



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Chuck Hoskin Jr., Chair*

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoskin Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick requested a moment of silence for the family of a young high school boy who just lost his life in a car accident earlier today. He gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Julia Coates; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Late Arrival** 2 - Meredith Frailey and Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the May 30, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution regarding the nomination of Cherokee citizen Keith Harper to the U.N. Human Rights Council Ambassador and a resolution authorizing the placement of land in trust part of block 16 South Coffeyville. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Chair Hoskin Jr. stated these would be items 3 and 4 under new business. The motion to amend carried.

### REPORTS:

Chair Hoskin Jr. stated we are behind schedule and would let the reports stand. He requested questions only of the reports provided.

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation for the Marshal Service and their assistance during the Election Day processes. She also gave appreciation for the Claremore Indian Hospital being added to the report.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Ms. Sara Hill offered to answer questions for the Attorney General's office. She announced their offices have moved to the upper floor of the Cort Mall in downtown Tahlequah. Councilor Garvin inquired about the status of the car tag compact. Councilor Cowan Watts requested updates on the Indian Child Welfare Case, the Freedman, UKB, impact of water with the Texas ruling and codification.*

Codification - Todd Hembree

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

*Ms. Lindsay Earls offered to answer questions from the report provided. She gave appreciation for everyone in their efforts during the election. She introduced Eric Champlain our Project Manager from Unison. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired about the missing ballots sent to the absentee voters. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired when a report would be received with recommendations of amendments to the election law. Councilor Garvin suggested the absentee ballots be all mailed out in one day. Councilor Fishinhawk voiced concern for the secrecy envelope being forgotten. Ms. Earls suggested the requirement for the absentees to be mailed on the last Monday of May be changed as it will always be Memorial Day. Councilor Snell voiced concern for people of the same household having two different polling places. Councilor Byrd inquired about changing the voting day from a Saturday to an alternate day. Councilor Hargis commented she received complaints the boxes on the ballots are too small and hard to see.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Fonda Gritts offered to answer questions for Ms. Swepston who is attending NCAI.*

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

*Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the CDC issues.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the bingo reclassification. Councilor Lay requested a breakdown of the number of CNB employees with felonies, firearm charges, drug charges and DUI's and which job area they are in within CNB.*

Registrar Citizenship Data Update - David Justice

*Chair Hoskin Jr. read into the record information received from Mr. Justice. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a plan for a census update. Chair Hoskin Jr. commented this information provided each month was not the original intent for the report. He suggested an agenda item be proposed to address the census*

information if warranted. Councilor Coates requested a report monthly from Registration to address questions. Chair Hoskin Jr. stated it needed to be determined what Registration is doing to clean up the addresses. He suggested possibly a discussion item in August to determine the status and plan of Registration. He stated the monthly reporting item from David Justice will no longer be on the agenda.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-257](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COUNCILOR CONDUCT TOWARDS NOMINEES AND OTHER GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table on month on behalf of Councilor Fishinghawk. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
2. [13-066](#) APPROVAL OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAG COMPACT BETWEEN THE CHEROKEE NATION AND OKLAHOMA  
**A motion was made by Councilor Glory-Jordan to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
3. [13-019](#) A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR THE SALE OF CHEROKEE NATION AFFINITY TAGS BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
**Councilor Baker moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
4. [TMP-265](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POLICY CHANGES FOR THE LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SHOW FUNDING  
**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
5. [13-076](#) ACT RELATING TO TRADITIONAL, CULTURAL AND LOCAL INFLUENCE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE CHEROKEE NATION  
**Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-084](#) A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SUPPORTING PREVENTION AND SERVICES TO TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES  
*Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Miss Cherokee Christy Kingfisher gave a presentation of her request for support. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested Miss Cherokee be present at the Council meeting in July. All Council members requested to be added as sponsors.*  
**The motion to approve carried.**
2. [TMP-271](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COUNCIL DRUG TESTING POLICY  
*Councilor Glory-Jordan provided a copy of proposed policies for review. She stated this policy is entirely consistent with the Act passed recently. After discussion was*

*held Chair Hoskin Jr. suggested in 4-Procedures the language be added "at which the Tribal Councilor is in attendance" to the end of the third sentence. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the process for a positive test result. Councilor Coates requested a copy be provided to her by email for her consideration. Councilor Lay voiced concerns. Councilor Thornton suggested a three step process if a positive result is received. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented it is not within the law therefore cannot be part of the policy. Chair Hoskin Jr. suggested tabling for a month.*

**After additional discussion and concerns were held Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for one month and requested changes be given to our Council Attorney. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- 3.      **13-086**      A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN KEITH M. HARPER AS THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Thornton inquired about the length of term, a resume and salary. Councilors Glory-Jordan, Hoskin Jr., Hargis, Frailey, Byrd and Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.**

- 4.      **13-087**      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - PART OF BLOCK 16, SOUTH COFFEYVILLE

**Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. After discussion was held and questions were asked the motion to approve carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the July Rules and Executive & Finance meetings on be moved to July 15th as she has received notification that several Councilors will be out of town on their regularly scheduled date. Resource Chair Snell reminded the committee a Special Resource meeting has already been set for 10:00 a.m. on July 15th. Chair Hoskin Jr. announced on Monday, July 15th the Special Resource meeting for the Landfill would be at 8:00, Rules Committee at 10:00, Executive & Finance at 11:00, Education & Culture at noon, Health at 1:00, Community Service at 2:00, Resource at 4:00 and Council meeting at 6:00.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:50 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Courtney Roark Thompson</i>
<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>	<i>Fonda Gritts</i>
<i>Robert Garcia</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>Chirsty Kingfisher</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>

*Shawna Calico  
Jamie Hummingbird  
Farrell Prater*

*Bill Horton  
Lindsay Earls*

*Harvey Chaffin  
Eric Champlain*