



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Janelle Fullbright

Late Arrival 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; David Walkingstick; Julia Coates and Janees Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the October 30th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Coates requested a correction to New Business #8 in that her vote should be abstained not opposed. The motion to approve as amended carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to amend the agenda to consider new business #1 prior to reports. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-112](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LYNN BURRIS AS A JUSTICE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION SUPREME COURT

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion and requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with a

request to forward to Full Council this evening.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl announced they are in the process of purchasing the body camera systems. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the K2 issue in the smoke shops. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about a clause within the leases that would cause this to be a violation. She requested the Attorney General develop statute to address this issue. Councilor Keener inquired about the Marshal's request on the budget modification.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree gave an update on the reverse decision of the Kialgege decision. He provided updates on the UKB and Freedman cases. They are working with the Gaming Commission on the implementation of the new gaming statute. He gave an updated FOIA and GRA requests.

Codification - Todd Hembree

He stated everything is with West and they should be providing a PDF of the statutes for the website very soon as well as hard copies in hand within six weeks.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She commented on the increase of Motor Vehicle revenue over the past year. She stated they are trying to have the new Tahlequah tag office location open on December 1st. The Catoosa/Tulsa location should also be open on the 1st of December.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Ms. Hanvey announced they have been working on renegotiating two agreements with the Office of the Special Trustee. They just got the 2015 RFA signed off and until there is a new road legislation passed it carries on with the past authorization. Councilor Buzzard inquired about still receiving maintenance funding.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported a hearing was held by the NIGC and they await the decision of a formal chairman. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported they are working on the end of the year paperwork. He provided an update on the substitute teacher issue and the online EAN. The compiled a contact list for the different HR agencies. He provided an update on the time to fill vacant positions. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a breakdown showing the time to fill a position by department.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution for the Cherokee Nation Promise Zone application. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-320](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND MAIL OUT EXPENSES USING CHEROKEE NATION FUNDS
Councilor Glory Jordan requested this be tabled one more month and requested everyone be aware of the policy during upcoming community meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [TMP-323](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION SPORTS TEAMS FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Councilor Glory Jordan commented the current policy is included in your packet. She stated there was question last month on the number of teams one person could make application. Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to change the wording in the policy under Funding Amounts to read "Each team coach may be funded once per fiscal year". Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [TMP-324](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION FUNDING PROGRAM ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Councilor Glory Jordan commented this was placed on the agenda for review at the request of Councilor Keener. She gave an update of how the program did over the past fiscal year. After discussion was held no changes were made to this policy.
4. [14-115](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHEROKEE NATION'S PROMISE ZONE APPLICATION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how this works. Secretary of State Hoskin, Jr. gave an overview of the program. After numerous questions Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried with a request to move forward to full Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:28 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Vickie Hanvey
Sara Hill*

*Shannon Buhl
Sharon Swepston
Gina Caviness
Nason Morton*

*Canaan Duncan
Jamie Hummingbird
Rhonda Trumbula*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Gina Olaya*

Teddye Snell

Lynn Burris