



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, March 11, 2013

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory-Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the February 11, 2013 minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to amend the agenda to move new business items 5 – 9 to immediately before the Chief's State of the Nation, to add four items passed out of committee earlier today as new business items 14 – 17, and for items 15 and 17 to be placed immediately following new business item 9 prior to the State of the Nation. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

5. [13-008](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JACK L. SPEARS AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-013-13
6. [13-009](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION**
- Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- Enactment No: R-014-13
7. [13-010](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JOHNNIE EARP AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-015-13
8. [13-011](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BRIAN HARTLEY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Enactment No: R-016-13
9. [13-028](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LEROY QUALLS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**
- Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. After a few comments were made the motion to approve carried with Councilors Coates, Cowan Watts and Anglen opposed and Councilor Keener abstaining.
- Enactment No: R-017-13
15. [13-042](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE CITIZEN - CIERRA FIELDS**
- Councilor Garvin moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with no opposition. Ms. Fields

addressed the Council and visitors.

Enactment No: R-018-13

17. [13-043](#)

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CHEROKEE NATION TO BEGIN THE APPROVAL PROCESSES FOR LEASES OF LAND AT CHILOCCO TO THE CHILOCCO WIND FARM, LLC TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP A WIND FARM

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. After comments made by Councilor Cowan Watts the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 11 - David Thornton, Sr. ;Don Garvin;Jack D. Baker;Chuck Hoskin Jr. ;Curtis Snell;David Walkingstick;Jodie Fishinghawk;Janelle Fullbright;Tina Glory Jordan;Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Nay: 6 - Buel Anglen;Meredith Frailey;Lee Keener Jr.;Dick Lay;Cara Cowan Watts and Julia Coates

Enactment No: R-019-13

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Chief Bill John Baker recognized both the boys and girls basketball teams at Sequoyah where they both made it to the State Championship Tournament. He announced the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization was signed by President Obama. He provided an update on the effects of the Federal sequestration to the Cherokee Nation. The Baby Veronica case will be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court and is of critical importance all across Indian Country. The Cherokee Nation Supreme Court held that the fifteen Tribal Council voting districts is Constitutional. CNB continues to set records with a net income increase of twenty-three percent while the dividends to the Nation also increased by ninety percent. The Cherokee Phoenix has turned one hundred and eighty five years old. The Cherokee Marshals participated in the Polar Plunge again this year and raised nearly \$3,000 for the Special Olympics. Chief Baker stated the outreach meetings in Arkansas have been a resounding success. He requested a moment of silence to remember those Cherokee friends and loved ones who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden honored Cherokee Veterans Faye Thompson Richardson and Tuck Roach.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting will be held on the 19th at 5:30 p.m. They received notice from HUD of the suspension of the 184 Loan Guarantee Program. They continue to monitor the sequestration and how it affects NAHASDA very closely. He provided an update on the new home construction program and announced they have started construction on ten more new homes. He provided an update on the Community Shield Insurance Program stating there will be a small rate increase.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton announced they have closed their first quarter very strongly with December profits up 40% over budget. He reported they have recently opened the second tower at Hard Rock. The Bassmaster Classic was a very successful event. He provided an update on the employee volunteer activities. They changed the name of Cherry Springs Golf Club to Cherokee Springs Golf Club and making some other updates there on the facility. Their marketing department won an award from the Tulsa Chapter of the American Advertising Confederation for creative technology for their digital library. The Cherokee percentage of employment at the end of January was 72.6% with 7.3% other Native American and a total Native American employment percentage of 79.9%. Speaker Glory-Jordan stated they continue to work on the council policies and may form a work group. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the purchase of the Berry properties. She also inquired if there had been any other purchases. Councilor Fullbright inquired as to the status of the feasibility study in Sequoyah County. Speaker Glory-Jordan stated she would form a work group and asked Councilors Garvin, Fullbright, Hoskin Jr., and Thornton along with her to work with CNB to form the policies.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Resource Committee

1. [13-021](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 103 FUNDING**

Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilors Frailey, Walkingstick, Hargis, Garvin, Fullbright, Cowan Watts, Fullbright, Anglen, Glory-Jordan, Lay, Keener and Byrd requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-020-13

2. [13-022](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT**

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilors Fullbright, Walkingstick, Cowan Watts, Lay and Anglen requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-021-13

3. [13-023](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR A SOLID WAS MANAGEMENT GRANT**

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilors Walkingstick and Anglen requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-022-13

4. [13-024](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE REGION 6 USEPA OFFICE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

Councilor Byrd made a motion to approve. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Councilors Anglen, Fullbright and Walkingstick requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-023-13

Rules Committee

10. [13-030](#) **A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING LA#01-01 SECTION 204A**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and add a short title to read "The Cherokee Veterans Tag Act of 2013". Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilors Snell, Fullbright and Baker requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-09-13

11. [13-035](#) **AN ACT RELATING TO THE SENTENCING OF CRIMINALS WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION**

Councilor Frailey moved to approve by acclamation the version provided at this meeting. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Enactment No: LA-10-13

Executive and Finance Committee

- 12. [13-033](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR AN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) APPLICATION FOR THE CHEROKEE CORT MALL RETAIL INCUBATOR**

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Hargis, Thornton, Frailey, Walkingstick, Baker, Fullbright, Garvin, Snell, Anglen and Glory-Jordan requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-024-13

- 13. [13-034](#) **AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #37-12 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 OPERATING - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-11-13

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Fullbright made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution honoring Wes Welker. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 14. [13-041](#) **A RESOLUTION TO COLLOBORATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PRESERVE TRIBAL HISTORY, CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND SYLLABARY**

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-025-13

- 16. [13-037](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASED SET-ASIDE OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS**

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.

Enactment No: R-026-13

- 18. [13-038](#) **A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF WES WELKER, A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be listed as sponsors. The motion to

approve carried.

Enactment No: R-027-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Cowan Watts commented on how impressed she was with Cierra Fields in Washington D.C.

Councilor Fullbright stated she is very proud of the Roland Rangers and their trip to the State Tournament.

Councilor Garvin requested a round of applause for the Ft. Gibson Lady Tigers for winning the gold ball at the State Tournament.

Councilor Snell gave appreciation for all of the prayers and cards for his wife while she has been in the hospital.

Councilor Walkingstick announced there will be a fish fry on the 21st other details are forthcoming. The Dry Creek Community meeting will be held Tuesday at 6:30.

Councilor Hargis announced COTTA will have a group of volunteers at the Cherokee Children's Mission next week and extended the invitation to any other volunteers who would like to help.

Speaker Glory-Jordan announced the next meeting will be on tax day, April 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:41 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.