



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Rex Jordan, Chair

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Monday, August 13, 2018

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; E. O. "JR." Smith; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Frankie Hargis; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 1 - Bryan Warner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 9th regular session minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

Mr. Davis reported they are bailing hay across the fourteen counties. He commented about a recent visit to Blue Ribbon Downs in Sallisaw. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is a plan for that property. Councilor Dobbins requested clarification on the tribal land projects in Muskogee County. Councilor Shaw inquired if there have been parking improvements made to the powwow grounds. Councilor Smith requested clarification on the Ross Road property by I-40. He requested an update on the buffalo. Councilor Shaw inquired about acquiring more buffalo. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the ownership of the Stilwell airstrip and future plans. Councilor Byrd requested they inquire about the land adjacent to the powwow grounds and submit a proposal during budget hearings.

2. Real Estate Services - Ginger Brown Reeves

Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins offered to answer questions from the report provided.

4. Secretary of Natural Resources - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill reported on the explosion of the poultry issues over the last six weeks. The EPA Region 6 Administrator visited some of our facilities, museums while learning about our environmental programs and history. Ms. Hill commented she was able to also speak to her about the poultry production concerns and issues. The ceremonial signing for our conservation easement was held at Sallisaw Creek Park. The conservation leadership classes will be held on the 16th and 17th of September. She provided an update on the electric vehicles. An update was given on the Keepseagle settlement. She announced they received three new grants: a 3 year \$300,000 training grant, a \$625,000 grant Enterprise grant for 5 years and a hazardous waste management grant for \$103,000. Councilor Byrd commended Ms. Hill on her efforts with the poultry situations. He inquired about the remaining funds from Keepseagle and including Mr. Bruce Davis with Pat Gwin on the committee. Councilor Shambaugh spoke of the poultry issues in his district. Councilor Vazquez inquired when the webpage of poultry information would be available. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the difficulty of doing road projects within his district due to the poultry trucks destroying the roads. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the FCC tower. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Spring Creek Coalition in regard to the chicken house issues. Councilor Byrd suggested the Cherokee Nation form a strategy group in regard to the poultry issues. Councilor Shaw inquired about the water at welling being safe to drink. Councilor Smith gave appreciation for the quick response to an issue in Sequoyah County. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the percentage of Cherokees who own chicken farms. Councilor Lay inquired if the beetle set aside property is in trust.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-054](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - BECK'S MILL 40.02 ACRES IN DELAWARE COUNTY
Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [18-055](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS TO THE CHOCTAW, CHICKASAW, & CHEROKEE (NATIONS) OF OKLAHOMA.
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Lay requested clarification as to where the funds would be placed. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:10 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>G. V. Gulager</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>	<i>Payton Qualls</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Charlie Robertson</i>
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