

**Delaware Tribe of Indians
Elders Committee Meeting
Minutes of September 23, 2025**

Call to Order: Beverly Hicks, at 1:05 pm.

The meeting was held in the Main Building and on Zoom.

Roll Call:

Beverly Hicks, Chair - present

Jana Roth, Vice Chair - present

Angelia Franke, Secretary - present

Mollie Martin, Treasurer - present

Steve Donnell, Sargent-at-Arms, - absent due to illness

Annette Ketchum, Elder Liaison - present

Billie Jean Sheshey, Elder-at-Large – absent but joined via Zoom at 2:03

Prayer: Given by Annette Ketchum.

Approval of Minutes: Committee members agreed that the minutes could be silently read at future meetings unless others who are not committee members were present. Mollie Martin questioned the difference of the account balance in the minutes versus her Treasurer's Report. This matter was discussed further during her report. Motion by Annette Ketchum to approve the minutes and seconded by Angelia Franke. Minutes were unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by Mollie Martin: The financial report for the year through August 26, 2025, was presented by Mollie Martin. Expenses since January 1, 2025, are \$2,528.43 leaving a balance of \$12,471.57. Common costs of \$102 and \$78 were not included in the

report. Beverly Hicks, Jana Roth, and Mollie Martin will request a meeting with accounting to get an itemized budget. Kendall Reith had been invited to attend the meeting today, but had a conflict with another meeting. A motion to table the Treasurer's Report was made by Angelia Franke and seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried 5-0.

Elder Liaison Report: Annette Ketchum presented a copy of the notes she scribed during the Delaware Tribal Council Workshop on August 14, 2025 and September 22, 2025. Items discussed from the September workshop were two Delaware Pow Wow Committee members had resigned and resumes were provided of those interested in serving on the committee, Keith Weber discussed grants including a grant from Kroger for the Delaware Food Pantry, Nicky Michael shared that Kaytlin Hanks would like to join Indian Youth Philanthropy, and Tonya Ana has prepared the Holiday Schedule for 2026. Angelia Franke made the motion to accept the Elder Liaison Report. Seconded by Mollie Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

Guests:

No guests were in attendance.

Old Business:

Poll Vote: Angelia Franke made a motion to accept the Poll Votes of September 12 and September 19, 2025. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Delaware Blouse Update: Beverly Hicks will reserve the FCS Conference Room on October 16 and October 22 beginning at 12:30 pm. Annette Ketchum, Jana Roth, and Angelia Franke continue to work on a pattern and written instructions for the blouse. They have decided to use a mock cuff to streamline the pattern.

Walking Stick Class: Angelia Franke made a motion for Beverly Hicks to purchase paints and brushes, up to \$200, for the class. Seconded by Annette Ketchum. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

New Business:

Ink Cartridges: Beverly will swap out cartridges to see if the print quality improves.

Honorarium: Jana Roth made a motion to give Jacque McDonald a \$100 honorarium for teaching the Walking Stick Class. Seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Trip Ideas for 2026: Beverly Hicks presented a trip idea to Cahokia Mounds in the St. Louis area and Conner Prairie in Fishers, Indiana. The Committee would pay the hotel, gasoline reimbursement if an Elder drove a personal vehicle, and admission costs for 15 DTI Elders. The 15 passenger van would also be reserved. Others are welcome to go on the trip, but must pay their own expenses. DTI Elders would be responsible for paying for their meals. Beverly will look for hotel rooms that would cost \$100-\$150 per night. A deposit of the cost of two nights of hotel rooms would be required to be paid by March. Cancellations would be accepted up to 14 days prior to the trip to receive a refund. Deposits would be returned to those making the trip.

Keepsake Candles Trip: Jana Roth made a motion to pay up to \$50 for the cost of gasoline for a trip to Keepsake Candles. Seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Ponca City and Ben Johnson Museum Trip: Each person will pay for the cost of his/her lunch. Jana Roth made a motion to pay for fuel and

museum admission up to \$500. Seconded by Mollie Martin. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0.

Activities in 2026: Discussion was tabled.

Budget for 2026: Discussion was tabled.

Nicky Michael's Grant Ideas: A grant from the Oklahoma Arts Foundation could fund DTI sponsored elder art activities, but must be outside of the Elder Committee and Trust Board. Beverly Hicks suggested a two day symposium before Pow Wow that could include cooking, dancing, and storytelling to help preserve our traditions and bring the youth to tribal activities. Jana Roth would like to have a two week summer youth program from 8-12 each day, as well as present cultural programs to area schools.

Ornaments: Ornaments left over from last year's class could be painted in November. The date will be announced later.

Set Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for October 28, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Annette Ketchum. Seconded by Angelia Franke. Motion carried unanimously with a vote of 6-0. Adjournment at 3:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Angelia Franke on September 25, 2025