



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

Monday, October 13, 2008

10:00 AM

Bull Hollow Field Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard and Curtis Snell

Absent 5 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to approve the September 15th regular session minutes. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Natural Resources - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

Ms. Angela Drewes gave a brief history of how the meetings began at the field locations such as Bull Hollow. She provided a list of Ga Du Gi projects the Natural Resources staff participated in over the last fiscal year. She stated most of these projects are in Delaware and Adair county due to the field office locations and convience. They are in the process of getting a policy for these projects approved. She announced they would do projects in other counties but the requesting party would have to pay for the fuel to and from the site as well as the equipment fuel used on the job.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to send a \$20,000 request to Executive and Finance committee for fuel cost on Ga Du Gi projects. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to table until the policy is complete to determine if the amount suggested is accurate. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion to table failed with six (6) yeas and six (6) nays as follows:

Councilors Buel Anglen, Jack Baker, Harley Buzzard, Don Garvin, Curtis Snell and Cara Cowan Watts voted yea to table.

Councilors Bill John Baker, Joe Crittenden, Meredith Frailey, Janelle Fullbright,

Tina Glory-Jordan, and David Thornton voted nay to table.

After additional discussion to send a \$20,000 request to Executive and Finance Committee for Ga Du Gi project fuel the motion passed with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.

1. Natural Resources - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

Ms. Angela Drewes announced they continue to meet with CNB and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding wind energy and a wildlife study. They have completed a grant proposal for tribal wildlife. She stated they are making effort to identify all of the culturally significant plants that could be used for medicinal or art purposes.

2. Construction/Facilities Report - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

Mr. Jack Farmer announced as of today they have completed the Markoma boys facility for Health Services.

3. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson announced we have the trust deed on the Complex II. She stated that anyone who lives and or works on trust land doesn't have to pay State income taxes. By the end of October they should receive additional news about the rest of the complex.

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Michael Lynn gave an update on the IRR projects as follows:

Barber road - they met with the BIA to discuss a design exception for the portion of the road that will take most of the front yard of a home and a cemetery that is extremely close to the road as well.

North East Ft. Gibson - the preliminary plan is ahead of schedule.

Rice Woodard Road - in the process of placing bids for the utilities.

Cookson Road - the overlay project is near completion.

Honey Hill - the project has been broken into 2 phases due to a land owner being on active military status. Condemnation can not be filed on a land owner who has active military status. the first phase is expected to begin in early 2009.

Twin Oaks Bull Hollow - the design is near completion.

Kenwood road - a meeting is scheduled with the engineer and the commissioner to discuss design plans.

Daytown Drycreek - the project is on schedule. They have completed the paving.

The continue to have the daily transit route from Stilwell to the complex with an average of five passengers daily. They are in the process of developing a transit route from Pryor to Claremore then on to Catoosa.

He announced the green signs that state you are either entering or leaving the Cherokee Nation will change to brown.

They have four road projects going to Executive and Finance this month.

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Tom Elkins provided a handout regarding green policies initiative and gave a brief overview of his report. The next EPC meeting will be held on the 25th in the Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND RESOURCES - For Discussion Only
Sponsors: Councilor Cara Cowan Watts
Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to table this item. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION REAL ESTATE SERVICES TO LEASE TRUST LAND TO BELL DEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #33 AND TO WAIVE APPRAISAL
Sponsors: Councilor S. Joe Crittenden
Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilor requested the Council agenda be amended tonight to include consideration of this grant renewal since it is expired at this time.
2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN EXCHANGE NETWORK GRANT
Sponsors: Councilor Curtis Snell
Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion for approval. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION
Sponsors: Councilor Cara Cowan Watts and Councilor Curtis Snell
Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve this planning grant. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION'S FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Sponsors: Councilor Curtis Snell
Mr. Pat Gwin gave a power point presentation overview of this plan.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAHLEQUAH, INC., THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREEN COUNTRY, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SEQUOYAH COUNTY, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF NOWATA, THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF CHELSEA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK TRIBAL YOUTH AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK TRIBAL YOUTH

Sponsors: Councilor Bill John Baker and Councilor Meredith Frailey

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve and move forward to full Council tonight. Councilor Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Thornton announced a benefit dinner will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Bill John Baker invited everyone to a joint community meeting with Councilor Glory-Jordan in Hulbert this Thursday night.

Councilor Buzzard announced Mr. Johnny Masters was unable to attend today's meeting due to a death in the family.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:40 p.m.

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: Bradley Cobb

Minutes attested and concurred by: Justin D. Self

Date: 11-10-08