



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Sub Committee

- PAC

Thursday, July 31, 2008

3:30 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan and Harley Buzzard

Absent 4 - Buel Anglen; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright and Bradley Cobb

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chair Cowan Watts stated there are no recommendations for the meeting today. She provided the following update by stating the Administration is pursuing a route for the \$25,000 request for Hilary Clinton's campaign debt. She stated the funds have been allocated and the Chief concurs with the request. She suggested the possibility of an open motion to meet the Democratic National Convention timeline that states if the Chief can locate an appropriate legal route for \$25,000 in additional monies to Hilary Clinton's campaign for President to move forward. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if she was asking that the Executive Branch will explore and find a way to accomplish this task. Chair Cowan Watts agreed and that it should be prior to the Democratic National Convention.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to give the Chief leeway to find a way to give \$25,000 to Hilary Clinton Campaign prior to the Democratic Convention. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to who ensures everything from this committee is legal and correct. Chair Cowan Watts stated there is an outside legal firm overseeing all recommendations. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Chair to convey to the Chief a request to ensure everything is done proper. Chair Cowan Watts announced she would request Ms. Ginger Brown provide a brief summary and review of the process at the next meeting.

Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if the Chief concurred with all of the recommendations from the last meeting. Chair Cowan Watts replied the Chief didn't concur with the recommendations for House District 9 Candidate, Bill Snider or Corporation Commission Commission, Jim Roth.

Councilor Bill John Baker inquired as to how quick this meetings minutes could be given to Administration. Chair Cowan Watts announced clarification has been made

through Treasurer Callie Catcher that we don't have to have approved meeting minutes if there is concurrence since the funds have already been appropriated through Executive and Finance Committee.

Councilor Buzzard inquired if support is given to our Cherokee citizens running for County offices. Chair Cowan Watts stated she has been advised at this time the Chief will not consider County races.

Chair Cowan Watts stated the process for this committee is that the committee must approve a recommendation by majority then the Chief has to concur. If this body doesn't reach a majority or if the Chief declines the recommendation dies. There must be concurrence and there is no ability to override.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:48 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

None

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____