



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Executive and Finance Sub Committee

#### - PAC

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Tuesday, July 15, 2008

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

#### INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 6 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk and Harley Buzzard

**Absent** 1 - Janelle Fullbright

**Late Arrival** 3 - Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker and Bradley Cobb

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chair Cowan Watts inquired if everyone had a list of recommendations for today and a breakdown of funds available.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a request to add Bill Snyder a Cherokee tribal member who is running in House District 9 in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Cowan Watts requested someone motion for \$26,000 from the Democratic National Committee on behalf of Obama. Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the requested motion. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Chair Cowan Watts stated this is also the recommendation of the Administration as well. Councilor Cobb inquired if the same had been done for the republican candidate as well. Ms. Ginger Brown stated the committee approved \$2,300 for John McCain who politely sent his check back. Councilor Cobb inquired as to a reason why the return. Ms. Brown stated she received a phone call from McCain staff inquiring who to return the check to with the reason for return being they will not be accepting any political contributions from tribal governments. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion for Jim Roth who is running for corporation commissioner in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Ms. Brown stated they have reviewed this race and found no value in contributing to it at this time. Chair Cowan Watts requested a letter from the Chief giving explanation if this recommendation is not awarded. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan requested assisting Hilary Clinton with her remaining debt. She inquired if it would be possible through the DNC funds. She stated Ms. Clinton is a setting Senator and has been good to the tribes. She commented anytime you

assist someone with retiring a debt after they have lost those people will stay with you in the future. Chair Cowan Watts stated with the \$26,000 donation to the DNC in Obama's behalf our DNC funds are maxed out. She proposed the next meeting be held on August 28th following the Executive and Finance meeting. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated she would be unable to take any additional funds after attending the convention. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to what funding sources are available. Ms. Brown stated she would have to review. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated once they attend the convention the debt is theirs.

Councilor Cowan Watts suggested meeting on August 11th which is prior to the convention. Ms. Brown stated that is fine if it is in time for the check to be cut. Councilor Jack Baker suggested meeting on July 31st. Chair Cowan Watts agreed with this date as well. Ms. Brittain, the recording secretary, pointed out the minutes for the above mentioned meetings would not be approved and signed until the August 28th Executive and Finance meeting.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval the list provided with the amendments. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 2:35 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Ginger Brown

Doug Evans

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by:

Cowan Watts

Minutes attested and concurred by:

Jack B Baker

Date:

7/31/08