



DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Culture Preservation Committee

FCS Conference Room

5110 Tuxedo Blvd. Bartlesville, OK 74006

August 5th, 2025 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order

1. Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome Guests
4. Approve the Agenda

II. Approval of July 2025 Minutes

III. Treasurer's Report

July 2025 Financials

IV. Executive Session

IV. Action taken from Executive Session.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

1. Delaware Days (Cook area, meal, messenger race)
2. Upcoming classes/dance practice

VIII. Motions and notices

IX. Set the time, date and location of the next meeting.

X. Adjournment

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**Minutes of the Culture Preservation Committee Meeting**

July 1st, 2025

Present: Levi Randoll, Martina Thomas, Jason Jones, Alicia Rezendes, Jim Rementer, and Tristen Tucker were present. Gretchen Williams was present via zoom due to illness. Guests in attendance were River Michael Bread, Sarah Boyd, Carolyn Thaxton and Katlynn Hanks.

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Levi Randoll.

A prayer was given by Sarah Boyd. Roll call was taken.

Sarah wanted to share in guest comments, the trip she and a few other others attended, to the Eastern Shawnee Longhouse dedication. She spoke on how it would be amazing to pursue a similar dance area and mentioned how wonderful it was to see how they conducted business and worked together and that they all had a great time.

Levi shared that it was a really good night and really appreciated the way their people supported the building of their grounds without politics and feels inspired in what we can do as a Tribe.

Sarah also shared that their Bean Dance was nearly as big as the one that we had at Powwow.

Next we reviewed the agenda.

#1.) Levi made a motion to approve the agenda.

It was seconded by Alicia.

Next we reviewed the minutes.

#2.) Jason made a motion to approve June meeting minutes.

It was seconded by Alicia.

Next Gretchen shared the financials report and stated there were no updates since the last meeting and that the CPC budget as of April 30th, was a balance of \$23,056.06. She also stated that the reburial expenditures were not taken out of our roll over account and that it will be corrected.

Next we moved on to old business.

Alicia shared that the last craft class was a success and was fun to come together with the committee members to work on crafts and projects.

We then moved on to New Business.

We discussed our upcoming dance practice on July 3rd.

Due to committee funds being frozen, Alicia volunteered to provide a meal.

Jim shared his language report and let us know he had completed his reports for council and for the DIN and is continuing to go through the Lenape Talking Dictionary and making corrections.

Levi shared he was working on prayers and Jim spoke on the prayer format available on the website. He also shared that he added 50 more Lenape stories to the website that are in English.

Gretchen then asked if we could have another dance practice this month and Tristen suggested that we alternate from doing dance practices with other classes, such as a language class.

Jim questioned how much participation we would get, due to lack of participation in the past and then suggested we use the lesson plan that is available on the Talking Dictionary.

We agreed to hold a language lesson class on Wednesday July 30th from 6-8:30.

Next we discussed building ceremonial grounds or new social dance grounds. Levi shared with Jim that at the powwow committee meeting, it was said that stomp dancing wasn't ours or something that we traditionally did. Jim stated that to his knowledge it very much so was something that we took part in, and was documented when we moved to Kansas and also shared that in 1850 an anthropologist created a list of various dances that the Delawares did. That our men did do Lead Dances. The difference between a Lead dance and a stomp dance is that a Lead dance is a man leading and a stomp dance is ALL dances. He said that the Delawares did not do shell shaking until they moved to Indian Territory. Before then, the Lead men would wear deer toe rattles. Levi shared that one year they did that at Delaware Days.

Martina suggested a History of Stomp class and how it has evolved.

We then decided that we could give a history of Stomp in addition to our language lesson class on the same night.

Next we discussed Delaware Days. Tristen asked about having Indian Football, since we did not play last year and also questioned having another Messenger Race.

Next we discussed who to sponsor and Levi suggested sponsoring River Michael Bread. River stated that he would have to check his school schedule to find out if he would be available to participate.

We decided there would only be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and that we would make t shirts and head bands to be given out.

Alicia was volunteered to create the t-shirt design.

Next we went into an Executive Session.

#3.) Martina made a motion at 7:15 to go into Executive Session.

It was seconded by Levi.

#4.) Levi made a motion to come out of the Executive Session at 8:07.

It was seconded by Jason.

Action taken from the executive session was to draft a letter and corrective action letter to submit to the Trust Board.

#5.) Gretchen made a motion to draft a letter and corrective action letter to the Trust Board and Accounting. It was seconded by Jason.

#6.) Tristen made a motion for Tristen Tucker to abstain from any future motions involving the powwow committee.

It was seconded by Alicia.

#7.) Levi made a motion to adjourn at 8:13.

It was seconded by Alicia.

The next meeting will be held on August 5th @ 5:30pm in the FCS building.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

July 1st 2025

Motion Number 1

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 2

Motion made by: Jason

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To approve May meeting minutes.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 3

Motion made by: Martina

Seconded by: Levi

Motion: To go into Executive Session at 7:15

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 4

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Jason

Motion: To come out of Executive Session at 8:07

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 5

Motion made by: Gretchen

Seconded by: Jason

Motion: To draft a letter and corrective action letter to the Trust Board and Accounting.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 6

Motion made by: Tristen

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: For Tristen Tucker to abstain from any future motions involving the powwow committee.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0

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Motion Number 7

Motion made by: Levi

Seconded by: Alicia

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 8:13pm.

Motion passed: Yes 7      No 0      Abstain 0