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Call To General Council

Saturday, Nov 12, 2011

Chief Pechonick and Trust Board Chairman Stull jointly call for the Delaware Tribe's Annual General Council to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Delaware Tribe Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo Blvd, Bartlesville, OK. A potluck dinner will follow the meeting. Bring extra for your out-of-town relatives. DEA will provide the meat. ■

Council Agenda

Call to Order
Roll Call - Trust / Council
Treasurer's Report
State of the Trust Address
State of the Tribe Address
Committee Reports
Old Business
New Business
Adjourn

May 26, 2009: The End of the Trust Board Era

Tom Moore

The Articles of Confederation (the first U.S. Constitution) were slapped together shortly after the Declaration of Independence to create an alliance to fight the war for independence and attempt to conduct foreign policy for fledgling group of states. Written in 1776 and finally ratified in 1781, the United States government under the Articles of Confederation was a colossal failure in terms of workability, but it was a body formed out of panic and necessity rather than planning or negotiation. That changed on September 13, 1788 because the United States ratified the Constitution of the United States that we know and still use today.

Notice the words 'repealed' or 'amended' are never associated with that earlier constitution. This is because the Articles of Confederation were superseded by the Constitution the moment it was ratified. Both Constitutions delegated basically the same duties to the new government being created but the newer Constitution delegated even more responsibilities to the new government. By delegating all of the responsibility to the new government, the new Constitution trumps over the old government in favor of the new one. The latest clear expression of the supreme authority (in the present case, eligible voting Tribal Members) will be the final ruling document that creates the governing body of the Tribe. The Trust Board was essentially created to allow the federal government to make payments to the tribe on some of our judgment money without actually having to recognize the fact that we exist as a tribe to do it. Our leadership mocked up a workable version of our Constitution to read as our Trust Document and after ratification we were in business. (Sound like a familiar band-aid solution?)



Round-table discussion about the future of the Trust Board at Delaware Days.

Our Constitution was ratified just over two years ago and that Constitution delegates all of the responsibilities for the tribal assets, including funds, to the Tribal Council to administer. NO mention of any other governmental entity exists in our Constitution, nor is there any ambiguity in the Constitution about the responsibilities of the Tribal Council. The Trust Board has been in limbo since the ratification of our Constitution and it is time to move forward with the Master Trust Plan, not the Trust Board. The simple act of putting it out of its misery will equate to as much as 50% going back to the programs created by the Master Trust Plan! The 2012 budgets are attached to the Tribal Council resolution that implements the Master Plan

and helps to establish the Trust Committees under at least the same obligations and restrictions as the current committees. The budget expenses disappear from the Trust Board budgets and are replaced with 0's—those savings are then turned into major increases to our line items for elders, veterans, education, economic development, cultural preservation and the community service programs that are too numerous to mention by name. ■

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Message from Chief Paula Pechonick

We have a lot of big news! The Housing Program is back in Bartlesville with the Chelsea office still running business as usual. Vickie Bratton is now the Administrator. Vickie has included an article elsewhere in this paper with more details.

Our goal was to keep the entire Chelsea staff, but unfortunately, we were unable to accomplish this. We have had some changes in staff, and we've hired several Delawares.

The Tribe has open units in the Chelsea if you are interested in applying. Vickie is currently working on making the application for housing simpler, working to streamline many processes, and reviewing old files for errors.

We need input as to whether tribal members would benefit from an increased presence in Caney, KS. Let the office know if you or your family would benefit.

We recently hired several Delawares as maintenance people for the Tribe. See Vickie Bratton's article on page 4 for more information.

Delaware Days was September 23-24. I hope everyone enjoyed the fellowship at the Delaware Pow-Wow Grounds. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated supplies for the event.

On Saturday afternoon at Delaware Days, former Chief Curtis Zunigha passed the wampum belt from the Delaware Grand Council of North America to the Munsee-Delaware First Nation of Ontario, Canada. We received the belt from the Moravian Town Delawares (also from Ontario).

(Along with the Delaware Tribe, the Munsee-Delaware First Nation, and the Moravian Town Delawares, the Delaware Grand Council of North America also includes the Delaware Nation of Anadarko, OK.)

Annually, the Culture Preservation Committee honors a veteran and an elder. This year's honorees were veteran Kenny Brown and myself. I am proud and humbled by this honor.

We had a good covered dish dinner, the Culture Preservation Committee provided meat. The meal was followed by social dances of the Tribe.

In other news, the Tribal Council has operated for some time with a Council member who has been to very few meetings this year. Bill Hatch forfeited his office after his

absence at more than two consecutive meetings. We appreciate his service to the tribe, but could not allow the position to continue to linger without his presence at scheduled meetings. After discussion of whether to put off an appointment yet again for another month, the Tribal Council opted to appoint Tom Moore.

Please note that Council meetings are public, and dates and times are posted on the tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org/meetings.htm. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month; occasionally the regular meeting is held the week before or after due to a holiday. If we have a special meeting, it is usually announced at the regular meeting prior to the special

meeting, and will be posted on the web site.

Congratulations! to the Tribe for receiving an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) for \$800,000 for property infrastructure updates and kitchen expansion for the elder nutrition program. We also received an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) grant (see page 14).

As always, if you have any questions, comments or needs, please don't hesitate to email me at ppechonick@delawaretribe.org. You can also contact any of the Council members or call the office.

May you walk with the Creator. Be nicer than you have to be and please come to General Council. ■

From the Desk of Wayne Stull, Trust Board Chairman

Tribal members, family and friends, fall is just around the corner. Delaware Days were Sept. 23rd and 24th with pot luck both nights and football on TV just about every night. Good food, good fellowship, and sports seem to go together this time of year. Hope everyone had a great summer and the kids are all happy to be back in school.

Trust Board Minutes are in this DIN edition which will bring you up to date on the last three months. Tom Moore has worked with accounting to prepare updated budgets. All committees are operating within their budgets. I would like to thank Mr. Moore for his work with our accounting

department in establishing exactly where we stand with each program and the forecasted income for 2012. A lot of time was spent by Tom and our accounting staff, thanks to all.

Some news out of Land Management:

The Delaware Tribe of Indians now has the deed to the cemetery north of Dewey, referred to by the county as the Sam Williams Cemetery. I have been working with the County Commissioner, Gary Deckard. He and the Commission Board have been cooperative and understand our need to own our cemeteries and take care of the cemetery where a lot of Delaware people are buried. Currently discussions

are ongoing regarding Silver Lake Cemetery in Bartlesville and Jackson-Falleaf north of Copan. Land Management has been working with Brice Obermeyer, our Historic Preservation Officer, for grant money that can be used to maintain cemeteries. I hope by the first of the year the Delaware Tribe can add these two. Brice is currently working on a map showing as many cemeteries that are known, and he has stated around 50 sites, maybe more, have been identified in our area.

In the next three months more updates will be coming and there will be a plan to maintain

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Jan Brown, Verna Crawford, TJ Aaroe, Annette Ketchum and Verna Artherton.

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Editorials must be signed by the author and include the author's address. The DIN does not guarantee publication upon submission of comments.

The deadline for articles, letters, ads and calendar of events is December 15, 2011 for the January 2012 issue. Submissions may be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the tribal office or emailed to din@delawaretribe.org.

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as many cemeteries as possible, depending on funding. We may possibly be requesting help from volunteers that live near identified cemeteries.

Tribal members with any information regarding grave sites can contact me at twoturtle@aol.com or Brice Obermeyer at bobermeyer@delawaretribe.org. All sites will be mapped using the GIS software Brice wrote about in the last DIN issue (and is discussed again in this issue). All cemetery locations will be kept confidential if requested; the tribe is simply

interested in long-time preservation and maintenance.

At this time I would like to thank tribal member Edna Havens, who worked many hours identifying Delaware cemeteries, establishing the first maps and setting the stage for tribal takeover. Thank you, Edna Havens, from the Delaware Trust Board, job well done.

It's Trust Board election time again, and I am asking for your vote to continue chairing the Trust Board. You elected me in 2009 to serve four years as a Trust Board Member and was also appointed Vice Chair. Our

Chairman resigned December 2010 and the chair position was passed to me. The last nine months have been a challenge, but the Delaware Trust Programs are functioning and our board is now complete. I was asked in 2002 to help out tribe and have never said no. You elected me in 2009 and two years later I asking for your vote again. I'm proud to be a Delaware, proud of my tribe and all my brothers and sisters. Remember to vote!

God Bless

Wayne Stull

Trust Board Chair ■

Tribal Council would have the exclusive authority to appoint only up to five other Tribal Members to serve on each committee (thereby excluding any single member they wished from serving excepting the Tribal Operations Committee, whereby the Chief would be the single and only member).

On or about September 21, 2011, our Chief and current Trust Board Chairman, along with one appointed Council Member and the April Trust appointee (now also recently appointed to Delaware Tribal Council) visited Karen Ketcher, Deputy Regional Director-Indian Services at the Eastern, OK Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The next day at approximately 11:00 AM one Council Member informed me in our Chief's office that the Resolution to abolish the Trust Board would be acceptable if approved by a majority vote of a General Council, which had a quorum of 100 or more voting members. I phoned Karen Ketcher at approximately 1:15 PM the same day and learned that she had met with Council and Trust Representatives. I also talked with Charles Head, Regional Director, and he stated that he had listened in by teleconference on Karen and our Council/Trust Members discussion. He stated that if the Delaware Council wished to get rid of Trust Board then the Council and Trust Board should get their heads together and make a plan, and present said plan to the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office for their correction and comment. After said plan was reviewed it would be sent on to the Solicitor's Office in D.C. and possibly to the Office of Trust Fund Management

for their determination of minimum requirements to abolish the Trust Board. Mr. Head was very firm in his belief that at the very least it would take a majority vote at a General Council (with a quorum present) and quite possibly a referendum majority of the Adult Voting Membership.

On Friday, September 23 the last proposed Council Resolution (again e-mailed by the April Trust Appointee and September Council Appointee) arrived. It seemed more directed at not getting rid of the Trust Board but giving more direction to getting control of the Trust Funds. Its final "Resolved" was a little excessive in threat for a Resolution that can be turned down by our Adult Voting Membership. This Resolution was discussed at a cultural event, Delaware Days, where it was a little out of place. The three Council Members pushing the Resolution again acted as if the proposed Resolution is a done deal at the Solicitor's Office.

In closing I would like to say that the path of any such resolution will be determined by the Solicitors Office, but ultimately its fate rests in the hands of our Adult Membership, as it should. The budget comparisons presented eventually all have the same bottom line for each Committee. Much of any stated savings rest in having budgeted for an Election and Travel Expense. The Election expenses are required by both our Constitution and Trust Document, and in fact the Trust Board might easily reduce both. So let's get on with the Election. I wish all Candidates success—may the best men and women win.

Wanishi. ■

From the Desk of Chet Brooks, Vice-Chair of Trust Board and Assistant Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians

While rumors have spread over the past months that the Tribal Council wished to abolish the Trust Board, in the September 14th article "The Chief Speaks" on the web site www.delawaretribe.org, our Chief stated: "As for the Tribal Council abolishing the Trust Board there is no way the Tribal Council could do this. If the Trust Board was deemed to have outlived its purpose (to maintain a government-to-gov-

ernment relationship while the Tribe was unrecognized) there is no reason for the money not to continue to be distributed the way it always has been. To say the Tribal Council has other motives is just another attempt at causing strife in the tribe."

On September 15 an incumbent Chairman and two incumbent Board Members (one who was elected almost four years ago and one appointed to Trust Board in April 2011) filed to be candidates in the forthcoming election. One additional candidate filed for chairman. Three additional candidates filed for Trust Board Member. In addition to the one free page *Delaware Indian News* article allowed every candidate, the April 2011 Appointee included six or more pages (possibly many more since the same Appointee drafted both the 2012 proposed budget and possibly the proposed Resolutions as shown below).

On September 20, I learned of a draft resolution that I was told five of our seven-person Council will probably approve at Council Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011. I also witnessed our Chief telling the Election Board Chairman that there may be no Trust Board Election this coming November 5, 2011 as was announced in July DIN and as is required by the Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians. Approval of a 2012 budget is also required to be first approved by the Trust Board and then the Adult Voting Membership of our tribe. The gist of the wording of the proposed Resolution is that the Tribal Council will "take over" all duties of the Trust Board, there will be no Trust Board, and the Tribal Council will appoint no more than two Tribal Council Members (one to serve as Chair or Co-Chair) of each "Former Trust Committee." Also, The

NOTE

Minutes of both Tribal Council and Trust Board are posted monthly on the official tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org. Other information including enrollment/registration, community and education services, scholarship application forms, job openings, and more may also be found on the site.

Delaware Tribe Environmental Programs

Jimmie Johnson, DTEP Director

The Delaware Tribe Environmental Program has initiated a recycling project at the Delaware Tribal Headquarters. The three recycling bins are on the north end of the parking lot between the Community Center and the Wellness Center. All paper products (including loose paper, phone books, junk mail, etc.) can be placed in the green and yellow bin on the west end. No cardboard or chipboard can be placed in the paper bin. All other recyclables can be placed in the other two blue and green bins. At this time we can accept aluminum cans, all plastic bottles (anything with a screw-on lid), and cardboard. We are unable to accept glass at this time. Please take full advantage of the new resources.

The DTEP has also purchased 168 Alert Works EAR-10 weather radios with the 2010 EPA Air Quality grant. The environmental department is currently programming the radios and they will be ready to be distributed to Tribal Members after October 15. If you had previously received a weather radio and it

has stopped working, you can bring it to the Environmental Department office (located in the Community Center building) and receive a new one. The radios will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis with a one radio per household limit. Please be prepared to present your State-issued identification and roll number to receive a radio.

The DTEP is excited about these new resources available to our Tribal Members. The DTEP is also currently exploring an expansion of our recycling program to our Housing Program offices in Chelsea and the daycare facilities in Bartlesville, Vinita, and Claremore. The DTEP is also researching a home recycling pick-up program for Tribal Members who are unable to bring their recyclables to the Tribal Headquarters.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions feel free to contact the DTEP at the Tribal Headquarters at 918-337-6590 or by e-mail at jimmiejohnson@delawaretribe.org. ■

Delaware Tribe Housing Program

Vickie Bratton, Housing Administrator

On August 22, 2011 the Delaware Tribal Council voted to approve Resolution 2011-20 to take over control and management of the Delaware Housing Authority. The Resolution has been filed with the Secretary of State, the State Attorney General's office, Tulsa County, Washington County, Craig County, Nowata County, and Rogers County.

We have entered into a Cooperation and PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) Agreement with Washington County and will have to do the same with the other four counties, due to the name change on all the assets and liabilities of the Housing Program. I am requesting to be put on the agendas for the other four County Commissioners' meetings to complete the agreements.

With the assistance of consultant Ron Qualls, we are going over the prior budget and revising the budgets and the Indian Housing Plan.

We are looking at using the stimulus monies in the amount of \$215,000 to acquire two homes in the Bartlesville/Dewey area and start up a force account crew. In order to do this we have to have approval from Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation has stressed that the monies need to be spent by March 20, 2012 or they will be returned, and that this will not look good for either Cherokee Nation or the Delaware Tribe.

Some of the ideas being looked at in amending the Indian Housing Plan are to build two more sets of elderly duplexes here on the complex and an additional 30 x 40 Housing/

Accounting building, which is badly needed.

We were also notified that the Annual Performance Report for 2004 monies was due. I e-mailed David Sutherland (Executive Director of Cherokee Nation Housing Authority), and he stated that the Annual Performance Report is not current and needs to be completed. Cherokee Nation does all the rest of the fiscal year's reports.

We have been fortunate to hire Nathan Scullawl, a Delaware tribal member who is the Maintenance Supervisor for the Delaware Tribal Complex. Chris Miller, a Delaware Tribal member, has been working with the tribe all summer and is currently over in Chelsea cross-training in the area of Housing Specialist. He will be taking care of the participants of the Delaware Housing Program in the Washington County area beginning October 1 from the Delaware Community Center building in Bartlesville, which will be easier on our participants near Bartlesville.

Johnny Holley, another Delaware, will be working on the Maintenance Crew in the Chelsea area. Jeff Davis (Cherokee, currently researching his Delaware heritage) will be the Resident Services Coordinator for the Bartlesville branch of the Housing Program. Jeff will be assisting Chris in the Bartlesville office.

Jimmie Johnson and I will be going to Denver, Colorado, September 26 through 29 for Greener Homes training. The goal is for the Tribe's Environmental Department to be trained to do energy audits on Delaware Tribal members' homes, and Housing Program homes, so the homes will become more energy efficient. The Delaware Housing Program will help fund this work through the Environmental Department.

The staff over in Chelsea, OK is currently working hard to clean the former Housing Authority building and file away of several years of paperwork. Everyone in the Chelsea office has been fully cooperative with the big transition and are doing a fantastic job. ■

Looking for Instructors!

The new Bartlesville Fine Arts Academy, offering a variety of educational classes in Art, Music and Drama for kids ages 6 and up, is looking for instructors to teach Indian Heritage Arts classes at their new location on 4017 Price Road, Suite #6. Interested instructors should contact Mary Ann Hetrick at 918-397-2787 or BfaAcademy@msn.com.

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Housing, After Hours Emergencies

Susan Hefner

If you have a maintenance emergency that occurs after regular business hours, please call the office at 918-789-2525. When you hear the recording you will receive directions to dial 2 to report a maintenance problem. Once you dial 2 you will hear a recording giving you additional choices.

For a maintenance emergency you will be instructed to dial 4 to be directed to the maintenance department cell phone, which is always with a maintenance technician 24 hours a day 7 days a week. You may need to leave a message on the cell phone. Please be sure to leave your name, address, contact number and the nature of the problem you are having.

Leaving all the above information is critical for us to be able to respond to your call. Thanks in advance. ■

From the Housing Program Staff

From the Desk of Melanie Downs

Please be sure to report any and/or all Tribal housing maintenance issues to the Delaware Tribe housing program office immediately (or as soon as possible). Report damage to units to the Delaware Tribe Housing Program office as soon as possible after inclement weather or accident in the unit (e.g., fire, flood, etc.). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

From the Desk of Housing Officer Joyce Smith

The Housing Staff has been busy contacting prospective residents on the waiting list and processing applications. In order to receive housing assistance through the Delaware Tribe Housing Program office, a family must submit a completed housing application. An application is considered complete when application forms are returned with all required

information and when copies of all the requested documentation are received.

The Delaware Tribe Housing Program office often receives applications with incomplete mailing addresses for the references and this can result in delaying an eligible applicant's placement on the waiting list.

Once a completed application is received, Housing Staff will begin processing the application by mailing out verification forms to employers and landlords, and submitting requests for criminal background checks and credit reports. Additional information or documents may be requested from the applicant based on information supplied by the verifications. A family must have at least one member who is a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe and must be income eligible in order to qualify for housing assistance through the Delaware Tribe Housing Program. Once the application has been processed and reviewed, a Notice of Eligibility/Ineligibility will be mailed to the applicant. If the applicant is determined to

be eligible, the family will be placed on the waiting list according to the date the completed application was submitted to Housing Program.

Delaware Tribal members will receive first preference for any vacant unit. All other Native American tribes receive second preference. Prospective residents are then contacted as rental units are available. Applicants will be informed of the reasons for a determination of ineligibility.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in housing, please contact the Delaware Tribe Housing Program office at 918-789-2525. The Housing Staff will be happy to assist you in completing the application or answering any questions you may have.

From the Desk of Rick Adair

We are asking everyone in the Secondline Additions for your help in controlling the vandalism and graffiti in your playground areas. I think we all enjoy seeing children have a safe place to play.



Education and Community Services director Lacey Harris (right) and Chief Pechonick with delivery of air conditioners purchased with part of last year's LIHEAP summer allotment. The units will be available to tribal members summer 2012.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the regulations regarding swimming and wading pools. Swimming pools are not allowed at any of our rental homes. Wading pools, under 6 inches, are allowed in back yards only. Participants in home ownership programs are allowed to have swimming pools in the back yards only after they have purchased liability insurance and have submitted documentation showing proof of insurance to the Housing Program for approval.

I would like to remind our rental unit participants that air filter changes are tentatively scheduled for the 1st Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. Feel free to contact me any time, we are here to assist you in any way we can. ■

The Enrollment Department Needs Your Help!

The Delaware Tribe of Indians requests information for the tribe's new computerized enrollment system. (This system will replace badly-outdated enrollment software.)

Any member with address concerns or changes should send their current addresses to the tribal headquarters. Also, if you know of someone not receiving a newspaper or ballot, please advise them to send their information also. This can be done by three methods—email, fax or mail—as noted below, or can be done in person at the tribal offices.

To email your information, contact Shirley Moore at smoore@delawaretribe.org.

To fax, use 918-337-6591.

You can also send your information by mail to:

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Because we need a written record for our files, we can't accept address changes over the phone. You may, however, drop off a printed address change at the Tribal Offices.

The new system will allow the tribe to print out photo identifications, as well as allowing us to provide up-to-date information to tribal members (for example, regarding their enrollment, notifications for elections, and copies of the quarterly tribal newspaper).

Please feel free to contact Shirley Moore at 918-337-6591 if you have any questions. ■

LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides winter heating, energy crisis, and summer cooling to eligible low-income households during specific application periods each year.

Tribal members can apply for LIHEAP assistance during winter or summer if they meet requirements. Applications can be made only within predefined periods:

Program Dates

Heating: Dec 1-19.

Cooling: July 15-Aug 1 or until funds are depleted.

See the LIHEAP page on the tribal web site at: www.delawaretribe.org/liheap.htm or contact the Tribal Office with any questions. ■

Notice of Tribal Election

Saturday, Nov 5, 2011

Tribal members are hereby notified that elections for the chairman and three positions on the Trust Board will be held by referendum and walk-in vote on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Tribal members are encouraged to have a correct address

with the Election committee as ballots will be mailed to all voting age tribal members by October 6, 2011.

A polling place will be available for those wishing to place their ballots in person at the Delaware Tribal Community Center from the hours of 9:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The community center is located at 5100 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK.

All mail-in ballots must be received at the Delaware Tribe Election Committee Post Office box by noon delivery Saturday, November 5, 2011. Those ballots not received by that date will not be counted. Tribal members are urged to mail their ballots back as soon as possible. ■

Proposed 2012 Trust Board Budget

Total Budgetable Income (interest earned from principal)	\$ 118,857.44
Program	
Reinvestment (10%)	\$ 11,885.74
Cultural Preservation (5%)	\$ 5,942.88
Land Management (5%)	\$ 5,942.88
Economic Development (25%)	\$ 29,714.35
Community Service (25%)	\$ 29,714.35
Education (20%)	\$ 23,771.49
Tribal Operations (10%)	\$ 11,885.74
Total	\$ 118,857.44

Candidate Statements for Trust Board Election



Titus Frenchman

I am running for the position of Trust Board Chairman because of concern I have for our Tribe. The original intent of the Trust Fund was to help the tribe survive in hard times. A set-aside of monies comprises the base for our Trust Fund. Basic Tribal programs were funded each year from the interest generated from these funds.

The use of these funds helped keep some of the Tribe's basic services together and provide help for our people. Unfortunately the level of assistance is minimal and has not changed for years.

I pledge to devote my tenure to safe guard these funds for our future generations. I would like to see the Elders services expanded because of our changing demographics. I am currently pursuing leads for future funding sources to help our Elders get basic program assistance such as: a van for providing transportation to Indian Health Centers.

I have worked with many tribal groups throughout the nation and I know what can be done by and for a Tribe. I managed one of five Native American -Temporary Assistance to Needy Families offic-

es in Los Angeles, California. This program was contracted to a federally recognized tribe in southern California. The county had a total population of over 9.5 million people in 2005. The Native population warranted five separate offices for the county. I know Federal program management.

I was the Tulsa Headquarter manager for the 2000 Census in Oklahoma. Out of five managers throughout Oklahoma I was the only Native American. I received the highest bonus of the five managers for performance that cycle. At one point I was responsible for a little over 800 workers.

I oversaw five segments of the Financial Aid office programs at the University of California at Davis, Davis, Calif. I graduated U.C. Davis with a B.S. in Community Development 1998. After graduation I went to work for the University's Financial Aid Office and was responsible for over 1.2 million in Federal Aid where I worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs grants, Veteran's programs, Athletes, Inter-campus visitor and the Summer Sessions programs.

I survived two tours of Duty to Vietnam 1966-70, and I know about Veterans issues. I have been asked to be the Spokesperson for the Native American Warrior Society based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We are dedicated to helping current active duty members of all tribes. I serve as the Master of Ceremonies at our annual Gourd Dance Benefit held in Tulsa. I would like to develop something for our Veteran's in the near future.

I have touched briefly on some of the experience and expertise I have gained over the past 64 years. I am constantly striving for improvement and helping where I can. I encourage everyone to vote this year for your best choice. I currently serve as the President of the Council of Lenape Elders and I am a full blood Lenape. ■



Wayne Stull

It's Trust Board election time again, and I am asking for your vote to continue chairing the Trust Board. You elected me in 2009 to serve four years as a Trust Board Member and was also appointed Vice Chair. Our Chairman resigned December 2010 and the chair position was passed to me. The last nine months have been a challenge, but the Delaware Trust Programs are functioning and our board is now complete. I was asked in 2002 to help out tribe and have never said no. You elected me in 2009 and two years later I asking for your vote again. I'm proud to be a Delaware, proud of my tribe and all my brothers and sisters. Remember to vote! ■

Candidates for Trust Board Election

(1 open seat for chairman, 3 open seats for members)

CHAIRMAN

Titus Frenchman
Wayne Stull

MEMBERS

Verna Crawford
DeAnn Ketchum
Cass Smith
John Sumpter





Verna Crawford

Greetings to all Delaware, my name is Verna Faith (Stout) Crawford. I have served on the Trust Board and Tribal Council for many years and respectfully request your assistance to continue to serve.

During this time I have seen great progress and great loss. We have lost and regained our Federal Recognition. While we were without Federal Recognition the Trust Board served as the “recognized governing body” and worked closely with the Tribal Council to regain our status.

It is my opinion that the Trust Programs are for all the people and I will continue to preserve that status.

During my years on the Tribal Council our Constitution was amended to provide election ballots be mailed to all Delaware Tribal Voters. This

eliminated the need to send in a request for an absentee ballot. This has increased the voter participation greatly. There are many in the Bartlesville area that want to only allow the people who are able to go to the polls to vote. If that were the case, “most” Delaware Tribal Voters would not be allowed to participate. These same people are of the opinion that any Tribal members who have not had the privilege to be raised in the Delaware Culture shouldn’t have a voice in our government. I strongly oppose this opinion.

I was not aware of my Delaware heritage until the mid-1970’s. Since that time I have studied our history and became active in tribal affairs and learning the meaning of being Delaware. I have not participated in a lot of the local cultural activities partly because I feel uncomfortable around others attending and prior comments. Many local people have indicated the same feelings.

I am very proud to be a Delaware and promise to continue to work for the growth, stability and preservation of our Tribe

I have been a volunteer, employee and elected leader of the Delaware Tribe for the past 30 years. I served for 12 years,

from June of 1982 to December 1994, on the board of commissioners of the Delaware Housing Authority. I have been involved with the production of the Delaware Indian News since about 1985. I was employed by the Tribe in several positions over the years, as gift shop and mail order manager, DIN editor, and office manager. I am currently serving on the Tribal Council and Trust Board. I am proud of the fact that I was instrumental in our tribe receiving the first ANA grant which began the process of getting our trust monies returned to our tribe and people. The release of our trust monies to our tribal government was an overt acknowledgment that government-to-government relationship existed between our tribe and the U.S. government. Our neighboring tribes across the State of Oklahoma are working towards self-sufficiency and prosperity for their members. Your Tribal Council has laid the foundation for our tribe to shift our focus toward tribal economic self-sufficiency and prosperity. I am asking that you support them and me in the days, weeks and months ahead.

I am the great granddaughter of Tol le carpe (John R. Stout)

and Na mu now (Susie Lucas). My grandparents were Frank L. and Bessie Allen Stout and my parents were Paul Virgil and Ella Lorraine Mitchell Stout. My husband, Leonard and I moved to Nowata, Oklahoma in February 1981, with three of our children, Katrina, William and Jimmy. Tony and Gary and their families reside in Tulsa. I have eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. My husband died in April of 2009.

As Chair of the Trust Education and Vice-Chair of Trust Community Services committee I have been involved in the planning and development of educational programs and assistance programs that benefit our youth, elders and all other tribal members.

I would appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as a member of the Delaware Trust Board.

Voting is a privilege. Please exercise your rights and vote in all elections, Tribal, state, federal and local. ■



DeAnn Ketchum

DeAnn Ketchum declares candidacy in the Trust Board Member election! Who am I? What am I up to!

I am a member of the Delaware Tribe, in good standing!

I am the daughter of Dee and Annette Ketchum of Bartlesville, OK.

And! I am the mother of Jacob A. Sears, Hannah K. Sears of New Braunfels, TX and Clay K. Sears, TU student in Tulsa, OK.

Thanks to my strong family, I was raised with an understanding and respect for our Delaware culture, elders and government. I have raised my children in the same way!

I grew up in Kansas, attended KU and graduated Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science/Education degree. I currently own and operate Correlations Inc.—a professional wholesaler to the Salon/Spa/Beauty and Wellness industry. Correlations have office and warehouse locations in both TX and OK. I reside in Grove, OK.

I spend my free time involved in community, church, school mentoring program, young life ministries, and much more. I enjoy hiking, reading, biking, travel and work!

Today, I ask for your vote as I seek election to the Trust Board. Let me tell you why I am worthy of your vote!

First and foremost, I am of age! I have the maturity needed for the position and it’s the right time for me to serve! I am able to attend all meetings and responsibilities the board requires.

Second, I have the life experiences and character qualities that come from years of entrepreneurial work and raising a family. I understand the essential elements of running a business, working as a team member and loyalty of friendship.

Third, I have a real interest in the future and strength of our tribe. I am personally invested because of my own three children. I love our Lenape history, culture and people as a whole.

Current Tribal Government

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Paula Pechonick, Chief
Chet Brooks, Asst Chief
Verna Crawford, Secretary
Janifer Brown, Treasurer
Wayne Stull
Tom Moore
Jenifer Pechonick

TRUST BOARD

Wayne Stull, Chairman
Chet Brooks, Vice-Chair
Verna Crawford, Secretary
Teri Jo Aaroe, Treasurer
Tom Moore
Larry Joe Brooks

TRIBAL COURT

Chief Justice Arthur Stull
Rick Barnes
William Crawford
Charles Randall
Don Mason

Contact information, including email addresses, is on the tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org.

Last but not least, I will serve with fresh perspectives, ideas and enthusiasm!

Please Trust me with Your Vote!! I won't let you down! DeAnn.■



Cass Smith

Daniel Cass Smith was born in Tahlequah, OK to the late Dan Smith and Lynn (English) Smith in 1971. He attended Stilwell High School he was active in athletics, FFA, Band, and Martial Arts. Smith served as president of the SHS Band and Vice President of the SHS FFA. Smith also was a part of the 1988 Oklahoma State Champion FFA Horse Judging Team, 1988 Oklahoma State Champion Martial Artist (fighting division) in the AAU and earned his Oklahoma State Farmer Degree in 1989.

After graduating High School, Cass enlisted in the US Army as an M1A1 tank operator. He served in the 8th Cavalry as border guard in the Fulda gap during the Cold War and was a part of the East/West Germany reunification. As a part of the 3rd Armor Division-8th Cavalry Regiment he served in front line combat in Operations Desert Shield/Storm/Calm and was honorably discharged in 1992 at Ft. Polk, LA.

While attending NSU in Tahlequah, OK Cass was a part

of Student Government, Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, and the Native American Student Association. Smith finished his college at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Enid-Alva, OK.

Smith was an Executive Salesman for Key Energy Services until January of 2011 year when he was able to become a full-time farmer and stay-at-home father.

Smith attends Life Church in Stillwater, OK. He is also honored to serve on the Lenape Color Guard and to be a member of the Lenape Gourd Society.

D. Cass Smith and his wife Jennifer are proud of their five children, three boys and two girls.

Smith is the great-great grandson of Silas Longbone fullblood Delaware and Lydia Shell fullblood Cherokee. Grandpa Silas was the son of Frank Longbone and Susan A. Elkhair.■



John Sumpter

My name is John W. Sumpter, son of Nancy Falleaf Sumpter, youngest full blood daughter of John and Sally Elkhair Falleaf. Great grand-daughter of Capt. Falleaf thru Silas and grand-daughter to Charlie Elkhair thru Sally. I was raised in the Copan, OK and Caney, KS area until

I graduated in 1970 from the Caney High School. I entered service with the U.S. Army immediately upon graduation. After successful completion of the required Special Forces Training, I was assigned to 7th SF Grp at Ft. Bragg, NC and then was assigned to the MACV Army Advisory Group in South Vietnam where I was assigned as a light and heavy weapons specialist and Senior Military Advisor to a 148-man Cambodian Rifle company during 1971-72. I attended the NCO Academy at Ft. Benning, GA where I learned to make sound and decisive decisions. I served until 1977 when I was Honorably Discharged from military service.

I have learned honor and integrity while in service and above all, YOUR PEOPLE COME FIRST. I wish to bring these qualities back to the Tribal Government and again have

it where the PEOPLE COME FIRST. I have been involved with the tribe since 1995, serving on the re-investment committee, cultural committee. I head the Veteran's committee, am a member of the Lenape color guard and head the Lenape Gourd Dance Society. I am a life member of the DAV, VFW and of the Special Forces Association, chapter 50 of Tulsa, OK.

I am now asking for your vote in the upcoming Trust Board election. The people have been kept in the dark to long and the truth has not been told to those outside of the area. The Trust board is the guardian of our trust monies and it is under attack. There are those on the Tribal Council that want to do away with the Trust Board, so that the Tribal Council will have control of the Trust monies. The Tribal Council has already dissolved the Housing

Board of Commissioners and taken control of that program. Why? What is next? Let's make sure that the Trust Board isn't it. Under the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-03) 1302. para. 1, States: No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall- 1. Make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to PETITION FOR A RIGHT TO REDRESS GRIEVANCES.

These rights are slowly being taken away from the people. We seem to have lost control of our Tribal Council because of misinformed people that don't know what is going on here locally. Let's not lose control of our Trust Funds in the same way. I do and always will stand by the Tribe.

Wanishi.■

Delaware Tribe Education Programs

All registered Delaware Tribal members are eligible to apply for assistance to any Tribal Program for which they qualify.

- **School Supplies:** Up to \$20 per school year.
- **Education Assistance:** Up to \$50 per applicant per fiscal year. Students in grades 6th through 12th grades. Eligible expenses include: graduation, ACT/SAT exams, summer school, etc.
- **Athletic Assistance:** Up to \$50 per applicant per fiscal year. Students in grades 6th through 12th grades. The sport must be school sponsored.
- **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 grade point average.
- **Driver's Education Assistance:** Up to \$75 per applicant per fiscal year. Can be used to help defray costs of driver's education classes through an accredited training facility.
- **Adult Vocational Training Assistance:** Up to \$100 per applicant per fiscal year. Can be used to help with costs of short-term vocational training classes.
- **College Scholarships:** Up to \$800 one time. Paid at a rate of \$400 per semester. Student must have a 2.5 GPA in the previous school session.

Applications and additional information on these or other programs are available on the tribal web site (www.delawaretribe.org/education.htm) or at the Tribal Offices.

Committee Chairperson Verna Crawford■

Delawares In the News

Engagement

Lacey (Davis) Harris and Travis G. Sousa



The bride-elect is the daughter of David Davis and the late Christi Davis, both of Dewey, OK. She is the granddaughter of the late Bernard T. "Andy" Davis, past-Assistant Chief, Trust Board and Council member, and Tribal Judge for the Delaware Tribe of Indians; Barbara Davis; and Jacquelyn Johnson,

all of Dewey, OK. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Anna Anderson Davis. She is a 2003 graduate of OKU High School, and attended Tulsa Community College. She is employed with the Delaware Tribe of Indians as Director of Education and Community Service, in Bartlesville, OK.

The groom-elect is the son of Mark Sousa of Copan, OK and Tribal Attorney Vicki Sousa of Bartlesville, OK. He is the grandson of Clifford Sousa and the late Gertrude Sousa; Charlene and John Gable, both of Bartlesville, OK; and Glenn Ray Hall and Georgia Hall of Wynona, OK.

He is a 1997 graduate of Jenks High School, and is the Superintendent for KSL Dirtworks, in Bartlesville, OK.

The wedding will be held late September 2012. ■

Local Serviceman



Brett in Gear

1LT Brett Austin Campbell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 45th IBCT

Son of Roy Bruce and Jo Campbell of Nowata, OK. Great-great-grandmother Minnie Thaxton; great-grandmother Frances (Thaxton) Hudson; grandmother Sue Hudson Buck; great-great-aunt Bonnie Thaxton; great aunt Bonita (Hudson) McGraw.

He is currently serving over in Afghanistan. Letters of support can be passed to Bonnie Thaxton or to the Tribal Offices. ■

NEW BOOK:

"This Is The Light I Breathe: Poems and Stories of Inspiration and Hope"

Dianne Ingle
dianneingle@q.com

Available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, and Westbow Press.com.

A book of inspirational poems and stories. The author is a Delaware Indian and a Registered Nurse, and the daughter of Katherine Perkins Worsham, descendant of Chief Charles Journeycake.

Fall Gourd Dance

Enid Intertribal Club
October 15, 2011
2:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Garfield Co. Fairgrounds
Enid, OK

For more information, call 580-233-7509.

Tribal Member in Major Leagues



Jersey of Atlanta Braves pitcher Craig Kimbrel, presented to the Tribe by his father.

Delaware Tribe Community Services

Applications and additional information on community service programs are available on the tribal web site (www.delawaretribe.org/commservices.htm), at the Tribal Offices, and in the July 2011 *Delaware Indian News*.

Committee Chairperson T.J. Aaroe. ■

Ribbons of Hope

Former Chief Curtis Zunigha offered an opening prayer at the "Ribbons of Hope" ceremony in Battery Park in New York City to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. The event was organized by Prepare New York, a coalition of New York based interfaith organizations that promotes healing and reconciliation in anticipation of the tenth anniversary of 9/11. The event, which featured 50,000 hand-written ribbons from people of all ages and backgrounds, took place along the Gardens of

Remembrance in Battery Park, which is a short walk from Ground Zero.

According to an article in *Newsday*, "The panel of ribbons will 'travel throughout the city and will allow people to interact with each other and express their feelings,' said Robert Chase, founding director of Intersections, which helped organize 'Ribbons of Hope.' Curtis Zunigha, 58, of Oklahoma, a member of the Delaware tribe of Native Americans, offered an opening prayer. 'We turn to the Creator and ask from our own

hearts and minds and pray that we may honor those who died and those who are working to make life better,' said Zunigha, wearing traditional cultural clothing of his Lenape group. He said Americans will never forget 9/11 and reminded those at the ceremony that 'our greatest vulnerability is ignorance.'"

For more information, please see <http://www.newsday.com/911-anniversary/ribbons-called-symbolic-and-emotional-1.3164545>. ■



Report on the Lenape Language Preservation Project

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

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 is the ability to look up words using Lenape, and better connection of the singular and plural forms. Also featured are **Stories in Lenape** which can be played line-by-line. At the present time there are twelve

Stories and two hymns to listen to and learn from. On the top line click on the word **Stories** and you will be taken to a list of them. You can click on the red speaker icons to hear the titles of the stories. To hear the entire story click on the word **View** next to the name of the story. You will see the story written in short phrases or sentences in Lenape with a free English translation under it. There are a series of red speaker icons and by clicking each one you will hear the Lenape for that line. If you click the next icon as the previous line finishes playing you can hear the story as spoken in entirety. To go directly to the stories go to www.talk-lenape.org/stories.php. We will be adding more Stories as time permits.

One of the stories, entitled **One Wehixamukès Story**, was translated into French by Valérie Leteinturier in 1989 and sent to C.A. Weslager, who in turn sent us a copy. Several

additions were made by Dr. Grant Leneaux, a Delaware tribal member and a professor of language. Grant also translated this story into German so non-English speakers are able to read a sample of a true Lenape story.

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 5,847 have sound files, and over 1,470 have sample sentences. We continue to convert our audiotapes of Lenape speakers to digital format, which then are 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. ■

NEW BOOK:

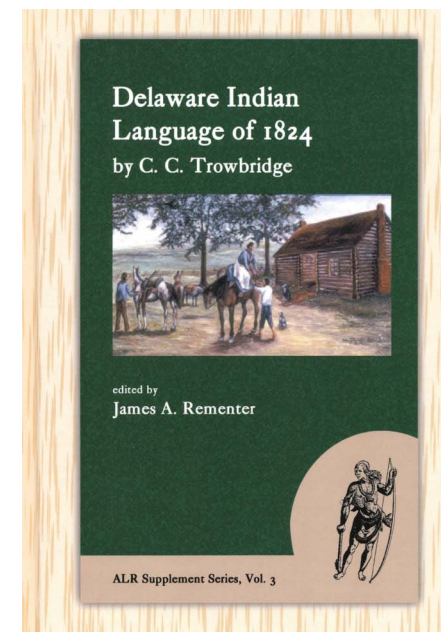
Delaware Indian Language of 1824

by C. C. Trowbridge

Edited by James A. Rementer

In 1823, a man named Charles C. Trowbridge went to Indiana Territory on an assignment from Governor Lewis Cass of the Michigan Territory. His mission was to obtain the answers to a list of questions pertaining to the Lenape or Delaware language. After only two and a half months, Trowbridge collected over 280 pages of handwritten information, making the first full-fledged treatment of Southern Unami, the dialect spoken by the two Delaware groups in Oklahoma today.

After almost two centuries, Lenape Language Project director Jim Rementer has now edited and published Trowbridge's extremely thorough study in full. With well over a hundred pages devoted to verb forms alone, and extended word-by-word analyses of texts and common phrases, Trowbridge's work serves not only as a detailed grammar but also as an invaluable cultural record from a time when the Lenape community was on its journey from the Mid-Atlantic toward the west. This is the dialect of Lenape that was spoken in the southern half of New Jersey, southeastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Rementer's extensive introductory material puts in context the historical forces that went into producing this text, with a biography of Captain Pipe, one of Trowbridge's main Indian informants. Contributions by linguist Bruce



Pearson and historian Timothy Crumrin round out the picture with biographies of Trowbridge himself and of William Conner.

Published June 2011. Hardcover, 314 pp. List price is \$80.00. **These will be available through the tribal office at a special price to tribal members of \$65.00 plus \$6.00 shipping.** ■

Lenape Talking Dictionary

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How to use

Welcome to the Lenape Talking Dictionary, the official online talking dictionary for the Delaware Tribe's native language, Lenape. This website includes translations, usage examples, photos, and audio recordings of Lenape words, phrases and stories. Please read the Introduction Section for instructions on how to use the features. Select the red speaker icon and click twice to hear audio files, and click on the word itself for more detailed information.

By English WORD or PHRASE

SEARCH

By Lenape WORD or PHRASE

You do not need to use accented letters or a complete word to do the search.

SEARCH

This material is based on work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant Numbers 0214422 & 1064636

Learn to Count to Ten in Lenape!

- 1 - kwëti
- 2 - nisha
- 3 - naxa
- 4 - newa
- 5 - palenàxk
- 6 - kwëtash
- 7 - nishash
- 8 - xash
- 9 - pèshkunk
- 10 - tèlèn

Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

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 include current and past gravesites, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties and reburial locations.

The DTHPO is funded by the revenue generated from the Section 106 consultation fees 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. We ask private companies for a \$200 fee to review each project and we do not ask public agencies for a fee as there are fewer requests from such agencies. 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 items to share about our work over the past few months.

NAGPRA Consultations with Museums and Universities in the Northeastern United States

A four-person delegation from Delaware Tribe continued our formal consultations with the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University and the State Museum of Pennsylvania in the last week of July. The delegation included Bonnie Thaxton, James Jackson, Greg Brown and Brice Obermeyer, and our overall purpose was

to view their Delaware affiliated collections and visit with museum staff about the eventual repatriation and reburial of the Delaware-affiliated human remains in their collections. There are a combined total of 77 individuals and 21,269 funerary objects in their collections.

Although the staffs at both the Peabody Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania are prepared to return these individuals and funerary objects to the Delaware Tribe, one important issue remains that must be resolved before we can move forward with a repatriation. It is often the case that several museums will hold collections from the same archaeological or historic burial site. Because we wish to carry out reburials that are as close as possible to the original internment, it is important to ensure that all human remains and funerary objects that were excavated from a particular burial location are identified and included in the eventual reburial. We are now identifying and working with those museums that also hold collections that were excavated from the same sites for which the Peabody Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania hold collections.

For example, the Peabody Museum holds Delaware human remains and funerary objects that were excavated from Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark in Trenton, NJ in the early 20th century. The New Jersey State Museum also holds human remains and funerary objects that were subsequently excavated from the

same location in the mid and late 20th century. We are now working with the New Jersey State Museum to go through the necessary steps so that they can return their Abbott Farm collection.

Unfortunately, this issue is not uncommon and there are several museums in the northeastern United States that we are working with to unite collections before we move forward with repatriation. On August 18, 2011, Brice Obermeyer and Greg Brown consulted with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History to discuss human remains and objects held there from the Chambers site, one of the sites with collections also held by the State Museum of Pennsylvania. Greg Brown also visited area museums for a couple weeks in August to consult on NAGPRA matters. On August 5 he consulted with Lauren Sieg, consultant for the New York University College of Dentistry, in regard to the remains held by the NYUCD. He also consulted personally with the following museums: New Jersey State Museum, the Reading Public Museum (Reading, PA), and State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Greg also contacted several other institutions to inquire about NAGPRA matters and to possibly initiate collaborations. These included West Chester University, Kutztown University, the Kutztown Historical Society, the Museum of the American Indian in Allentown PA, Franklin and Marshall College, and Temple University. Although we have identified the locations of several shared



Left to right, Greg Brown, Bonnie Thaxton, curator Kurt Carr, Brice Obermeyer, curator Janet Johnson, and James Jackson at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

collections, we still have more work to carry out before we can unite all the collections at the Peabody Museum and the State Museum of Pennsylvania.

Work on the GIS (Geographic Information System) Map Database

We are continuing to make progress on our GIS map database of archaeological and historic Delaware sites and burial locations. Much of this information is held in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of each state that the Delaware once occupied. Over the past few months we have visited the SHPO's for the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Indiana to consult with each about obtaining access to their information so that we can continue to share

the responsibility for protecting important Delaware sites. Each office was very willing to cooperate and we have initiated the process for inputting such data into our database.

We are also beginning to map out the locations of Delaware cemeteries and burial spots in Oklahoma. Our summer intern digitized the locations of some Washington County cemeteries from Ruby Cranor's book *Talking Tombstones*. We also recorded the GPS locations for four cemeteries in Washington County (Jackson-Falleaf, Busby, Delaware, and Silver Lake). We anticipate being able to establish funding for the maintenance of these four cemeteries in the following year with plans to extend this

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Left, James Jackson examines an artifact with Kelly Ferguson, curator, at the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, Boston; right, James and Bonnie examine the same historic artifact at the Peabody Museum.

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service to the additional four counties in the Delaware Service Area in subsequent years. While we have such locations, we are also aware that there are other unrecorded burial locations in Washington County and we would like to include such locations in our database so that we may have a lasting record and protect them from any future disturbance. If you know of such unrecorded locations, please contact Brice Obermeyer at (918) 335-7026 or bobermeyer@delaware-tribe.org.

Please note that the information will be held strictly for

the purpose of safeguarding the sites and will not be shared without permission.

Historic Preservation Grant Awarded, Archaeological Work in Southwest Missouri

The Historic Preservation Office was recently awarded a Tribal Historic Preservation Grant by the National Park Service. Funding from this 18-month grant will support much-needed archaeological research on the early 19th-century Delaware villages in southwestern Missouri. The grant will also support the travel for tribal members who would like to volunteer to participate in the field work that

will be carried out in the fall of 2011 by the Center for Archaeological Research at Missouri State University (CAR-MSU). The results of this field work will allow us to better document the Delaware settlements and cemeteries in southwest Missouri and nominate them for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact our office (bobermeyer@delaware-tribe.org) if you would like to volunteer. Tentative dates to take volunteers are Oct 10-14 and Oct 31-Nov 4. The survey will start Oct 4 and run through mid-November, however; tribal members are welcome to visit on their own at any time. ■

Preserving Delaware History: Documents, Books, Pictures

Anita Mathis

The project to preserve Delaware history discussed in the last DIN continues through this quarter. As I noted in the last DIN, I am Anita Davis Mathis, currently serving on the Cultural Preservation committee as well as Land Management. As a member of Culture Preservation I have become increasingly interested in the preservation of Delaware Tribal history.

Along with tribal member Marilyn Coffey, we continue to collect books, other documents, images, and artifacts. We have been enormously assisted by the staff of the Bartlesville History Museum, especially Director Joan Singleton and Collections Manager Debbie Neece. Funds have been provided by

a federal grant aimed at preservation of tribal archives.

To date we have copied approximately several thousand pictures, a large number of documents, and a few artifacts. These will be used, along with further donations, in what we hope will eventually be a Delaware Tribal Museum.

We are hoping to pursue larger grants that will help us build and equip a tribal museum building, but in the meantime these digital copies of our tribal records provide us the opportunity to share them more widely and also help ensure their long-term preservation.

As tribal members we hope you will donate pictures, artifacts, or any information on past Tribal members, customs,

dress, books, activities etc. For now material can be scanned and/or photographed and returned to the owner; eventually we would love donations or long-term loans of the actual objects.

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

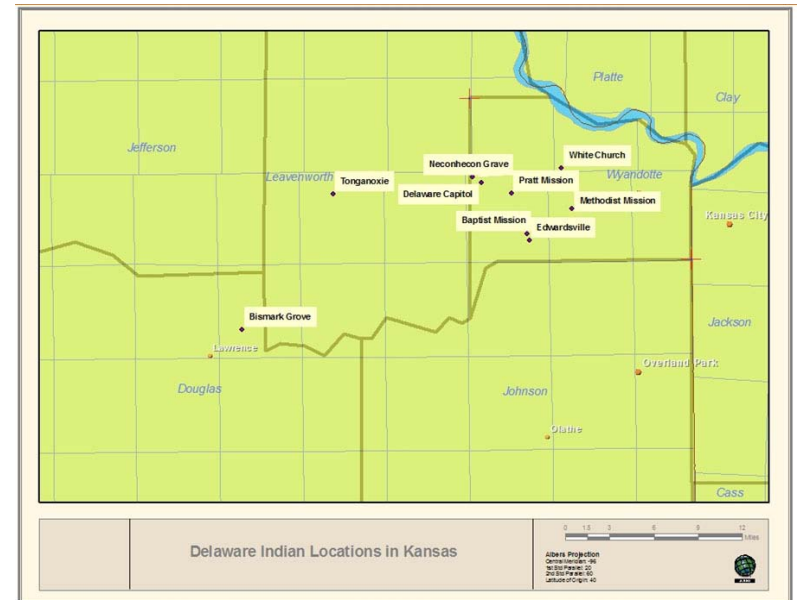
With your help this can be a tremendous success.

Thank you.

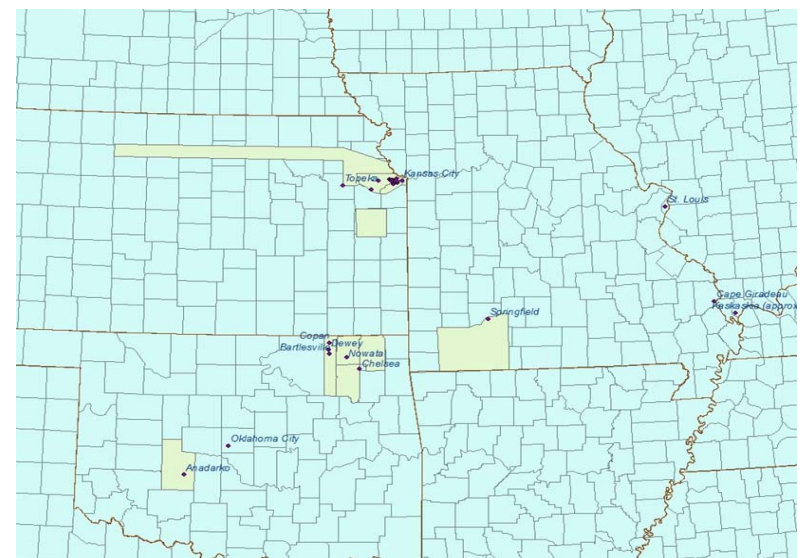
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If you have any pictures, documents, books, or artifacts to donate or loan to the Tribal Archives, please contact Anita Mathis at amathis@delawaretribe.org or at 918-440-8734. The material can be scanned or photographed and returned to you if requested; otherwise the items will be stored securely for use in the future once the museum is built.



GIS map of Delaware-related historic-period locations in Kansas.

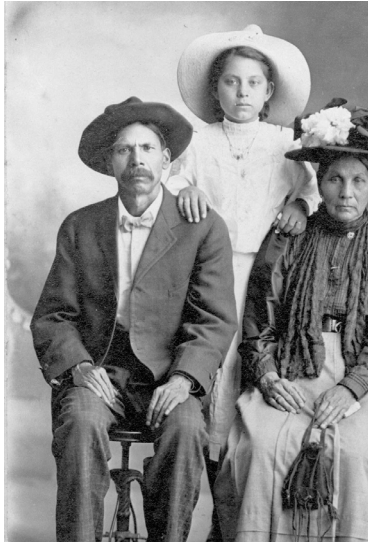


Survey in Missouri will be in the southwestern part of the state south of Springfield.



Practice singing session with Jamie Thomas and Leonard Thompson. Digitized into Tribal Archives, 2011.

Photos from the Preserving Delaware History Project



Both historic photographs and photos of modern ceremonies, activities, and tribal members are welcome!



Delaware Days, Sept 23-24, 2011



Kenny Brown, veteran honoree



Councilwoman Janifer Brown makes grape dumplings



Go-Get-'Em Dance

Above, left to right, Chief Greg Peters from Moraviantown; Mark Peters from Munsee-Delaware First Nation, Ontario; preparations for passing of the wampum belt.

Right, former Chief Curtis Zunigha displays the wampum belt from the Grand Council before passing it on to the Munsee-Delaware First Nation of Ontario, Canada.



Chief Paula Pechonick, elder honoree

Note: Images courtesy of Jim Rementer.

Indian Child Welfare Act Grant

In September 2011, the Delaware Tribe of Indians was awarded an ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) grant for **2010-14 Child and Family Service Plan IV-B**. In the grant application, prepared by Shirley Moore, it was stated that the grant had the following purposes:

1. To provide our tribal members and children with awareness and information to build a safe family environment;
2. To reduce family stress and improve family functioning to prevent family breakup; and

3. To develop and promote effective prevention strategies to address social problems that increase child abuse such as substance use, family violence and economic issues.

The objective of the grant is to strengthen connections among families and promote healthy well being without substance use; to prevent child abuse and neglect by training programs that address the risk factors that can lead to child abuse/neglect and foster placement; and to enhance the continuum of services for parents and

and children by linking families to service opportunities.

ICWA gives tribal governments a strong voice concerning child custody proceedings which involve Indian children, by allocating tribes exclusive jurisdiction when the child resides on, or is domiciled on, the reservation, or when the child is a ward of the tribe; and concurrent, but presumptive, jurisdiction over non-reservation Native Americans' foster-care placement proceedings.

For more information about the program, please contact Shirley Moore at smoore@delawaretribe.org.

Halloween Party



The annual Halloween party will be held at the Delaware Community Center on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. It is sponsored by the Delaware Enterprise Authority (DEA). There will be carnival games with prizes, a costume contest, popcorn, a hot dog and s'more roast, apple bobbing, and lots of fun! Costumes are not required but encouraged!

We would love for you to volunteer to help run the games and host the fun! Cupcakes or desserts welcome!

For more information contact Jenifer Pechonick 918-214-6872.■

Do you have a poem or short story to submit for possible publication? If so, please send it to din@delawaretribe.org.

Boxed Life

Feels like the walls in this room are closing in,
The suffocated life of an Algonquin.
But he has been here before,
Cold walls, cold floor.
Remembering the days he spent in jail,
Only gained his freedom by posting bail.
Now he asks you a question,
Have you ever been free, then put in prison?
As a young man, he could roam the whole nation.
The only thing that was free now was his imagination.
If you ask him this isn't living.
Dead walls, dead floor, this isn't living.
But this was nothing new for his people.
Boxes and boxes, with and without the steeple.
Pushed out west, away from the river,
All because men were in search of silver.
Soon they were given a box of land,
Which was to be farmed by a conquered man.
Still think this is the land of the free?
It once was certainly the home of the Brave,
The life that no man could save.
Life used to be so free,
Circular, like a bird with wings.
Something strange about this new world,
These men, their ways,
They forever insisted to us,
That everything in life was simply,
A Box.

--- Bear Tompkins, Tribal member
theonelilbear23@gmail.com

Indian Community Development Block Grant FY2011

The Delaware Tribe of Indians submitted an Indian Community Development Block Grant through HUD for infrastructure that includes the enlargement of the retention pond, the expansion of the Elder Nutrition kitchen and the construction of parking lots and roads on June 15, 2011. Sherry Rackliff and Jade Johnson are going to oversee the administration of the project.

The City of Bartlesville held a City Zoning and Planning Meeting during the month of April. During this meeting, it

was determined that the Delaware Tribe of Indians were not able to build any more structures on the property until the current retention pond is expanded.

The committee also mandated that the main road going into the Lenape Addition be expanded per the original platting to allow through access of emergency vehicles because of the increased number of residents and clients that will be using the property.

The parking lots and roads will be necessary for clients

to be able to access the community services offered by the Delaware Tribe of Indians. These services include assistance with utilities, prescription medications, eyeglasses, dental assistance, scholarships, school supplies and other educational needs for students and access to the Elder independent Living Community.

The project was awarded to the Delaware Tribe of Indians on September 6, 2011. The amount of the award was \$800,000.■

Minutes of the Tribal Council, June-August 2011

Monday, June 6, 2011 Delaware Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Verna Crawford, Council Secretary

Chief Paula Pechonick called the Delaware Tribal Council meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on June 6, 2011.

Former Chief Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. Those present were Chief Paula Pechonick, Vice Chief Chet Brooks, Treasurer Janifer Brown, Secretary Verna Crawford, and members Bill Hatch, Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick.

Chief Pechonick welcomed guests. Guests present were Teri Jo Aaroe; Deborah Borjas, Lanny B. Creech, Cris Klinger, T. Wayne Harris (all Delaware of Idaho); Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall; Greg Brown; Priscilla Mason; and Don Mason.

Don Mason reported that Chief Pechonick was in the *Oklahoma* magazine. He also commented that he had talked with the Superintendent of Tri-County Vocational Technology Center regarding a possible intern partnership. The Superintendent was receptive and would like to meet with the council. Wayne Stull suggested that the Superintendent be invited to the Tribal Council meeting on June 27, 2011.

Don Mason offered to hold a divorce clinic for any Delaware who want an uncontested divorce. He stated he would handle the case pro bono as long as it is uncontested and would have to be in Tulsa, Nowata or Washington County. Mr. Mason's information will

be posted on the website and in the *DIN*.

Verna Crawford announced that the deadline for the July *DIN* is June 15.

Wayne Stull moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Jan Brown seconded the motion.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Jan Brown moved to approve the May 2, 2011 minutes with corrections.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion.

Jan Brown noted there was not a person listed as who seconded the motion to approve the agenda. TJ Aaroe volunteered that Jan Brown seconded that motion.

Motion carried with six yes and one abstention (Bill Hatch).

Verna Crawford moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit.

Discussion: Printed report in packet.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded the motion.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Unfinished Business:

LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

This program is funded by the federal government to assist low-income tribal members with their utilities. Assistance may be received twice per year, one for heat and one for air conditioning. Applicants must be low income, tribal members, and live in the five county tribal jurisdictional area to qualify.

Last year the grant included \$5,000 to purchase portable

heat and air conditioning units to loan to tribal members. The units were ordered and paid for, but not delivered. When this was discovered the Chief requested the money be returned to the Tribe. The plan was to purchase different units. Before this purchase was made the grantor asked for the money to be returned. Wayne Stull commented that if you don't use it you lose it.

The LIHEAP grant requires an annual application. The Tribe does have money available for Tribal members' applications.

LIHEAP information will be placed on the web site.

IDAHO DELAWARE

Chief Pechonick stated that at the May Council meeting Jenifer Pechonick moved to appoint a committee 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.

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.

IDAHO DELAWARE COMMITTEE REPORT TO COUNCIL

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This report is printed in the July 2011 Delaware Indian News and is also available on the tribal web site

at www.delawaretribe.org/ida-ho-delawares-report.htm.)

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 Delaware Tribe re-recognition document stated that there are five known Delaware groups: Delaware Nation in Anadarko, OK; Stockbridge-Munsee, 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.

The Committee presented one possible avenue, there may be others, and the Tribal Council must decide the best path to follow.

Discussion of whether the Constitution gives the Tribal Council the right to adopt people into the tribe by ordinance or means was lengthy. The portions discussed were 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.

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.

Jan Brown asked what is the difference of an ordinance verses a Constitutional Amendment?

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.

Verna Crawford stated that she is in favor of bringing the Idaho Delaware into the Tribe. When we do it should be 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. This would include their history, benefits their membership would bring the Tribe as

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a whole and what we can offer them. The Council will ask for Tribal members to respond, giving their opinion on including the Idaho Delaware as tribal members.

Chet Brooks moved to adopt An Ordinance of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Delaware Tribal Council Granting Membership to the Members on the Existing Rolls Dated 16 May 2011 of the Delaware of Idaho.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to table this issue till the August meeting. Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Discussion: A motion to table to a set time overrides a motion on the floor

Question: Will this action stand and not be able to be undone?

Answer: No, the only way to prevent the possibility of having the action repealed is for the people to vote. The consensus of the council is that they support the inclusion of the Idaho Delaware as tribal members. When action is taken it will be with the knowledge of the general Tribal membership.

Approved with four yes (Chief Pechonick, Verna Crawford, Jenifer Pechonick, Wayne Stull) and three no (Chet Brooks, Bill Hatch, Jan Brown).

The council will consider and act on the issue at the August meeting.

Chief Pechonick called for a ten-minute recess at 9 p.m.

Meeting returned to session at 9:14 p.m.

Verna Crawford reported that she had attended the SPIHA (Southern Plains Indian Housing Association). One of the sessions was on NASHDA Basic regulations. That presenta-

tion showed the complexities of the regulations. Crawford spoke with Wayne Simms, head of the Oklahoma HUD office, regarding the Tribe becoming the Tribal Designated Housing Entity.

Simms cautioned to be sure to have a new sub-recipient agreement with the Cherokee Nation before revoking the one in existence. If we do not have an agreement the Cherokee could take over the Housing Authority. He indicated that the Housing Authority of the Delaware Tribe was doing a very good job and questioned the feasibility of changing something that was working. His comments were just suggestions, and not meant to be anything else. A new agreement needs to be negotiated to try to get the needs portion of the Housing money which would allow the Housing authority to do more for tribal members such as minor rehab work on low income homes and more.

Personnel committee will meet on June 27, 2011 to review and update the personnel policy.

Office Report:

Jenifer Pechonick pointed out that Chris Miller was an intern from Tri-County Tech, he is a tribal member, and did a great job. When his internship ended, he was hired as a temporary employee to do filing and other office duties, such as receptionist.

The enrollment department has recently attended training and returned with information on a new program.

Wayne Stull moved to purchase the PROGENYES program for enrollment and genealogy to come out of space costs.

Jan Brown seconded the motion.

Motion approved with seven yes.

Chet Brooks read the poll vote on a consultant's contract with Tom Jullian. Chief Pechonick, Bill Hatch, Chet Brooks, Jan Brown, Wayne Stull voted yes. Verna Crawford abstained.

Wayne Stull questioned the content of the contract not being what was discussed. Secretary Verna Crawford read the poll vote into the record the addendum to the River Trails agreement on May 24, 2011. Four yes (Chief Pechonick, Wayne Stull, Jan Brown, and Jenifer Pechonick), two no (Chet Brooks, Verna Crawford) and one abstention (Bill Hatch).

Verna Crawford moved to approve the two poll votes as presented.

Bill Hatch seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes and one no (Wayne Stull).

Verna Crawford noted that the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office Report by Brice Obermeyer and the Environmental General Assistance Program Grant and USEPA Air 103 Report by Frank Hensley, director were in the packet for review.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve resolution 2011-11 appointing Verna Crawford as delegate and TJ Aaroe as alternate to the National Congress of American Indian Mid-year Conference.

Seconded by Jan Brown.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve resolution 2011-12 Confirming the establishment of the Delaware Historic Preservation Office.

Seconded by Bill Hatch.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve resolution 2011-13 Approving 18 applications for Tribal membership.

Seconded by Wayne Stull.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve resolution 2011-15. A resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Authorizing the commitment of Three (30) Acres of land for the Infrastructure including the expansion of the

retention pond and elder nutrition kitchen and construction of parking lots and roads for an Indian Community Block Grant FY 2011.

Seconded by Verna Crawford.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve resolution 2011-16. A resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Authorizing the Operation and Maintenance Plan and Funds for an Indian Community Block Grant FY 2011.

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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, Delaware Tribal member 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 guests can come eat for a small charge. Donations are appreciated. Come join us. ■

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Seconded by Bill Hatch.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Jenifer Pechonick moved to approve resolution 2011-17. A resolution of the Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians Authorizing the Submission of Application for an Indian Community Block Grant FY 2011.

Seconded by Bill Hatch.

Motion carried with seven yes.

Judicial Appointment:

Wayne Stull moved to appoint Don Mason to fill the seat vacated by the death of Judy Harman.

Seconded by Jenifer Pechonick

Motion carried with seven yes.

Wayne Stull moved to appoint Charles Randall to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Seth Pickett.

Seconded by Jan Brown

Motion carried with seven yes.

Other Business:

Jenifer Pechonick moved to accept the recommendation of the personnel committee of May 2 (hired Elder Nutrient Activities Director and Cook) and June 6, 2011 (employee evaluations and raises).

Seconded by Jan Brown

Motion carried with seven yes.

Chet Brooks moved to pay the expenses for a representative to attend the Annual Idaho Delaware meeting on June 25, 2011.

Seconded by Bill Hatch

Motion carried with six yes and one no (Wayne Stull).

Chief Pechonick adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Monday, June 27, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by
Verna Crawford, Council Secretary*

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

TJ Aaroe did opening prayer.

Present included: Chief Pechonick, Jan Brown, Wayne Stull and Jenifer Pechonick. Absent: Bill Hatch, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks. Guests included: Jade Johnson, Nate Young, Vicki Sousa, TJ Aaroe, Lindal Fields with Tri-County Tech.

Jan Brown made a motion to make absences unexcused for Bill Hatch and Verna Crawford.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Chet Brooks is delayed on official Tribal travel.

Lindal Fields presented in regards to a potential partnership with the Tribe. Don Mason had contacted Tri-County to begin discussion. Tri-County is one of 29 technology centers in Oklahoma. Tri-County is primarily known for full-time training programs. Mr. Fields described Vision 2020 as well as the Strategy Center. Discussion was held regarding potential opportunities for partnering, including community service from the cosmetology program as well as other programs.

TJ Aaroe presented in regards to her attendance to NCAI Midyear. She discussed the sessions she attended.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the agenda.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

The minutes were not provided until this morning and there was not time to proof-read.

Discussion was held regarding the duties of a recording secretary vs. the Secretary of the Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick read the Tribal Council Secretary duties. Discussion was held regarding minutes being a summary of the meeting vs. verbatim minutes. The consensus is the motions should be verbatim as well as who voted how.

Jan Brown made a motion to change the secretary. Jenifer Pechonick asked if the officer position was in question or is the taking of the minutes in question.

Jan Brown made a motion that the preparation of the minutes be completed by the office and the tapes stay at the Tribe.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion was held regarding the financials presented. The financials are up to date through April. Jade Johnson will now be attending the Tribal Council meetings.

The ICDBG request has been submitted. The application included roads, retention pond, parking lots and elder kitchen.

The Tribe was awarded another \$7,000 Library and Museum grant; the program will begin in October. The Tribe just closed out a previous \$7,000 Library and Museum grant.

Personnel policy: a workshop was held today on revising the personnel policy.

New Business:

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve resolution 2011-18 regarding new Tribal members.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

The Chief presented a letter from Tribal member Mark Hada, Director of the State Indian Museum in California. He said that the state of California is building a new center, the California Indian Heritage Center. He requested a letter of support from the Tribe.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to draft a letter of support for Mark Hada's request.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

A training opportunity for the accounting staff was presented. The tribe has a voucher from Falmouth Institute to cover the enrollment fee.

Jan Brown made a motion to send Jade Johnson to training July 18-21, 2011.

Wayne Stull seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Jade made a presentation for those traveling on Tribal business to receive full per diem on travel days as opposed to 75% we previously administered. Jade also proposed unspent funds be returned to the Tribe.

Wayne Stull made a motion for full per diem on travel days to and from Tribal business.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

4 yes, motion passed.

Discussion: If an employee or representatives requests an advance for parking or taxi, the unspent funds and receipts need to be submitted upon return.

Charles Randall said that he would like to see Tribal members' participation at the General Council increased. He suggested changing the quorum requirement. Vicki Sousa said that she would like to see the General Council to be a celebration with a pow-wow and a meal rather than a complaint

session. Charles also suggested the meetings be conducted so that only Tribal members who have the floor (or microphone) be recognized and have a time limit to speak.

Discussion was held that resolutions presented at General Council could be submitted in advance for publication in the DIN. Jenifer Pechonick concurred that in addition to orderly meetings the celebration component needs to be researched. She suggested snacks in the meeting, a meal and dance after the meeting.

Jan Brown said that she doesn't want to have a referendum vote, but rather return to the absentee ballot method to avoid sending ballots to all members. Jenifer Pechonick suggested we put this on the November ballot.

Nate Young said in his research, he has found that many tribes have a code of ethics and even an ethics commission. He said that this doesn't necessarily dictate Tribal morals, but prohibits items like finder's fees for Tribal officials.

TJ Aaroe asked for prayers for her upcoming knee surgery.

The next meeting will be held August 1, 2011, unless business warrants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Monday, August 1, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted by
Verna Crawford, Council Secretary*

Chief Pechonick called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Chet Brooks gave the invocation.

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Roll Call: Chief Pechonick, Assistant Chief Brooks, Janifer Brown, Verna Crawford, Wayne Stull, Jenifer Pechonick. Absent: Bill Hatch.

Janifer Brown made a motion for Bill Hatch to receive an unexcused absence.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

Discussion: The question is whether or not the previous meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting. The answer was yes.

Motion carries: 4 yes (Chet Brooks, no).

The Chief welcomed the guests: Nate Young, Charles and Mary Randall, Don and Priscilla Mason, James and Marilyn Coffey, Jack Tatum, Titus Frenchman, Jade Johnson, Cy Hughes.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda, to amend as necessary.

Wayne Stull seconded.

Motion passed all in favor.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the June 6 minutes with corrections if necessary.

Wayne Stull seconded.

Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion: no corrections.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to approve the June 27 minutes with corrections if necessary.

Janifer Brown seconded.

Discussion: Don Mason said that he will be meeting with Lindal Fields from Tri-County Tech.

Motion passed. Abstain: C. Brooks, V. Crawford.

Janifer Brown presented the treasurer's report. She said that the format has been changed to make the financials easier to read.

Janifer Brown made a motion to approve the financials pending audit.

Wayne Stull seconded.

Motion passed all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

Note on the DIN: the printer made the mistake with the address labels on the DIN. He will be sending out a corrected newspaper. Verna said the newspaper was late because the articles did not get to her in time.

Idaho Delaware : in the July issue of the DIN, there was an article about the Idaho Delaware.

Jenifer Pechonick said the Idaho Delawares put on their web site, "August 1st we become the Idaho band of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma as fully federal recognized members."

Charles Randall said the first paragraph of the Constitution states what is required to be a member of the tribe, the 2nd paragraph states how to become a member of the tribe. He said that the only way to change the membership is to amend the Constitution. He said if we allow this to occur, we open the door to anyone who wants to be a tribal member and we become a social club, not a tribe.

Verna Crawford said that from the emails she received, she understands that the Idahos have adopted members. She read from the bylaws of the Idaho Delawares regarding their honorary member status.

Chet said that he also had questions about the honorary status, but there is a big difference between honorary status and a Tribal member. He cited the historical precedent of adopting four tribal members

of Kansas Delaware descent in 1951.

Titus Frenchman took an informal poll at the Elder's meeting and none people voted no; however, this was not official.

Chet Brooks said that he had heard people say that the only reason we were interested in adopting the Idaho was to "get a casino." He said he doesn't think the BIA would ever approve this.

Jack Tatum said that we have Delawares from the east coast to the west coast that are not registered members of this Tribe. He said the culture is what makes us Delawares. He said the Delawares that are somewhere else have been practicing culture that is different than ours. He also said he doesn't have a lot of respect for the Delawares that have not stayed with the Tribe. He wanted to point out what role the culture plays into us being Delaware. He said that he feels that the Idaho Delawares got separated from us and they are not the same as us. They might be related but they have not practiced the culture.

Chief Pechonick said that she believes we will hear more comments in the coming weeks. Chet Brooks said he is not looking for comments.

Nate Young said if we wanted to change the Constitution we would have to submit the requested change to the BIA and if approved, have an election to approve the requested change.

Chet Brooks said in all due respect to everyone's opinion, he is willing to back away from this issue. He said 75% of tribal members live outside the five-county area. He filed an initiative petition with the secretary Verna Crawford, to address

whether we should take them in or whether we should forget it. He said that he will forgo obtaining signatures until he talked to Nate Young.

Don Mason said that he doesn't want the Tribe to end up in a lawsuit. Nate Young said the Idaho Delawares cannot sue us due to sovereign immunity and the BIA has indicated if we do not proceed appropriately, we will have problems in the future.

Verna Crawford said before we move forward we need to know where we are going and what is expected from us for them.

Jenifer Pechonick made a motion to table the Idaho Delaware issue.

Wayne Stull seconded. Motion passed (1 no, Chet Brooks).

Nate Young said that if we want an official opinion from Mr. Echo Hawk, the Chief will have to send an official letter asking for assistance.

Nate Young said, when asked by Wayne Stull, the BIA asked why we would want to do this and jeopardize our OIWA recognition.

Personnel policies: still a work in progress.

National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has been coming to Bartlesville for training. The next training will be September 12.

The September Tribal Council will be September 12.

Poll Vote: July 26, 2011 a poll vote was conducted to accept 1% of the Papua New Guinea Project with no cost to the Tribe.

Verna Crawford made a motion to ratify the poll vote.

Jenifer Pechonick seconded.

Motion passed, with 1 no (Wayne Stull).

Discussion: It is doubtful any of us are going to New Guinea, as the people who made the proposal have run into a credit validation problem. The investors are reconsidering.

Wayne Stull made a motion to accept Resolution 2011-19 regarding new members.

Jenifer Brown seconded.

Discussion: There are 10 members.

Motion passed, all in favor.

Titus Frenchman brought 3 issues from the Elders.

1) Can wifi be set up at the Community Center? The current password is not working.

2) A request was brought to the Tribe to bury a non-Delaware distant relative. One suggestion was cremation. Another was to bury an urn, but there was concern about disturbing an existing grave. The person making the burial request would bear the costs of the burial. Also, the Elders want the Tribe to take back the cemetery; Wayne Stull said he is currently working on this.

3) A request was made by the Elders for a line item budget from the Council. Titus asked for status letter explaining where the Tribal Council is on this.

Janifer Brown discussed the wifi at the Center. She said that she and Jack Tatum were working on this today. Titus Frenchman said that the Community Center signal is pretty much contained to the Community Center.

Don Mason said that he and Nate Young went to the consult with the US Attorney's office. He said that Trent Shores of-

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ferred to come to give a workshop on grants.

Verna Crawford made a motion to send representatives to NCAI in Portland, Oregon.

Wayne Stull seconded.

Motion passed all in favor.

The 2010 Audit is complete. Jade Johnson presented the findings; she said this was segregation of duties in accounting, based on previous employees. This ensures checks and balances. The Tribe passed the audit. Jade said that we've had the same audit firm for 10

years. She sent out approximately 90 RFPs.

When Jade started, the indirect cost proposal was due. We contracted the proposal for 2012. She said that there is a basic class in Oklahoma City.

Wayne Stull made a motion for Jade to attend any training she needs.

Chet Brooks seconded.

Motion passed all in favor.

Other Business:

Nate Young said that we have two judicial appointees present. The Constitution does not state who should administer the Oath of Office. Nate Young

suggested the Chief conduct this tonight.

The Chief swore in the new judges Charles Randall and Don Mason.

Janifer Brown said there are a few months missing from the tapes.

Meeting adjourned 7:34 pm. ■

Minutes of the Delaware Trust Board, June-August 2011

Monday, June 6, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted
by Verna Crawford, Trust
Board Secretary*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the Delaware Trust Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on June 6, 2011.

Former Chief Joe Brooks gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called the roll. Those present were Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chairman Chet Brooks, Treasurer Teri Jo Aaroe, Secretary Verna Crawford, and members Bill Hatch, Tom Moore and Joe Brooks.

Chairman Stull welcomed guests. Guests present were Scott Thompson and Joshua Randolph with Arvest Asset Management; Deborah Borjas, Lanny B. Creech, Cris Klinger, Dwayne Harris (all Delaware of Idaho); Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall; Janifer Brown; Jenifer Pechonick; and Chief Paula Pechonick.

Tom Moore moved to suspend the agenda to allow Mr. Thompson and Mr. Randolph to give their report on the Trust funds Arvest Bank manages for the Trust Board.

Bill Hatch seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Chairman Stull stated that Scott Thompson and Joshua Randolph with Arvest Asset Management would be making a presentation regarding the Trust Funds they manage for the Trust Board. Mr. Thompson, administrator of the account, began the presentation by thanking the Board for the opportunity talk to the Board and members of the Delaware Tribe and for the opportunity to serve the Delaware Tribe. Bill Hatch asked how long Arvest Management had been serving the Tribe. Thompson said they were elected to represent the Tribe in early 2000.

Thompson introduced Joshua Randolph, regional investment officer, who would be going over the packet provided to the Board members.

Mr. Randolph explained the investment strategy used for the Delaware account. At the direction of the Trust Board, the strategy has been conservative investment.

This has kept the account from being hard hit by the drop in the interest rates and stocks after 9/11.

The packet covered a breakdown of the investments, such

as stocks, bonds, government-backed bonds, etc.

He reported that as of April 30, 2011 the total balance of the principal was \$3,435,977.06. The Sub-account, which is the interest earned on the investments that the Trust Committees use to provide services, was \$209,830.61.

It was noted that in the past, money was drawn down from the principal to pay attorneys working on the Tribe's recognition. These drawdowns were approved by General Council.

The management fee is 0.5% and is not charged on a per trade basis. The fee is evaluated at the end of each month divided by 12 and deducted monthly.

Bill Hatch asked what was the amount of this account when you started managing this account. Thompson said to the best of his memory it was about \$3.7 million.

Scott commended the Board for their directions when Arvest was selected to manage the Trust Funds.

Wayne Stull thanked Scott and Joshua for their presentation and would see them back next year for an update.

Joe Brooks moved to return to the agenda.

Tom Moore seconded the motion.

Motion carried with six yes.

Chairman Stull asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Bill Hatch moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

The motion carried with six yes.

The minutes were next on the agenda.

Teri Jo Aaroe moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed.

Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes and two abstentions (Bill Hatch and Joe Brooks, who were absent at the last meeting).

Chairman called for a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the treasurer's report pending audit.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was noted that the principal balance as of February 28, 2011 was \$3,578,688.35.

Motion carried with four yes and two abstentions (Bill Hatch and Joe Brooks, who were absent at the last meeting, abstained from voting).

Program Reports:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Tom Moore, Vice Chair Wayne Stull, members Jenifer Pechonick, Bruce Martin, Chet Brooks and Don Mason. Meetings are held by conference calls. There have been two meetings in the last month.

The Delaware Business Directory will soon be up on the web site. There will be a form for the business owners to fill out describing their business and indicating Delaware Tribal membership. There will be information in the Delaware Indian News. This will bring in some income. Other avenues of economic development are being pursued including license plate frames.

Joe Brooks requested to be a member of Economic Development Committee.

Joe pointed out that the Chairman of the Board appoints Committee Chairmen and the Trust Board as a whole approves the appointment. The Committee Chairs present a list of people they want to be members of the committee for Trust Board approval.

Tom Moore requested that before next meeting all committee members be confirmed. Chairman Stull directed chair-

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men to present their members for approval. This could be done as a poll vote so the committees may function.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chairperson Teri Jo Aaroe, Verna Crawford asked if she was Chairman of Community Services or not. At last meeting Crawford was confirmed as Chairman of both Community Services and Education. Over the years it became the practice for each board member to head one committee and be vice chair of another. Chairman Stull said he had reconsidered appointing Teri Jo Aaroe Chairman of Community Services and left Crawford in charge of Education. He asked if there was a problem with that. Crawford said no, what she had a problem with was walking into a meeting she had called and being informed she was not the Chairman. It was embarrassing. Wayne apologized for the miscommunication. Crawford accepted the apology.

Teri Jo Aaroe said there were two utility and one dental assistance given this past month.

EDUCATION

Chairperson Verna Crawford.

Verna Crawford commented that Joe Brooks was appointed as Vice Chair of this committee.

The Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at the Tribal office. The other Committee members are Vice Chair Tom Moore, Teri Jo Aaroe, Chet Brooks, Darrell Glenn, Joe Brooks and Lacey Harris.

The Committee met Monday afternoon June 6. Two education assistance and one drivers education assistance applications were approved. Fall

Scholarship applications are due July 31 and will be processed in August.

The services provided by the Education Committee are for pre-K through sixth grade (school supply vouchers in the amount of \$20), for grades seven through twelve (Education Assistance for items required for the student to purchase up to \$50 per year, also up to \$50 per year for Athletic Assistance for sports items required by school sponsored sports, Drivers Education up to \$75, these three reimbursed with proof of purchase). Other assistance includes Vocational Technology training and college scholarships for a maximum of \$800 lifetime. It is envisioned to someday be able to give full scholarships as the Tribe grows. The scholarships are paid directly to the student and not the institution. If paid to the school the amount could be deducted from other scholarships received. This did not help the Delaware student.

There is an Academic Award to all High School Seniors who graduate with a 3.5 GPA or better in the amount of \$100. Information and applications are on the web site.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Chairman Chet Brooks, Vice Chair Teri Jo Aaroe, members Paula Pechonick, Jan Brown, Kenny Brown, Jennifer Pechonick, Anita Mathis, John Sumpter, Titus Frenchman, Bonnie Thaxton, Jim Bo Hammon, and Bruce Martin. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center at 6 pm.

Brooks reported that the lease on Eagle Ridge has expired. The Corps of Engineers will renew the lease pending getting a right-of-way onto the property.

The property owners are getting a divorce and both have promised to give the right-of-way whichever gets the adjoining property in the decree.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Chairman Wayne Stull, Vice Chair Chet Brooks, members Tom Moore, Nancy Sumpter and Anita Mathis.

Anita Mathis will be bringing bids in to mow the back forty acres. She will also bring cemetery records to the office.

The Committee is looking into getting the Dewey Cemetery back in the Tribe's name. We are currently keeping it mowed and cleaned. Wayne will be contacting the County Commissioners to see what the process will be. Verna Crawford mentioned that Edna Havens had done a lot of research into the cemeteries and her information will be helpful. Tom Moore noted that there should be liability insurance on any property owned by the Tribe.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Chairman Joe Brooks, Vice Chair Wayne Stull.

Brooks met with Gina Parks in accounting regarding what is paid from Tribal Ops and told her that he along with Wayne Stull would be signing any vouchers for payments from that account. The audit is paid from this account; the Trust Board audit was \$6,000. This seems to be a bit high.

REINVESTMENT

Chairman Bill Hatch, Vice Chair Wayne Stull.

All proceeds of this Committee are reinvested into the principal,

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Chet Brooks presented a Tribal

Council Resolution and asked for the Trust Board to recommend the Council pass it. The Resolution is in regard to providing an avenue to allow the Idaho Delaware be members of the Delaware Tribe. The resolution bars the Idaho Delaware access to or benefits from any Tribal or Trust funds received or pending receipt before the date the Delaware of Idaho become members of the Delaware Tribe.

Chet Brooks moved to recommend to the Tribal Council that the Trust Board support bringing the Idaho Delaware into the Tribe.

Bill Hatch seconded.

Discussion: The Idaho Delaware arc descendants of Delaware ancestors who were removed from Kansas to Indian Country, The Federal government acknowledged the Idaho Delaware by including them in the per capita payments from dockets 72-298. There is no contention to the fact that they are Delaware. The issue is how to bring them back into the tribe.

Motion carried with four yes (Chet Brooks, Joe Brooks, Bill Hatch and Teri Jo Aaroe) and two no (Verna Crawford and Tom Moore).

Crawford stated she voted no because this is too important to decide without careful consideration and she has not had time to fully read and understand the resolution.

Joe Brooks moved to have the next meeting of the Trust Board at 4 p.m. on June 27, 2011, and to be held in the Community Center as has been held for several years.

Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Jennifer Pechonick explained that people

complain that they cannot hear in the Community Center and we must pay people to set up the room and put it back for the elder's luncheon. The room in the Education Building is designed for meetings and gives a more professional appearance for visitors coming to the Tribal Council and Trust Board meetings.

Motion failed with three yes (Joe Brooks, Chet Brooks and Bill Hatch), three no, (Tom Moore, Teri Jo Aaroe and Verna Crawford). Chairman Wayne Stull broke the tie with a no vote.

Tom Moore moved to update the web site and signs be made to let everyone know where the meeting will be held.

Teri Jo Aaroe seconded the motion.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chet Brooks moved to pay the Trust Board \$100 meeting stipend monthly instead of quarterly.

Teri Jo Aaroe seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chet Brooks said that some of the Board members could use this money monthly.

Motion carried with five yes.

Chet Brooks moved that every Trust Board member living 10 miles or more from the meeting place be paid the government rate for mileage for attending the meetings. In the event that air fare is less than the mileage that the lesser amount be paid.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Bill Hatch said when he first started attending these meetings he drives 1100 miles each month. It was his hope that other people from

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other areas would participate.

Motion carried with four yes (Joe Brooks, Chet Brooks, Teri Jo Aaroe, Bill Hatch), one no (Verna Crawford) and one abstention (Tom Moore).

Chairman Wayne Stull adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Note: Chairman of the Trust Board does not vote except to break a tie vote.

Monday, July 13, 2011 Delaware Community Center

*Respectfully submitted
by Verna Crawford, Trust
Board Secretary*

Chairman Wayne Stull called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

Chairman Wayne Stull gave the invocation.

Secretary Verna Crawford called roll, those present were Wayne Stull, Verna Crawford, Chet Brooks, TJ Aaroe and Joe Brooks. Members Bill Hatch and Tom Moore were absent due to short notification of meeting.

Joe Brooks moved that the absences be excused due to the short notice of the meeting.

Verna Crawford seconded.

Motion carried with all in fa-

vor.

Wayne Stull welcomed guests Chief Pechonick and Jan Brown.

Verna Crawford moved to approve the agenda with corrections if needed.

TJ Aaroe seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

TJ Aaroe moved to approve the minutes with corrections if needed.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

Verna Crawford moved to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit.

Chet Brooks seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

Committee Reports:

Chairman Wayne Stull distributed proposed budgets for committees to review, change as needed and approve for submission to the Trust Board at the next meeting on August 8, 2011. After Trust Board approval the budget will be placed on the November ballot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Meetings have been held by conference calls. They are working on several projects.

Chet Brooks moved to relieve Vicki Sousa of any legal duties for the Trust Board.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: It was noted that the Trust Board needed legal advice from time to time so might need to engage an attorney.

Motion carried with three yes

and one no (Verna Crawford).

Chet Brooks reported that some Economic Development projects that have been offered to the Tribe might be lost due to inaction.

Chet Brooks moved that if these projects were in jeopardy, in so far as this Trust Board can, we would take these projects into consideration if the Tribal Council and DEA don't make it possible to do these projects.

Joe Brooks seconded the motion.

Discussion: Before the Trust Board enters into any agreement for Economic Development or any other contract consultation with an attorney is needed. All such agreements need legal review to protect the Tribal assets.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Meeting set for July 25, 2011.

EDUCATION

Meeting set for July 25, 2011.

REINVESTMENT

Meets quarterly.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Working on getting Delaware Cemetery in Dewey back under Tribal control.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Meets quarterly.

Unfinished Business:

Joe Brooks moved to appoint Darrell Glenn Election Committee Chairman and for him to select committee members and election firm.

Verna Crawford seconded

the motion.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

Chairman Stull reported that the Veterans Committee would need help with writing a grant.

Discussion: It was noted that the Trust Board voted to give the Elders Committee \$4,000 and the Veterans Committee \$3,000 and strongly suggested the Tribal Council match these amounts.

New Business:

None.

Other Business:

Joe Brooks moved that the Trust Board be given at least five days notice in writing or by email of Trust Board meet-

ings.

TJ Aaroe seconded the motion:

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

Joe Brooks moved to adjourn.

TJ Aaroe seconded the motion.

Motion carried with four yes. (Chair only votes to break a tie).

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. ■

Flu Shots

Free flu shots are available to tribal members on Wednesday, October 5 between 11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Delaware Community Center lunch room.

Delaware Health and Wellness Center



Attention all Delaware, Cherokee and Friends: Do you want to exercise?

The Delaware Health and Wellness Center is currently open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. (Expanding the program to include evening 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.) Others are charged a small fee of \$20.00 a month or \$2.00 a day. We encourage everyone to get healthy!

The Delaware Wellness Center is located behind the Tribal Offices at 170 NE Barbara, Bartlesville, OK.

Please note that there is no medical staff on duty, so use of the equipment is at your own risk ■

Note on Meetings

The August meeting of the Trust Board was cancelled.

Sept 12 meeting minutes for both Tribal Council and Trust Board will be approved at the October meetings and posted in the Jan 2012 DIN. They will also be posted on the tribal web site at www.delawaretribe.org/meetings.htm.

EDITORIALS

Trust the Committees, not the Board

Tom Moore

A few months back I was appointed to produce the 2012 Trust Board budgets and had my eyes opened to just how failed our system is. There certainly appears to be a reason why most charitable organizations are ran by volunteer boards empowered to innovate programs and eagerly find ways to help the people they are designated to help. The Master Plan tells our Tribe how its people want that trust money spent and maintained, and after getting monitored by the committees all year it gets audited. The actual work of the service committees is performed by tribal staff in exchange for a 10% administrative fee (as designed by the Master Plan), so my question was “WHY IN THE WORLD ARE OUR PROGRAMS ONLY SEEING \$60k WHEN THE INCOME IS \$120k!?!?”

Out of a \$120k budget only \$60k of it actually reaches the trust programs, and a few large chunks of that are straight pass-throughs like reinvestment and tribal operations which don't even have committees. The rest of our trust money gets eaten up with stipends, elections, administrative costs, trips to conventions, and mileage payments to the Trust Board.

If the Trust Board was actually doing something to grow these funds or manage the daily operations of the programs I may be able to understand the purpose of the \$50k that they “earn” but I don't. The saddest irony is that \$13k of that extra \$50k in Trust Board expenses

goes to pay for the election that has only netted us three people sitting on our current Trust Board who were ACTUALLY elected to their seat—and only one of them is not up for re-election this term. For comparison's sake, the Tribe earns \$12k to run the day-to-day operations of the programs and our scholarship program was just bumped up to \$12k this year, both overshadowed by the cost of the election to put volunteers to work. Another tragic irony is that those committee volunteers would have twice as much money to work with if not for all the rigmarole putting up with the Trust Board.

Just like any charitable cause in the outside world, it is vital that no impropriety or excessive expense is allowed to dominate the budget, which is why oversight and auditing must continue. Most charity causes are led by volunteers with a vested interest in seeing their charity succeed and often get very competitive about increasing their funds and level of success. The **Master Plan** for our Trust Money has **very specific in the restrictions** on how we can spend our trust money and those **MUST** be kept in place. Beyond that, the volunteers currently running the programs could use some help and new ideas because after October 3 I plan to help the rest of the Tribal Council to do the right thing and double their budgets. Anyone who disagrees with this plan should apply to sit on the committees or attend

their meetings since they will be published and open to the public from that day forth.■

Post Script...

If you kept reading it is because you may be curious as to how things got so screwed up... here is the quick rundown. During our loss of recognition, the purpose of our trust fund became to keep our tribe from disappearing and help regain our recognition. Unfortunately, once we regained our recognition we seemed to forget that we could streamline our trust administration to more common standards, despite the BIA encouraging us to do it by only recognizing our people under the new Constitution and telling us that the Trust Board was no longer needed or technically authorized to act on behalf of our tribe. The Trust Board has been a way to abuse the Chief and Tribal Council for many years but has also done some good. That said, the Trust Board is not needed to enforce the Master Plan, or see that it is kept in place. The Tribal

Council already manages hundreds of times more contracts and while I can't speak to the quality of their work, the committees and tribal staff are ultimately responsible for the function of the programs anyway.

So who's money is this anyway? Our People's or the Trust Boards?

Last time I checked, the federal government cut the checks to the DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS, and one out of every two checks since that appears to be to maintain the Trust Board, not the Delaware Tribe of Indians. We put a new constitution in place and by doing so regained our recognition and placed the governance over our all of our tribal funds in the hands of our elected governing body. While we could legally see those trust funds go to the general fund, I think I speak for everyone when I say “NO! DON'T DO THAT!!!” However, something has got to be done and quickly (at least before we toss another \$13k down a hole to elect the volunteers who would (or at least

better) be willing to sit on the committees anyway.

The tribe receives 10% of the trust fund every year to administer the paperwork and do the day-to-day; that is fine and will continue regardless. This works great because our people told us in the Master Plan that it was how we should operate and it also avoids duplicate efforts. **The other 90% of our trust money income should go to the trust programs of the Master Plan and to fund ways to increase our money like grant proposals!** The volunteers who staff our committees should be applauded and empowered to determine the destiny of their programs within the limitations of the Master Plan, and by limiting the Tribal Council's influence on the committees we will likely see some new and innovative ideas start to crop up, and that is truly exciting. Let's stop paying for an unconstitutional shadow government and use that extra \$50k for our underfunded programs and help us find more money through grants.■

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EDITORIALS (cont'd)

Editorial As I See It

By Dee Ketchum

The Delaware Tribe is at a crossroads today. We can launch into the future strong, or we can sink lower without adequate funding to meet the needs of the Delaware people. It is certainly unknown what the feds will do during the next ten years to save the U.S. from a drastic economic downturn. Indian programs often get cut. Of course, so goes Washington, so goes Indian tribes. The stronger tribes will fare better than the weaker.

Within the tribe today, there are components, so to speak. There is the Tribal Council, with Chief Pechonick at the helm; there is the Trust Board, with Chairman Stull leading; and there is the DEA (*Delaware Enterprise Authority—Economic Development Organization*) with who calling

the shots? Is this three heads of one body? Is this one head with three bodies? Or, is this three heads and three bodies with all three trying to gain the strength, but with none accomplishing it. Which one will win? Is this a recipe for a fractured tribe? I am only asking the questions. I, nor anyone else actually knows the answer, but I believe these are the right questions!

These are the facts: The Tribal Council is governed by a constitution, and elected council, and is recognized by the U.S. Government. It provides the tribe with trust money that is overseen by an elected board. The DEA is a tribal entity, has a board that is not elected, is not sanctioned by a U.S. governmental body, and for five years has been struggling to grow economic development for which it was intended.

The tribal governing process must be transparent. The leading person must be evident.

The processes must be simple and be expanded as necessity demands. Our tribe cannot excel without strong management and focus; without a plan and projected goals; without cohesion and a sound track to run on; or without getting a grip on all the dissension and making corrections.

I speculate that mediocrity will prevail if cohesion is not reached. The Tribal Council must stand in its rightful place as the people's voice and fulfill the duties given it by the people or taken away by the people. The Tribal Council must not allow schisms between the component groups in our tribe. The Trust Board must stay focused on its duty to oversee the distribution plan for each program. Funds profited from economic development should be turned back to the tribe for its use in meeting the needs of our government's responsibility to the Delaware people. ■

Journeyman walks his way into history

By Emily Droege

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Peter Prusinowski has walked his way into history.

For more than three months, Prusinowski endured wind, rain and triple-digit temperatures to make a 2,000-mile journey on foot in order to connect with the Lenape Indians, also known as Delaware Indians, and their migration from the Delaware Valley in the northeast to their final stopping point in the Midwest. His solo trek began at his hometown of

Fishtown, Penn., and ended recently in Bartlesville.

With a deep interest in the Lenape Indian heritage and history, Prusinowski explained that his rigorous journey was a way to connect with the past, as well as an effort to "inspire a more hopeful future."

"This is something that came to me about three years ago," said Prusinowski, adding that part of his inspiration stemmed from the Treaty of Amity and

Friendship between William Penn and the Lenape Indians in 1682.

He said he believes that the events from the past 400 years are connected to the "occurrences of today and the social issues we encounter."

Prusinowski's "Trail of Hope" journey -- which began on March 23 -- took him through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas to Oklahoma. During



Chester 'Chet' Brooks joined Peter Prusinowski, right, for part of his 2,000-mile Trail of Hope journey. Photo by Jim Rementer.

the last leg of his trek, he spent the night at the Delaware Indian powwow grounds, located around 17 miles northeast of Bartlesville.

He finished out the adventure by walking to the Delaware Tribal Offices in Bartlesville, accompanied by one of his supporters, as well as Assistant Delaware Chief Chet Brooks. There, he was warmly greeted with a ceremony by area residents.

"Everyone in Bartlesville has been very welcoming and friendly," said Prusinowski. "I'm grateful that I completed the journey and that I had the opportunity to share my experiences with others."

He added that he felt honored to be among his "Delaware Indian friends and share the Trail of Hope with them."

A skilled photographer by trade, Prusinowski snapped numerous photographs of his monumental expedition and plans to organize them into a journal format in hopes of inspiring others. He traveled light, carrying only a 25-pound backpack filled with such essentials as water, two pair of socks, a couple spare pair of pants and an iPad to use when blogging.

"I walked mostly on back roads and county roads, but some of the time was spent

walking along the highways," he said, adding that he'd walk up to 20-25 miles a day. "I would usually spend the night in a motel and start walking by 7 a.m. the next morning. Sometimes I would stay with people and friends I knew along the way."

Among some of the toughest of Prusinowski's challenges was confronting summertime temperatures. Although he dedicated two years of preparing for his journey by power walking, jogging and swimming, he said walking in the hot and humid weather was nearly impossible to prepare for.

"That was really difficult, especially when it got into the 90s and 100-degree temperatures," he said. "I had to make more frequent stops along the way due to the heat so some days were very long. I would start early and end late."

While walking through Missouri, Prusinowski went off the trail route in order to help tornado victims in Joplin.

"I really enjoyed helping out in Joplin. It was very rewarding and a great experience to spread hope," he said.

Prusinowski, who holds a deep interest in history, moved to the U.S. from Poland in 1976 with a friend. He explained that the pair was looking for adventure and an opportunity to explore what life in America was like.

"I'm extremely happy with my journey," he said. "I experienced a lot and was able to see things that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to see. I never felt alone. I always knew someone was with me and keeping me safe."

Prusinowski set up a blog documenting his nearly five-month trek at <http://trailofhopeblog.com>. ■

Delaware Culture Preservation Committee

Founded in 1991, the Culture Preservation Committee has a goal of preserving Lenape culture, language, songs and dances. The Committee is involved in a number of activities every year.

Our Committee holds a two-day event called Delaware Days in September. This is held on the last Friday and Saturday of the month. 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, dance, and tribal activities as funds will allow. The Committee also holds Delaware Cultural Night on the night before the Delaware Powwow. This year on May 26 there was Culture Night at the Powwow Grounds.

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



Honoring veteran Eddie Barnes a few years ago (left to right: Jack Tatum, Todd Thaxton, Eddie Barnes, Joe Brooks, and Curtis Zunigha).



Singers at a Delaware Stomp Dance about 1961: Fred Fall-Leaf, Jim Thompson, Bill Shawnee, Ranny Carpenter, and Reuben Wilson.

Benefit for the Delaware Pow-Wow, October 15

“THE DOG POUND” is sponsoring a fundraising event on Saturday, October 15 at 1:00 pm at Fred Falleaf Memorial Pow-wow Grounds, Copan, OK to help raise money for the Memorial Day Delaware Copan Pow-Wow. There will be 50/50’s, cake walks, and games. Auction items, any donations, cakes, and cash donations are very welcome. The Head Singer is K.C. Bills and the Host Gourd Clan is Osage Gourd Clan. All Gourd Clans and Gourd Dancers are invited to participate. Raffles and auctions will be held in between gourd sets.

SUPPER begins at 5:00 pm and will be a Hog Fry at \$5 per plate. (The hog is cut into bite-sized pieces and fried in a large pan over the fire.) The Gourd Dance will be around 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and the Stomp Dance will follow the Gourd Dance. All stomp dance leaders and shell shakers are invited to at-

tend this benefit. All leaders and shell shakers are volunteers.

The Delaware Pow-Wow is not supported by any tribe or casino and is run on donations. Come out and have a great evening and help to raise money for this time-honored event. In case of rain, the benefit will be moved to the Delaware Community Center, 5100 Tuxedo, Bartlesville, OK.

For more information contact Dave Tyner (918-534-7716) or Dog Pound Princess LuAnn Hainline (918-338-9358). ■



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