Mid-year Conference to two people from the Trust Board.

- Seconded by Chet Brooks.
- Motion carried with five yes.
- **Chet Brooks moved** that Verna Crawford and TJ Aaroe to attend NCAI Mid-year Conference, June 13-16, 2011 in Milwaukie, WI.

- Seconded by Joe Brooks.
- Motion carried with five yes.

An Election Committee needs to be appointed. Chairman Stull will contact Darrell Glenn, the previous Election Committee Chairman, to ask him to serve. Three members are needed.

Verna Crawford suggested that we use an automated election firm. This has worked out well in the past few years.

Appointment of the Election Committee was tabled till next meeting.

- **Joe Brooks moved** to adjourn.

- Seconded by Chet Brooks
- Motion carried with five yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.



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Submitted by Verna Crawford,
Council Secretary

Chairman Wayne Stull called the Delaware Trust Board meeting of May 2, 2011 to order at 4:10 p.m.

Titus Frenchman gave the in-

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May 2, 2011

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Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, members present were: Chairman Wayne Stull, Assistant Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer Teri Jo Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford, member Tom Moore. Member Bill Hatch and Joe Brooks absent. Crawford reported that she had received an email dated Monday, May 2, 2011 at 11.25 a.m. from Bill Hatch. The message was that Bill was having oral surgery on Monday and would not be at the meeting. Chet Brooks relayed a message from Joe Brooks requesting that his absence be unexcused because he was away on personal business.

Chairman Stull welcomed guests, asking if anyone would care to address the council.

Chet Brooks introduced Lanay Creech, Cris and Gwen Klinger from the Idaho Delaware.

Guests present were: Cris L. Klinger, Gwen Klinger, Lanay B. Creech, John Sumpter, Bruce Martin, Nathan Young, Homer Scott Jr., Chief Paula Pechonick and Janifer Brown

- **Verna Crawford moved** to accept the agenda.
- Seconded by Tom Moore.
- Motion carried with four (4) yes.
- **Tom Moore moved** to approve the minutes of April 18, 2011 with corrections.
- Seconded by TJ Aaroe. (No discussion).
- Motion carried with three (3) yes and one (1) abstention (Chet Brooks)
- **Verna Crawford moved** to approve the Treasurer's report pending audit.
- Seconded by Tom Moore. (Note: January 2011 Financial report was in packet).
- Discussion: Wayne Stull stated he had spoken with

Jade (accounting) and was assured that the financials for February, March and April would be up to date by the next Trust Board meeting.

- Tom Moore said that he would be working with Jade and help streamline the report.
- Motion carried with two (2) yes and two abstentions (Tom Moore and TJ Aaroe, both stating that they had not been on the board at that time.)

Reports:

1. Land Management: Wayne Stull, Chairman, Chet Brooks, Vice Chair, members Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter and Anita Mathis. The committee decided the meetings could be held by conference call. Committee members could use the phone at Tribal Headquarters for the calls. Cemetery care was addressed. The Tribe owns one cemetery in Copan. Tom Moore had been directed to research the possibility of taking over the Delaware Cemetery north of Dewey. Wayne asked for anyone with something to say regarding the cemeteries be present at the next Trust Board meeting. The mowing will continue as is presently contracted. (Written report in packet)
2. Reinvestment: Bill Hatch, Chair, Wayne Stull, Vice Chair. No activity reported.
3. Economic Development: Tom Moore, Chair, Wayne Stull, Vice Chair, Jenifer Pechonick, Secretary, members Bruce Martin and Chet Brooks. The meeting will be held by conference call every two weeks. Tom will be sitting down with Jade (accounting) to work on streamlining the financials and budgets. Tom presented a list of possible enterprises the Committee may be able to implement. Next meeting

will be May 3, 2011 (as stated in report). (Written report in packet)

4. Community Services: Verna Crawford, Chair, Joe Brooks, Assistant Chair, members Teri Jo Aaroe, Daryl Glenn, Chet Brooks and Lacey Harris. The Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011. Regular meetings will be on the second Monday of each month. Seven tribal members have been assisted since January 1st. One was a burial, two for eyeglasses, two with prescriptions and two for medical assistance. (Written report in packet)

5. Cultural Preservation: Chet Brooks, Chair Teri Jo Aaroe, vice chair, members Paula Pechonick, Jan Brown, Kenny Brown, Jenifer Pechonick, Anita Davis, John Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, Bonnie Thaxton, Jim Bo , and new member Bruce Martin. Committee donated \$500 to Delaware PowWow held each Memorial Weekend to help with painting, repairing bleachers and general pre-PowWow preparations. The committee has been contacted by the owner of the land next to Eagle Ridge ceremonial grounds regarding a right of way to the grounds. The right of way should be forth coming by the end of May.

6. Education: Verna Crawford, Chair, Tom Moore, vice chair, members, Joe Brooks, Teri Jo Aaroe, Daryl Glenn, Chet Brooks and Lacey Harris. The Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2011. Regular meetings will be on the second Monday of each month, as needed. The committee will meet when there are applications for assistance to be processed. The busy times for the committee is in August when request for scholarships, school supply vouchers

and other assistance is higher. February is another busy time for spring scholarship awards. Fourteen tribal members were assisted. Six were spring scholarships, three education assistance, two athletic assistance, one driver's education assistance and two vocational assistance. Next meeting is set for May 9, 2011. (written report in packet).

7. Tribal Operations: Joe Brooks, Chair, Wayne Stull, vice chair. (no report).

Chief Pechonick questioned the committee chairmanship. She noted that in the past each Trust Board member chaired one committee and co-chaired another. Chairman Wayne Stull stated committee appointments were up to the discretion of the Board. Tom Moore commented that he felt, in the case of Education and Community Services, both committees are closely related and experience is essential.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Stull noted that he has not received notice from Daryl Glenn regarding chairing the Election Committee. He will have that information at the next meeting.

John Sumpter presented a proposed annual budget and request for funding for the Veterans Committee the total is \$6,000. Titus Frenchman presented a proposed annual budget and request for funding for the Elders Committee the total is \$8,000.

- **Chet Brooks moved** to approve funding one half of both the Veterans and Elder Committee budgets as can be justified in committee guidelines and money available. Seconded by Teri Jo Aaroe.
- Discussion: It was noted that funding of these committees is both a tribal and trust responsibility. Thus funding would need to come from both entities.
- Motion carried with four (4) yes.

New Business

Chairman Stull reported a presentation had been made recently by a group, Nations Group Advisors regarding investing and handling our Trust money for us. Currently Arvest Bank is our investment group. They will be requested to make a similar presentation. The Board will look at both and make an informed decision regarding our investments.

Verna Crawford informed those gathered that the Southern Plains Indian Housing Association will be meeting May 11-15, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Catoosa, OK. Workshops will be presented on Board of Commissioners Training, basically how to run a meeting and NAHASDA Basics—the regulations Indian Housing Authorities operate. Registration is \$25 and may be done on site. Tribal leaders are encouraged to attend.

Chairman Stull adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.



Assistant Chief Chet Brooks Speaks For Admittance of Idaho Lenape To Delaware Tribe Of Indians!

Welikishku Nipan:

It is a nice Summer day

I am speaking this article in support of Idaho Delawares being admitted to Membership in Our Great Delaware Tribe of Indians. All Tribal Members are encouraged to read "Historical Overview of the Idaho Delaware" within this DIN. I first became aware of Idaho Delawares, when I met their Chairman Arthur Creech, who was invited to our Copan, OK Delaware Powwow in 1983 by our Chief Henry Secondine. Unfortunately, I was unaware of Idaho Delawares being descendants of our Tribe until I met Arthur Creech's Blood Nephew Lanay B. Creech (Chairman of Idaho Delawares for past eight years) in 2008. Since meeting Lanay Creech three years ago, I have learned that all "Idaho Delawares" descended from the Matriarch Rebecca Lucas, her Daughter Lucinda Lucas Marshall & Husband Wm. Marshall, Granddaughter Mary Francis Marshall Fent, Great Granddaughter Otelia Eveline Fent who Married Leander Louis Creech in 1889, had 12 children of which 1983 acquaintance Arthur Creech was one. While Rebecca Lucas, Lucinda and William Marshall all three removed to the Cherokee Nation between 1867-69 (along with 982 other Delawares) and received land, none were still living or present to enroll their Fent Children or Creech Grandchildren on the 1906 "Delaware Per Capita or Dawes Rolls." However, Rebecca Lucas' Nephew Frank Lucas and Nieces Rosa Parks and Susie Stout establish a Blood connection with the Idaho Delaware because they were on both 1906 rolls and received allotments and many of the descendants of these 3 are still Members of our Tribe

In the last 4 months our Chief Paula Pechonick, several other Council and Trust Board Members and myself have met with the Idaho Delaware Leadership on several occasions and they have attended 2 of our Council Meetings. I have done a detailed review of about 50 pages of their genealogy and legal documentation and find such compelling evidence in those pages that I know their "Historic Overview" printed in this DIN is correct. All of

this has been forwarded on to our other 9 Council and Trust Members for their review and I find that 7 of our 10 Council - Trust Members are in agreement that we "should take the Idaho Delawares back into It's Mother Tribe - OUR TRIBE - by the most expedient fashion, that is the power of the Tribal Council to write Ordinances and Regulations concerning Membership and Adoption (listed in paragraph 2 of the Membership Clause in Our Constitution)." The other 3 Council - Trust Members are also in favor of taking Idaho Delawares in but they either want to get prior BIA approval, Change our Constitution to reflect base enrollees of an earlier roll than the 1906 Delaware Per Capita Payment Roll, or conduct a referendum vote of our "Adult voting Membership on this subject." I respectfully agree with all other 9 Council - Trust Members who want to take the Idaho Lenape back into Our Tribe but I disagree with the 3 who would delay this process by the above three objections: (1) It is a well known fact of Indian Law that a Tribe (under it's Constitutional Powers and Restrictions) has the absolute power to determine it's own Membership - the BIA does not have this power - We Do! (2) Changing Our Constitution to reflect an earlier original roll has 2 dangers, the first being a 3/4 majority referendum vote of our "Adult Voting Membership" (with the simple stance change of 2 Council Members from "let's do it now by the expedient method empowered to the Tribal Council under Delaware Constitution Membership Clause, Paragraph 2" into "let's require a Constitutional Amendment directing a new and earlier base roll" my % vote estimate 4 yes by a simple Council Majority Vote for adoption to 3 no in place of 66.67 % of a referendum vote yes to amend our constitution to an earlier base roll (causing the action that sorely needs to happen to fail for lack of a 75% majority vote). Another drawback to item 2 is that going back to an earlier base roll could open up "Pandora's Box" to unwanted Tribal Members - for instance Kansas Delaware Descendants, all of who's Ancestors willingly dropped out of Our Tribe and became U.S Citizens. (3) A refer-

endum vote is not required on this matter. Our Tribal Council is empowered to correct this injustice by Adoption of and Admitting Our Idaho Relatives. Should more than 100 of our Adult Voting Membership wish to treat our Idaho Relatives as the United States and the Cherokee Nation has treated us for 144 years and Idaho Relatives for 104 years then they would certainly be able to get their chance to do that by the Initiative Process prescribed in Delaware Constitution and By-Laws.

On June 24 - 27th I attended Idaho Delaware Tribal Council and Annual Membership Meeting at which their Council passed a unanimous resolution to rejoin Delaware Tribe of Indians and this was ratified by their Membership at their Annual Meeting the next day. We also visited three groups concerning economic development on Friday, June 24 which could be of great benefit to them and us. I can give our Tribal Members many facts that space won't permit in this DIN.

I respectfully seek all our Members questions, concerns, positions and comments concerning Idaho Delawares. Please contact me by e-mail <achilenape@yahoo.com> and please list subject "Idaho Delaware." Phone Calls can be made to my cell phone 918-331-6212. If you get my voice mail please record your Name, Number and that you wish to discuss Idaho Delawares and I will return your call. Wanishi Elankumakik - Thank You My Relatives, Chet Brooks, Assistant Chief



Vice Chief Chet Brooks receives a gift from Lanay Creech and the Idaho Delaware Group Council at May 25, 2011 annual gathering.

Historical Overview: the Idaho Delaware

Idaho Delaware Chairman Lanay B. Creech noted in a letter to Chief Pechonick, that during a recent visit to the Delaware Tribe of Indians headquarters there was a discussion of the history and ancestry of the Delaware of Idaho group.

The letter included a short history of what happened to the descendants of Rebecca Lucas and Lucinda Marshall and how they came to be separated from their historical tribe and relocating in the Northwestern United States.

Historical Overview of the Group

In the beginning the ancestors of the group currently known as the Delawares of Idaho, Inc. were members Delaware Tribe as it existed in the State of Kansas in 1867. The members of the Delawares of Idaho, Inc. are all descended from persons listed on the John G. Pratts Registry of 1867 of the Original Delawares in the State of Kansas. These ancestors were Rebecca Lucas, Lucinda Marshall and Wm Marshall. Rebecca Lucas held Allotment No 929 Entry Number 638 on Pratts Registry of original Delaware Indians in 1867, Lucinda Marshall (nee Lucas) held Allotment number 928 Entry number 310 and Wm Marshall entry number 399 and allotment number 333 was the husband of Lucinda Marshall. All of the above named persons held allotments in the State of Kansas as Delaware Indians. Under the terms of the 1866 Treaty with the Delaware Tribe the above

ancestors agreed to remove to the Cherokee Nation according to the terms of said treaty. At this time their homes in Kansas were taken for new homes in Indian Territory. The above mentioned Delaware's moved in good faith along with their families to an area known as the Verdigris valley in Oklahoma. They were to receive 160 acres for every man, woman and child in the family unit. The congress of the United States of America appointed a commission known as the Dawes Commission to enroll all Delaware's, but for reasons unknown these ancestors were not included in the Dawes Rolls. We believe that these ancestors were deceased at the time the Dawes Rolls were established and no one spoke up for their children to be included.

Lucinda Marshall (nee Lucas) and her husband Wm Marshall had a daughter Mary Francis Marshall born March 5, 1846. Mary Francis Marshall married James Ross Fent on December 25, 1866. Mary Francis Fent (nee Marshall) and James Ross Fent had a daughter Otelia Eveline Fent born December 18, 1873. Otelia Eveline Fent married Leander Louis Creech on October 14, 1889. This couple produced twelve children. They were: Viola, Bruce, Mauzy Grant, Merele, Lucy, Grace, Esaw, Stella May, Melvin, Arthur, Gilbert and Elsie.

Otelia (also known as Tillie) and husband Leander Louis Creech, and other members of the group, left Oklahoma in approximately 1907 and traveled north to Billings Montana in search of work. They traveled as a group by wagon, stopping along the way to hunt antelope for the US Army at Fort Dodge Kansas. In 1912 Otelia and Leander Lewis Creech's eldest daughter, Viola Creech hired an attorney named Thad Smith in Billings Montana to find out why they did not receive any allotment land as Delawares in the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. A response from the Commissioner, dated Oct 14, 1913, advised them that none of the names listed in Viola Creech's letters could be found

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upon any of the citizenship rolls of the Cherokee Nation, nor did it appear that an application for the enrollment of said persons as Cherokee or Delaware Citizens could be located. This group of descendants from Rebecca Lucas and Lucinda Marshall (nee Lucas) were not included in any of the land allotments in Oklahoma. It is our opinion that Rebecca Lucas was deceased at that time and Lucinda Marshall had remarried and was not aware of the enrollment opportunity or of the possibility of land allotment. That no one spoke for Lucinda or any of her children or descendants and therefore none were included on the 1906 rolls. The heirs that were listed for Rebecca Lucas were her nephew and nieces and not her own children and they were the prodigy of Sam Lucas (register number 512 on the Pratt registry) and Koollo-lum-go-nar-qua (register 513 on the Pratt registry). In the 1867 Pratt Registry, Rebecca Lucas, roll number 638. Her heirs are listed as Franklin Lucas (nephew) #515 on the Pratt Registry (full blood), Susie Stout (nee Lucas) (niece) # 151 final Delaware Roll (full blood) and Rosa Parks (niece). Franklin Lucas received a Delaware Cherokee roll number 153 and was given a registered Delaware Allotment deed number 140 on August 20, 1907 in Indian Territory later known as Oklahoma. The relationship between the descendants of Rebecca Lucas that make up the Delaware of Idaho tribe and Franklin Lucas establishes him as an ancestor by blood that lived in Oklahoma in 1906.

Due to economic conditions and the fact that they did not receive their lands in Oklahoma the group decided to stay in Montana. After living for a time in the Billings Montana area they moved to Basin Wyoming area seeking better living conditions and work. The group had very few skills and most of them had no formal education. They worked as ranch hands, common laborers and hunters, finding whatever work was available. They remained in Basin Wyoming area until the group migrated into Idaho during the decade of 1910-20. They became migrant workers, following the

fruit harvest and other crops. They were very poor, but worked hard to support their families. At one time they had a small piece of land on Birdie Island in Idaho and there they had their home place from which the younger members would travel out to work the harvest and the little ones would stay with the elders during the summer months. The fruits that would fall from the trees and could not be sold were allowed to be taken by those who worked the fields. The group would can as much of this food as possible and send boxes home to Birdie Island to sustain them through the winter. It was a very hard life but they stayed in close contact and worked together for many, many years with the body of their group located within the Treasure Valley area of Idaho and Oregon. The Treasure Valley is the area of the Western United States where the Payette, Boise, Weiser, Malheur and Owyhee rivers drain into the Snake River. Treasure Valley includes all the lowland areas from Vale, Oregon on the west to Boise, Idaho on the east. Members of The Delaware of Idaho band have lived in this area since 1910's. There are approximately 535 members of the tribe at the last official count. Tribal members have various educational and military backgrounds. They have a variety of skills, talents and professions. Almost 50% of the members reside within the Treasure Valley area.

In January of 1978 the group established themselves formally as The Delawares of Idaho, Inc. in an effort to identify and protect the rights of its members. Lanay Bruce Creech currently serves as Chairman of The Delawares of Idaho and has served since 2003. The Delawares of Idaho members have proven that they are descendants of enrolled members of the Delaware Tribe located in Kansas at the time of the 1866 treaty. They have received payment from the United States Government from the settlement of the lawsuit concerning lands sold in Kansas and other States. Are recognized individually as decedents of the Delaware Tribe.

On June 14, 1979 The Delawares of Idaho Inc filed with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Federal Acknowledgment a request

for Federal Acknowledgement as a tribe. An "Obvious Deficiency Letter" dated September 24, 1979 was sent in response to The Delawares of Idaho, Inc. No response was made from The Delaware of Idaho Inc to this letter at that time. After Lanay Creech became Chairman of the Delawares of Idaho, Inc. a letter was sent to the Office of Federal Acknowledgement in response to the September 24, 1979 deficiency letter requesting a second TA review. On June 9, 2008 the group's governing body certified the 2008 documentation, which was described as a supplement to its petition for Federal Acknowledgment. A Technical Assistance letter (TA) was received from the Mr. R. Lee Fleming, Director Office of Federal Acknowledgement. The Technical Assistance letter identified specific points that additional supporting documentation was needed. Most of the points mentioned were addressed, but a few of the points listed below were not.

- **A. Criterion 83.7 (a):** External Identification of the Group as an American Indian Entity on Substantially Continuous Basis since 1900.
- **B. Criterion 83.7(b):** A Predominant Portion of the Petitioning Group comprises a Distinct Community and Has Existed as a community from Historical Times until the Present.
- **C. Criterion 83.7(c):** The Petitioner Has maintained Political Influence or Authority over Its Members as an Autonomous Entity from Historical Times until the Present.
- **D. Criterion 83.7(d):** Governing Document – requiring documentation before 1978.

After much research using outside resources and tribal members records and memorabilia the group is unable to meet the requirements of Points A, B, C and D shown above. After leaving Kansas and Oklahoma in the early 1900's the group traveled together and had authority over themselves, worked autonomously as a group, were identified by external parties as Indians, but we do not have sufficient "third party corroboration" of these

points to satisfy BIA criteria. Even though letters were presented from various outside parties that spoke of knowing and observing the group as Indians, the Office of Federal Acknowledgement did not accept individual's observations. The BIA are wanting other groups or governments to identify "the group" and not individuals within the group as Native American Indians. During the early 1900's the group suffered, as did all Americans, through the influenza epidemic, World War I, the Great Depression and World War II. They were not a group of people who kept records of their decisions on letterhead of the tribe with official seals and witnesses. These were very poor, uneducated group of people who moved and worked together to support themselves and did not worry about whether they documented their decisions or actions.

The Delaware of Idaho Inc have been identified in several documents that have shown them as descendants of the Delaware Tribe of people.

- In the Judgment Order of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho (The Delaware of Idaho, Inc vs Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of Interior, USA) were included in the 1980 act and were identified as "an Idaho not-for-profit corporation whose members are a band of Native Americans located largely in Idaho and who are descendants of the original Delaware Tribe of Indians".
- The Office of The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Ralph E. Gonzales dated September 23, 1996. Delaware Tribe of Eastern Oklahoma Independent Tribal Status Re-Instated. Paragraph three, "Historically, the Delawares became divided into five groups; the Munsee Delaware; the Kansas Delaware; the Absentee Delaware; the main body of the Tribe which moved to the Indian Territory now eastern Oklahoma on lands belonging to the Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma and later those who left Indian Territory and settled eventually in Idaho."



Idaho Delaware Chairman Lanay

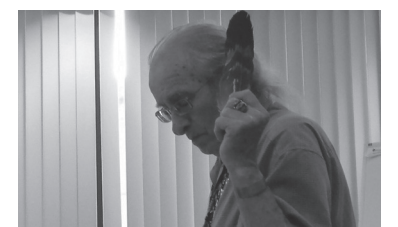
- The Delaware of Idaho people have proven our relationship with The Delaware Tribe of Indians headquartered in Bartlesville, OK through our historical records and our genealogical records.

Therefore, as Chairman of the Delaware of Idaho Inc group, I respectfully request consideration for membership all those members belonging to the group known as The Delaware of Idaho Respectfully, Lanay B. Creech Chairman, Delaware of Idaho Inc.

Additional information mentioned during the Delaware Tribe of Indians Council meeting on June 6, 2011 revealed another fact concerning Rebecca Lucas. She is listed on a roll obtained from the Tulsa City-County Library Genealogical Section showing that she did move to Oklahoma and was incorporated with the Cherokee in accordance with the agreement made between the Cherokee Nation and the Delaware Tribe on April 8th, 1867.

This roll was sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Washington D.C. from the Union Agency, Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 6, 1893. It was signed by Leo Bennett, U.S. Indian Agent. Also listed with Rebecca is her legal heir Franklin Lucas. Franklin also incorporated into the Cherokee Territory and did receive land Allotments. Rebecca died prior to the 1906 roll and her prodigy were not listed as her legal heirs but instead the heirs were two nieces and her nephew Franklin Lucas. The two Nieces were Susie Stout and Rosa Parks.

For more information go to: www.thedelawaresofidaho.org.



Assistant Chief Chet Brooks gave the invocation at a recent of the Idaho Delaware



Delaware Health and Wellness Center Invites You to an Open House

Attention all Delaware, Cherokee and Friends: Do you want to exercise? But work until 5:00? The Delaware Health and Wellness Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Expanding the hours is under consideration. Anyone interested in using the facility in the evenings please let us know.

There is no fee for any member of the Delaware or Cherokee Tribe. (Bring your membership card with you.) We encourage everyone else to get healthy and in for a small fee of \$20.00 a month or \$2.00 a day.

Come take a look at our facility during the open house on August 10, 2011 between the hours of 3 pm and 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Delaware Wellness Center is located at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK. For more information please contact us at 918-337-6590.



Delaware Housing Authority News

The Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe is currently seeking low income Native American families in need of housing. Currently, the HADT has vacancies available in the Rental Program in Rogers and Washington Counties. We also have several rental units coming available in the Chelsea and Claremore areas, including units at the elder complex at Delaware Acres. HADT uses Delaware preference when evaluating placement on the waiting list. The HADT is also in the process of purchasing additional units within our service area. The location of these units is based on the need of our people within the local communities. We are asking that if you, or someone you know, are interested in the possibility of receiving housing assistance to contact the HADT so that an application may be sent to you.

The qualifications for assistance through the HADT housing programs are: the family must have at least one member who is a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe and the family's combined income cannot exceed the Nation Median Income limit established by HUD. Currently the income limit for a family of four is \$51,200. The current chart is posted in the HADT lobby or you may call the office for this information. All information submitted on the application will be subject to third-party verification and all applicants 18 years and older must pass a criminal background check.

The HADT has one, two, three and four bedroom units with central heat and air, 1 or 1-1/2 baths (depending upon unit size) washer & dryer hook-ups, most have a fenced back yard and a single or double garage.

Rent is based on 25% (not to exceed 30%) of the family's adjusted income and the ceiling rents currently range from \$200 to \$375 per month. A security deposit of \$100 per bedroom is required at move in. Program participants will have a yearly recertification for continued occupancy and an annual inspection of the rental unit is also a requirement of the program.

Applications are available at the HADT office located at #6 Northview Drive, Chelsea, OK, or by visiting the HADT's website at hadt.org. Feel free to contact the HADT office for more information regarding our housing programs or for help if assistance is needed in completing the housing application. The HADT phone number is 918/789-2525 and the office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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**Delaware Tribal Housing Authority
Board of Commissioner meetings
are the Second Tuesday of each Month at 1:00
at the Housing Authority's office in Chelsea.
Date and Time may change due to unforeseeable conflicts.**

**Delaware Preference is
given when applicants
are placed on the
waiting list.**



Delaware Trust Education Programs

- **All registered Delaware Tribal members** are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify.
- **School Supplies:** Students in grades pre-K through 5th grade may receive reimbursement of up to \$20 per school year. Payments are made from July 31 to September 30. Parents must send a school supply list with the school name and a receipt for the supplies.
- **Education Assistance:** Students in grades 6th through 12th grade may apply. Eligible expenses include: graduation, ACT /SAT exams, summer school, etc. Items required for subjects for which the student must pay. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. *Vo-Tech class requirements will be on an individual basis. **
- **Athletic Assistance:** This program is for registered Delaware Tribe of Indians students who need some type of assistance for students in grades 6 through 12. The sport must be school sponsored, (such as football, soft/baseball, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, Physical Education, track, archery). Eligible expenses include: sport shoes, uniforms, tournament fees (if student must pay them) and other related athletic items. This program has a maximum payment of \$50.00 per applicant per fiscal year. Summer league activities do not qualify. **
- **Academic Achievement Award of \$100:** Available to registered Delaware Tribal members that have graduated in the current fiscal year/academic school year from high school, college, or Vo-Tech with a current 3.5 GPA, (grade point average).
- **Driver's Education Assistance:** Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility. This program has a maximum of \$75.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.
- **Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Can be used to help with costs of short-term vocational training classes. They are limited to out of school students who wish to learn new or upgrade current skills. This program has a maximum of \$100.00 per applicant per fiscal year. The assistance will be made based on funding availability.
- **College Scholarships:** All Delaware are eligible for a maximum of \$800 one time. Paid at a rate of \$400 per semester. Student must have a 2.5 GPA in the previous school session. Applications must be received by July 31 for fall and January 31 for spring scholarship awards.

Applications and additional information on these or other available programs are available at:

delawaretribe.org

call 918-337-6590.

Delaware Tribal Offices

Attention: Education Committee

170 N.E. Barbara,
Bartlesville 74006

** Paid receipts are required. The receipt must plainly state what was purchased. Be sure to include documentation which class requires the item.

The Education Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Fall scholarships will be considered at the August meeting and Spring at the February meeting.

Committee Chairperson Verna Crawford

Delaware Tribe of Indians Address Correction Form

Address changes: Use this form, drop a note or a post office change of address card to the tribal office

Delaware Indian News -- 170 N.E. Barbara -- Bartlesville, OK 74006

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

To have a name changed on the tribal roll, send proper documentation, such as a legal document, stating the change (examples: marriage license, adoption papers, divorce papers, etc.) Be sure to include your previous name or names since that will be the way it is listed on the role. Including Tribal Registration number is helpful, but not required.

Delaware Trust Community Services Program

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify.
Non-tribal members are not eligible for services from this program.

- **Student Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides eyeglass assistance to students enrolled in grades K-12, colleges or universities and vo-tech schools. Students must complete an application requesting such services. Approval of application requesting services must be obtained before services are provided. Funds can be designated to pay for glasses, contacts, physicians visits or related costs. A maximum of \$100 per request. One request per year is allowed. Payment for services will be made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the student requesting such services.
- **Burial Program** - Provides burial assistance for Delaware Tribal members. An amount of \$300 has been designated. The \$300 may be applied to the funeral bill, wake/feed (paid to club, organization church, etc., not to family or family member), grave marker, flowers. Applicant should exhaust all other resources, example, personal insurance, burial insurance, etc. All payments will be made to funeral home providing service and not to tribal members family. The committee only compensates for one certified copy of the death certificate. Documentation must be provided, such as the death certificate, copy of funeral home bill, food bill, etc.
- **Utility Assistance** - Provides emergency utility assistance for tribal members. Payment will be made directly to the vendor or utility company and will include gas, propane, water, electricity, wood or related utility services. Utility deposits and reconnect fees are not considered by this program. Only past due balances are paid by the committee and current residence status of applicant applies. Original billing and cut off notice must accompany the application. Telephone and Cable TV are not covered. A limit of \$100 per request may be made. This is a one time, once per year request. Bills submitted must be in tribal members name.
- **Housing Assistance** - Provides assistance in emergency situations on a one month, one time, once-a-year basis. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$100. Approval of application must be obtained prior to service payment. Payment for services are made only to the vendor or provider of services and not to the individual tribal member or family. Eviction notice, proof of ownership &/or other documentation must be submitted with application .. Tribal members name must be on the rental/ lease contract.
- **Dental Assistance** - Provides assistance to pay for dental care for Delaware Tribal members. Services include tooth repair, dental fillings, dentures, emergency services are allowed. Routine dental exams or cleaning are not covered. Payment will be made to vendor and not the tribal member. Amount of assistance that can be approved is limited up to \$250. Maximum program assistance is once per calendar year. Non-tribal members are not eligible for services.
- **Medical Assistance** - Assists Delaware Tribal members for medical assistance, including but not limited to, medical equipment in some cases equipment must be returned to the committee, purchase or rental not to exceed \$150 (tread mill & exercise bike not included), home health care, (three months on program/three months off program, care not to exceed 3 hours per day/5 days per week. Rate of pay is \$6.00 per hour, not to exceed \$360 monthly), medical attention, nursing care and/or other related medical care.
- **Medical Services & Emergency Travel** - Provides medical transportation services for Delaware Tribal members to include, but not limited to, health transportation costs, assistance and/or other related costs. Emergency travel designated as personal health, physicians statement of need must be submitted, death of family member (parent, brother, sister or grandparent) death certificate or obituary must be submitted prior to approval. This is a one time assistance not to exceed \$100.
- **Hospital Equipment Assistance** - Provides assistance with hospital equipment. Certain Delaware Tribal members are hospitalized during the year and some costs of hospital equipment is not paid by third parties. Funds will be used to pay for hospital equipment which may include rentals, small equipment purchases or related costs. Some hospital equipment is available for loan from the committee. (tread mill and exercise bike excluded). Funds are disbursed to vendors and will be handled on a case by case basis by the Community Service Committee amounts of assistance is limited in amounts up to \$150.
- **Medical Bill Assistance** - Assistance with medical bills for Delaware Tribal members. The medical bill must be in a past due or collection status. Original billing and billing showing collection status must be submitted. Funds are disbursed to the vendor and not individual tribal members. A limit of \$100 assistance per year is allowed.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

- **Eyeglass Assistance** - Provides assistance for eyeglasses to Delaware Senior Citizens age 65 and over. Senior Citizens are allowed to apply for eyeglass assistance every three years. Funds will be used to pay for eye care to include glasses, physicians visits or related costs. Funds are distributed to vendors and not tribal members. Funds are allocated as follows: A maximum limit of \$150 per request.
- **Prescription Medication Assistance** - Provides prescription medication assistance to Delaware Senior Citizens age 65 and over. Funds are disbursed to vendors and include pharmacy or related costs. Funds are allocated as follows: \$25 per month not to exceed \$600 per year. Applicants are responsible for any amounts over the approved amount.
- **Emergency Assistance** - Provides emergency assistance to Delaware Senior citizens age 65 and over. Funds are to be used for senior citizen tribal members in emergency situations. Assistance includes but is not limited to groceries or related assistance. Applicants must utilized all other community resources prior to application. Documentation must be submitted. Appliances and home furnishings are not allowed. Funds are allocated at \$50 and will be disbursed as determined by the Community Service Committee. Applications are handled on a case by case basis.

The Community Services Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, unless there are unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Applications will be reviewed and payments authorized once per month. Applications received after the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting. Emergency assistance is addressed by the Committee on an as need basis between meetings
Committee Chairperson TJ Aaroe



Attention Candidates !!!

The Information
sent to the
Election Committee
will NOT be
forwarded to the
Delaware Indian News
for publication.

Send your candidate information in the form of an article along with a photograph if desired. The articles may be no longer than one (1) 8.5" x 11" page, typed in 10 point font or larger.

It must be submitted to the Delaware Indian News by September 15 to print in the October issue. DIN candidate bio must be submitted (email or letter) as a MicrosoftWord document or Rich Text form to :

DIN@delawaretribe.org

OR officialdelawareindiannews@yahoo.com.

The information may be mailed in the proper format to the

Delaware Indian News
170 N.E. Barbara,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma
74006.

Remember it must reach
the newspaper staff
no later than 5 p.m.



Members of the Idaho Delaware group gather for their annual meeting. Delaware Assistant Chief Chet Brooks, (second from right) & Idaho Delaware Chairman Lanay Creech, (right) encourage unanimous for a resolution for Idaho Lenape to rejoin Delaware Tribe Of Indians. see story page 18.



Above: Mike Pace leads the Lenape Bean Dance.
At Left: Mike Tells a Lenape Story while Kerstin Groeper-Schmäling Translates into German.

Mike Pace (Xinkwilënu) Goes to Germany

Michael Pace (Xinkwilënu), former assistant chief and part-time interpreter specialist for the Lenape Camp Trading Post at Conner Prairie Museum, was invited to go to Germany to take part in the Karl May Festival. His trip was funded by the organizers of the Karl May Festival in the German town of Radebeul. It was held on June 3rd and 4th.

The schedule for the event was for Mike to give presentations on Saturday at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00, and on Sunday at 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00. The official brochure read, "Songs and dances by Native Americans from the USA and Canada with Michael Pace (Delaware) and Wade Fernandez (Menominee). Moderation (translation of the stories into German) by Kerstin Groeper-Schmäling."

In addition to the daytime presentations there was one on Saturday night, "9 o'clock - The night of the Indian myths and tales at the High Stone area with Michael

Pace, Wade Fernandez and Red Feather Dance Company."

It is amazing to think that just a little over twenty years ago it might not have been possible to attend such an event as that part of Germany was then East Germany.

Although it was extremely hot during the daytime schedules, Mike did a number of things during the event such as telling Lenape traditional stories and dance demonstrations. He also did the same things the following Tuesday at the Montessori Schule (School) in Niederseeon, Bavaria.

Mike was accompanied by his wife Ella on the trip. Jim Rementer also went along to take some photographs and to visit other places in Germany and Switzerland. We would like to thank our host Robert Goetzenberger and his family for his time and efforts to take us where we needed to be and hosting us.

One of the directors at the Festival said, "I was told that the

Delawares were nice people, but after meeting and working with Mike Pace I would have to say they are VERY nice people."

Additional Information:

Who was Karl May? - Karl May (1842 – 1912) was a popular German writer, noted for adventure novels set in the American West, with characters like Winnetou and Old Shatterhand. He had a substantial influence on a number of German-speaking people - and on the German population itself. The image of Native Americans in Germany is greatly influenced by May. The "Karl May Museum" in Radebeul started December 1, 1928 as museum about history and life of Native Americans. Karl May's collection about Native Americans, which was added by Klara May, and the whole collection of Patty Frank were joined, therefore Frank became the first curator and got life estate in "Villa Bear Fat".

Delaware Pow-Wow Benefit Oct. 15

The 47th Annual Pow-Wow has come and gone, but plans are already underway for 2012. A benefit fundraiser to offset the costs of the Pow-Wow is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at the Fred Fall Leaf Memorial Campgrounds sponsored by the Dog Pound. The Gourd Dance will begin at 1p, with a supper break from 5p to 6p with head staff TBA. Supper is a hog fry, featuring pork, beans, fried taters, fry bread and drink for \$5 a plate. Gourd dancing resumes at 6p until 7p. Social dances and stomp dances begin at 7:30p. Auctions will take place throughout the dance, as well as raffle, cake "walk", and heads and tails. The Dog Pound and supporters of the Pow-Wow will come out and help raise money to keep the Delaware Pow-Wow alive. If you have items to donate for the auction or would like to make a monetary donation please call 918-338-9358, LuAnn.

Lenape Language Preservation Project

By Jim Rementer

Project History:

In 2002 the Lenape Language Preservation Project received a grant from the National Science Foundation to produce a dictionary database of Lenape. We had the database built to create a Lenape Talking Dictionary so it could be placed online. Much of the funding went to digitizing and preserving our existing audiotapes which were made in past years with native speakers of Lenape.

In April of this year we received a smaller DEL (Documenting Endangered Languages) grant, also from the National Science Foundation, to upgrade the dictionary database. Included in the upgrade will be the ability to look up words using Lenape, and better connection of singular and plural forms. Also featured will be stories in Lenape which can be played line-by-line.

These upgrades should be online by the time this issue of Delaware Indian News is available.

Please visit the dictionary at www.talk-lenape.org.

Additional Information:

The Talking Dictionary is a work in progress. At present the number

of Lenape words in the Dictionary is about 14,000, and we have many more to add. Of these words almost 5,800 have sound files, and over 1,450 have sample sentences. We continue to have our audiotapes of Lenape speakers converted to digital format, which then need to be edited to extract the Lenape words. These are then entered into the Dictionary database and become immediately available on the Internet. We should mention that the sound files are not all of studio quality. Most were recorded whenever and wherever possible – sitting in someone's living room, on their porch, in a classroom, etc., so you may hear a dog barking in the background, or a baby crying, or people talking.

We would appreciate comments on the Lenape Dictionary. We hope you will find this useful as a learning tool. We will continue adding to the Grammar and Lessons sections so you can start learning how to construct sentences in Lenape. It is now up to you, the Lenape people who want to learn the language of your ancestors, to make good use of this material the Lenape elders left for your benefit.