



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

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Monday, July 14, 2008

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

**Absent** 1 - Chris Soap

**Late Arrival** 3 - David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey and Janelle Fullbright

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the June 16th regular session and the June 17th sub committee minutes. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution placing the Sequoyah Schools land in trust. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

1. Natural Resources - Angela Drewes

*Ms. Angela Drewes reported they are making posters of write ups of 20 different plants and animals. The posters will provide both the English and Cherokee name as well as their history. They continue to work with Jane Corbin from Healthy Nation about the Cherokee crops and how to utilize them.*

2. Construction/Facilities Report - Angela Drewes

*Ms. Drewes announced they would be ready for Health Administration to move into the girl's dorm at Markoma by the third week of August. The boy's dorm will be ready for them to assume approximately a week later. They look for the work to begin on the gym floor the first of next week. She stated the 3 on 3 tournaments will be held at the gym even if the floor repairs are not complete. She stated the Immersion staff is getting settled into their new building. They expect the roof at the Jay Clinic to be complete in three weeks. She announced Shawn Terry has met with the contractors about placing plastic or other preventative measures while installing the new roof to*

prevent additional leak damage. The Heritage Center found funds within their budget to fix their leaking roof. They will be making a site visit to Cherry Tree where the SIP panels are constructed in consideration of using them for the Veterans Center project. Ms. Drewes announced the bathrooms at the pow wow grounds are coming along nicely and will be complete in time for the holiday.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the air strip at the industrial park in Adair County. Ms. Drewes stated they are in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss the future of the industrial park and how the air strip will be a part of the future expansion of the park. The FAA has stated that we do not have any obligation to keep the facility open. It is not listed as a federal air strip or an open air strip therefore we do not have any maintenance obligations but can land on the airstrip at any time. She stated we do not have any further obligations to the City of Stilwell in regard to the airstrip. Councilor Fishinghawk requested she and Councilor Crittenden be a part of the meeting once it is rescheduled. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the status of the Redbird Smith home property. Ms. Drewes stated more information is needed when using NAHASDA funds and Pat Gwin is in the process of obtaining the information. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the Saline Courthouse. Ms. Drewes stated they would begin work on the Spring House in the next week and a half. They have a grant that will allow them to capsule the lead based paint and do some of the stabilization work. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a one page summary of the Saline Courthouse project at the next meeting.

### 3. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson gave a brief explanation of the two resolutions for consideration today. She stated the right of way request in Adair County is for a tribal citizen who has been using the road for a long period of time. The other resolution is a request for right of way in Delaware County for a non tribal citizen who is interested in selling his property. She inquired if she should speak to the third resolution at this time or wait. Chair Snell gave to go ahead now. Ms. Donelson showed a map of the Sequoyah High school properties along with a brief explanation of the resolution request today. She pointed out an error in the resolution in the legal description. She stated she would ensure a corrected resolution would be provided at the full council meeting tonight. She introduced Harold Simmons from the Bureau of Land Management in the Department of Interior. She stated he works out of the Muskogee office and has closely participated in the development of this legal description and completing this project.

Councilor Buzzard inquired how many acres were included in the Delaware right of way property and if the Nation had tried to purchase them. Ms. Donelson stated is a large property but unsure of the number of acres and the Nation has not tried to purchase. Councilor Buzzard inquired where the tribal land is located. Ms. Donelson said she is unsure of the location of the property. Councilor Buzzard requested the location of the property so he could see the property.

Councilor Garvin inquired if the casino is part of the property being placed in trust in the Sequoyah Schools trust resolution.

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - SEQUOYAH SCHOOLS LANDS

**Sponsors:** Councilor Baker

**Councilor Garvin made a motion for approval. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## 3. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the Claremore federal building. Ms. Donelson stated we do have a resolution just having difficulty making progress with their vacation schedules.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the family issue in Adair County. Ms. Donelson stated there are additional disputes and feels the only resolution would be to have everyone there the same day with the Marshal Service and land surveyors. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if the easements for Crittenden and Cochran were taken care of around the landfill. Ms. Donelson replied there has been additional information requested. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the logging problem. Ms. Donelson stated they are in the process of trying to locate someone to purchase the logs that have already been cut. Councilor Fishinghawk requested assistance with the one land low water bridge at Sally Bull Hollow that may be on trust land. Ms. Donelson stated with additional information and finding directions she would look in to it further and give an update.*

## 4. Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Michael Lynn gave the follow IRR road update:*

*Cedar Crest Bridge and Road - They have acquired one more right of way on the road portion but still lack the easement on the bridge portion. They continue their discussions with the Assistant DA.*

*Daytown Drycreek – proceeding as well as can be expected with the weather, they anticipate completing the project in November.*

*Red Barn – moving along slow due to weather.*

*Cookson rehab – will begin the end of July and was awarded to Glover and Associates.*

*Rice Woodard – they have received the go ahead from the Assistant DA to proceed with the construction.*

*Mr. Lynn announced there are several projects going to Executive and Finance committee this month. He stated he could still accept requests until the 21st of this month for them to be place on the July agenda. They held a check presentation or press conference in Catoosa on July 8th for the last contribution to the interchange project. The project is scheduled to start in March of 2009.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk inquired how the meeting with KATS went. Mr. Lynn stated they anticipate starting the service from Tahlequah to Stilwell on August 4th with a \$4 round trip fee. The service will be posted on the intraserver with information on how to sign up.*

*Councilor Thornton inquired as to the funding source for the Catoosa interchange project. Mr. Lynn stated it came directly from the Cherokee Nation through our IRR funding. It was included in the TIP list that is approved by the Council each year.*

*Councilor Buzzard asked if Mr. Lynn had been invited or any public meetings had been held by the UKB in regard to the grant they received for public transportation. Mr. Lynn stated he hasn't been made aware of any meetings.*

*Mr. John Masters gave appreciation and stated it looks as though the Stand Watie Extension is complete. Mr. Lynn stated they have signage to put up.*

*Mr. Buzzard expressed interest in visiting the Chilocco properties. He inquired if anyone else would be interested. With interest from other Councilors he agreed to*

*check on transportation and getting a date set.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Tom Elkins announced the landfill passed their 90 day compliance schedule and for the most part are doing well. The leachate pond is at 30 inches now. Their storm water plan is due on the 23rd of the month.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if any additional equipment had been purchased. Mr. Elkins stated not to his knowledge. She asked Mr. Elkins to let her know when they came into possession of the Tulk report. Mr. Elkins stated he has heard of the report but is unfamiliar with the content.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER, ACROSS, IN AND UPON USA IN TRUST LAND FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION LOCATED IN ADAIR COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, BEING PART OF CMS TRIBAL UNIT 39A

**Sponsors:** Councilor Crittenden

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion for approval. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER, ACROSS, IN AND UPON USA IN TRUST LAND FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION LOCATED IN DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, BEING PART OF KENWOOD TRIBAL UNIT 24

**Sponsors:** Councilor Snell

**Councilor Buzzard made a motion to table. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Bill John Baker announced the legislative conference has been cancelled for 5:00 p.m. today.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Charlie Soap  
Tom Elkins*

*Linda Donelson  
Michael Lynn*

*Angela Drewes  
Lita Maupin*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Corey Still*  
*Harold Simmons*

*Jim Ketcher*

*Todd Hembree*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

**Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator**

**Motion to approve minutes made by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes attested and concurred by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_