



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Curtis Snell, Chair*

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Monday, March 14, 2011

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Ex - officio member, John Masters, was not present.*

*Councilor Buzzard announced he had spoken to Mr. Masters and he is still not feeling well. Ms. Crowder did bake cookies and sent with him for us to all enjoy.*

**Present** 13 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Buel Anglen; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. ; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

**Late Arrival** 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; Chris Soap; Jack D. Baker and Meredith Frailey

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Cobb moved to approve the February 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

*Ms. Paula Ragsdale offered to answer questions from the Management Resources report. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the possibility of the Nation working with the State and cities with regard to some of the parks the State is scheduling to close. Ms. Ragsdale stated discussion was held this morning in this regard. Councilor Fullbright announced they would be hosting a public forum at Blue Ribbon Downs in the conference room on March 29th at 6:00 p.m. in regard to the Sallisaw State Park. Councilor Buzzard requested follow-up on the rumor of additional chicken houses*

*being built on Leach road. He also inquired as to who does the inspections on the lease for the Restaurant of the Cherokees and other restaurants on within our entities properties.*

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Ms. Donelson announced the grazing lease cycle is coming up and they will be adding a lessee preference. This will allow a current lessee to keep the tract if their bid is within 10% of the highest bid. The current lessee would have to match the bid, be in compliance on their lease and be in good standing. The bid packets will go out this week for eighty-two tracts. The bid opening will be at 1:00 p.m. on the 28th of April. Ms. Donelson requested Councilor Cowan Watts be added as sponsor to the trust tract resolution for the Collinsville property and to add Councilor Crittenden for the Roland property. Councilor Fullbright requested to added as a sponsor to the Roland property resolution.*

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Elkins gave an update on the Radon program. He commented there are a few resolutions for consideration today that if passed he would request they be moved to Full Council tonight.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-031](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CHEROKEE LEAD CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION PROGRAM  
**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
  
2. [11-036](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TRIBAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM  
**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve items 2 - 7. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried with a friendly amendment for items 5 and 6 to go to Full Council tonight.**
  
3. [11-032](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERTRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (ITEC) PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
**Items 2 - 7 were approved in Toto.**

4. [11-033](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGIONAL PRIORITIES (GAP) GRANT PACKAGE  
**Items 2 - 7 were approved in Toto.**
5. [11-034](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLEARLY LAW GROUP, P.C., SPECIAL COUNSEL ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO TAR CREEK NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES ASSESSMENT  
**Items 2 - 7 were approved in Toto. A motion was made and carried for this resolution to be forwarded to the March 14th Full Council meeting.**
6. [11-035](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE TAR CREEK TRUSTEE COUNCIL INDIAN TRIBES  
**Items 2 - 7 were approved in Toto. A motion was made and carried for this resolution to be forwarded to the March 14th Full Council meeting.**
7. [11-037](#) A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION TO DOE FOR "THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS DEVELOPING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ON TRIBAL LANDS" PROGRAM  
**Items 2 - 7 were approved in Toto.**
8. [11-038](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO NEGOTIATE AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BID TO LEASE TRIBAL UNITS ON FEE OR TRUST LAND  
**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve items 8 - 10 in Toto. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
9. [11-039](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - KIRK  
**Items 8 - 10 were approved in Toto.**
10. [11-040](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - HAAS  
**Items 8 - 10 were approved in Toto.**
11. [11-041](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - ACME AND VICTORY CEMETERY  
**A motion was made by Councilor Anglen to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
12. [11-042](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - ROLAND TRUCK PLAZA AND HOTEL  
**Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

13. [11-043](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST OR QUITCLAIM DEED RELATED TO SETTLEMENT OF QUIET TITLE ACTION
- Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and forward to Full Council tonight. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the Keepseagle case. Ms. Ragsdale stated they are working with the citizens to keep them informed. Ms. Ragsdale provided a handout of discussion topics for the 5:00 p.m. Executive/Legislative Conference today.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried at 5:03 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Linda Donelson                      Tom Elkins                      Paula Ragsdale  
Susan Work*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Ollie Starr                      Todd Hembree                      Patsy Edgar*