



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, August 29, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Former Deputy Principal Chief, S. Joe Crittenden, gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Canaan Duncan; Rex Jordan; Wes Nofire; Daryl Legg; Shawn Crittenden; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported they are preparing for the Cherokee holiday weekend. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Duncan gave appreciation for their assistance with a situation with Cherry Tree Water.

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

Ms. Nimmo reported on the decision in the ICWA case, gave an update in the Oklahoma opioid trial and the press release on the unified letter back to the Governor regarding the auto renewal of the gaming compact.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported to date there are 34 total requests, fifteen FOIA and nineteen GRA, and of those three are outstanding. The website has been update and the report has been provided.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden inquired how to go about getting a tag agency in locations that do not have an agency. He requested a budget proposal for an agency in Adair County. Councilor Shaw request research on interest in the tribe issuing drivers licenses. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the acceptance of tribal ids at the tag offices.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported they are working feverishly to get the Ft. Gibson casino back open. Councilor Austin inquired about the initial schedule to reopen.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported they are in the season of paperwork. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Councilor Buzzard referred to the Self-Governance report provided and inquired about the re-establishment of the BIA Superintendent position.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-380](#) SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS:

- Rules Committee Co-Chair
- Executive & Finance Committee Co-Chair
- Community Service Committee Chair
- Education Committee Chair
- Education Committee Co-Chair
- Resources Committee Chair

RULES COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Councilor Jordan moved for Councilor Duncan be the Rules Committee Co-Chair. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Council Austin moved for Councilor Deere be the Executive & Finance Co-Chair. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to nominate Councilor Nofire as Community Service Chair. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Dobbins moved to nominate Councilor Shambaugh. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Following some discussion the voice vote carried to approve Councilor Shambaugh as the Chair of Community Service.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilor Shaw moved to nominate Councilor Coates as the Education Chair. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Councilor Coates declined the nomination. Councilor Jordan moved to nominate Councilor Austin. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Councilor Duncan moved to nominate Councilor Nofire as Co-Chair of Education. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilor Taylor moved to reappoint Councilor Jordan as Chair of Resource. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [TMP-381](#)**SELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:**

Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation (3 of 5)

HOUSING AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD

Councilor Duncan nominated Councilor Jordan. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Austin nominated Councilor Smith. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Vazquez moved to nominate Councilor Legg. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Byrd stated that fills the three seats on the advisory board that are vacant. We have a total of five seats.

3. [19-053](#)

A RESOLUTION ELECTING JANEES TAYLOR TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilor Vazquez moved to nominate Councilor Taylor. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [19-056](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNNA CARSON AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following questions and the addition of Councilors Byrd, Jordan and Taylor as sponsors the motion carried with no opposition.

5. [19-057](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA O'LEARY AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION
Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilors Shambaugh and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. Following questions the motion to approve carried with Councilors Coates and Buzzard opposed.
6. [19-058](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KIMBERLY TEEHEE AS DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Following clarification and questions the motion carried with no opposition. Councilors Byrd, Coates, Buzzard and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors.
7. [19-059](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANKIE HARGIS AS REGISTRAR OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilors Taylor, Coates and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.
8. [19-054](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHAD C. HARSHA AS SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Smith requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with no opposition.
9. [19-055](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARA E. HILL AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Legg moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Byrd, Coates, Dobbins and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors. Following questions the motion carried with no opposition.
10. [19-060](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA GLORY JORDAN AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following questions the motion to approve carried with Councilor Jordan abstaining.
11. [19-061](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TRALYNNA L. SCOTT AS TREASURER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Smith moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Following numerous questions the motion to approve carried with no opposition.
12. [19-062](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES
Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilors Dobbins and Coates requested to be added as sponsors. The

motion to approve carried.

- 13. [19-063](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

- 14. [19-064](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STANLEY JOE CRITTENDEN AS SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. Councilors Dobbins, Buzzard and Shaw requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried with Councilor Crittenden abstaining.

- 15. [19-065](#) THE HOUSING, JOBS, AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019

Councilor Duncan moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor, Coates and Shaw requested to be included as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Paiten Qualls</i>
<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>S. Joe Crittenden</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Dale Glory</i>	<i>David Justice</i>	<i>Julie Justice</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Kim Teehee</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Frankie Hargis</i>	<i>Tressa Hart</i>
<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Jacie Holmes</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Lynna Carson</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>	<i>Erna Reeves</i>
<i>Maco Warner</i>	<i>Nate Young</i>	<i>Jeannine Hembree</i>