



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

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Monday, December 15, 2008

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Fishinghawk gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Ex - officio member, John Masters was not in attendance.*

**Present** 13 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

**Absent** 2 - Harley Buzzard and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

**Late Arrival** 2 - S. Joe Crittenden and David Thornton Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the November 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

*Councilor Anglen announced he received a phone call from Ms. Crowder who said they would not be bringing Mr. Masters to the meeting due to weather conditions.*

1. Management Resources - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

*Mr. Farmer reported they are near completion on the capitol improvement plan and have begun a master plan for the Cherokee Nation. He introduced the new director of Planning and Development in the Management Resources Department as Dana Espinol. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the capitol improvement plan he referred to also included the Health capitol improvement plan. Mr. Farmer stated it would be included. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if funding sources would be identified. Mr. Farmer replied there would be sources identified in the plan. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if the Supreme Court Building and a new Council House was included. Mr. Farmer stated they are in the process of looking at the needs at this time.*

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

*Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to what we are doing as a tribe to get our projects included in Obama's stimulus package for the Nation. Mr. Farmer stated the Management Resources group met last week and put together several projects in*

which the Administration has consolidated them and put together a stimulus proposal package. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested this proposal be shared with the Council. Mr. Farmer replied he would ask.

**Councilor Soap made a motion to combine the Natural Resource and the Constuction/Facilities reports for housekeeping purposes to one report titled Management Resources. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Ms. Donelson announced the Claremore Federal Building, the Patton property and the Sequoyah High School properties have all been transmitted to Washington DC for final approval and publication. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the Claremore Federal building would also receive trust status. Ms. Donelson stated it was a change in ownership due to issues with a BIA employee. This employee is no longer at the BIA and the documents the GSA submitted say transfer in trust therefore they are hoping it will receive a trust status.*

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn gave the following IRR project update:*

*Barber Road - Still finalizing the design, right of way acquisition should begin in January.*

*NE Ft. Gibson - should begin right of way acquisition after the first of the year.*

*Rice/Woodard - they are moving utilities*

*Cookson - final inspection was performed in November with very few deficiencies.*

*Red Barn Road - contractor is working under the liquidated damages clause as they are beyond 118 days of the contract.*

*Greasy Rehab - project to begin in early 2009.*

*Dahlongegah South - Community meeting held November 17th. The design plans are approximately 30% complete.*

*Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow - anticipate starting the right of way acquirement within the next month or two.*

*Kenwood/Jay - they are working with the County on new bridge designs.*

*Kenwood/Salina - started in the beginning of December.*

*Daytown/Drycreek - road dedication held November 18th and the project has been finalized.*

*Cedar Crest road/bridge - possibly have an agreement with the landowner. Landowner is concerned with the future of the twin bridge.*

*The transit route from Stilwell to Tahlequah has had a low turnout but is steady. They are trying to get to word out more and are proposing a stop in the Eldon area. He stated the gas prices are down which haven't helped the transit system. They are anticipating a route from Catoosa, Claremore and Pryor in*

*Mr. Lynn stated there aren't any motor fuels, motor vehicle or special bridge projects moving forward to Executive and Finance Committee this month.*

*Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if the Road Department submitted any projects to the economic stimulus package. Mr. Lynn stated they did submit projects to the Administration for their review to submit. Councilor Fishinghawk requested the list of projects be emailed to Shelli for her to distribute to the Council members.*

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Environmental Programs - Ryan Callison

*Mr. Ryan Callison the Acting Administrator for the Environmental Program reported they have submitted a USEPA Brownfields revolving loan fund clean up grant application for \$1ml. This grant allows local entities to apply to the Cherokee Nation for Brownfields cleanup activities for communities. He stated they have submitted approximately \$800k in safe drinking water applications to upgrade the Kenwood Water District. He announced the staff has been conducting meth awareness training for various tribes around the United States. They are doing metal testing at the Pryor Cherokee Heights site. Over the last month they hosted and coordinated the 12th Annual EPA and Tribal Summit in Tulsa. Last week they held an advanced air quality management training class for tribes across the U.S. He announced a contractor has been selected for the lead base paint removal at the Saline Courthouse. They are in the process of choosing a contractor for the Territorial Courthouse and Prison to perform radon mitigation work.*

## OLD BUSINESS

**Councilor Fishinghawk requested the Landfill report be on the agenda in January.**

1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND RESOURCES - For Discussion Only

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

*Mr. Callison announced they have been working on this task and have been working with the services team. They are reviewing green policies and looking at what can be enacted within the Cherokee Nation. They are in the process of reviewing other tribes green policies. As of last week Mr. Todd Enlow has identified a contractor to work with us on cardboard, wastepaper, plastics and other recyclables. He stated the tonnage rates will be low and not very fruitful at this economic time. Councilor Cowan Watts stated Mr. Elkins had been working on reporting new initiatives, new policy updates, and rather than legislative mandates this body is expecting monthly updates in the way of a plan on how we are going to account for and report out sustainable practices in the amount of CO2 we decreased, tonnage amounts of paper, plastics and so forth. Mr. Callison announced they would have more of a detailed report in the months to come.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts requested this item remain on the agenda until closure is met.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE INTER-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL SUPERFUND PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts announced this resolution should be in the amount of \$180k. She stated this is the same resolution that is on the Council agenda tonight for \$150k. Mr. Todd Hembree stated the proper procedure is to not take any action on this item in committee and to amend the Council item from \$150k to \$180k.*

**This matter was Withdrawn**

2.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USDA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Councilor S. Joe Crittenden

*Councilor Crittenden stated he had been requested to sponsor this item and it too has an upcoming deadline and needs to go to Full Council tonight. Mr. Callison stated this HHW grant is for household hazardous waste collection. It deals with communities and their disposal of household waste.*

**Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion for approval. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*None.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:55 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Ryan Callison</i>	<i>Jack Farmer</i>
<i>Dana Espinol</i>	<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>
<i>Angela Drewes</i>	<i>Doug Evans</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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