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Please print the following press release for the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

DELAWARE TRUST BOARD PROPOSED 2008 BUDGET PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

The Trust Board proposed 2008 budget was passed by a majority vote of the 124 tribal members who signed in and received a ballot at the Special Emergency Trust General Council meeting, Saturday, January 12, 2008. The vote by tribal members was 52 YES and 42 NO. According to Robert's Rules of Order the non-cast 30 ballots count neither way. The voting polls were open from 9:00 a.m. to 5: p.m. as specified in the election regulations.

At 1:00 p.m. when the meeting was called to order it was admitted there was not a quorum. There were not 100 tribal voting members present. The Trust Document of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, Article 1 - MEMBERSHIP, C. GENERAL COUNCIL. 2. "A quorum of not less than 100 voters shall be convened before any business of the General Council can be conducted." The Acting Chair should have stated there could not be a meeting due to lack of a quorum. The election could not be called null and void as there were 124 tribal voting members signed in and the polls were open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. According to the Trust Document Election Regulations a protest on the election must be filed within 72 hours of the closing of the polls. No protest was received. The vote stands.

In a meeting on January 17, 2008 Chairman Raymond Cline, Vice Chair Wayne Stull, Election Chair Mary Jo Peterson and Chief Jerry Douglas reviewed the Trust Document in reference to the election held for the proposed 2008 budget. All guidelines for the election were met, certification of the 2008 proposed Trust Budget was signed and mailed to the BIA office as required by the Trust Document.

If you need additional information please contact me at the above listed number. Thank you for your assistance in this request.