



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Snell, Chair

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Tuesday, February 16, 2010

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ex-officio member John Masters was present.

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jodie Fishinghawk and Bradley Cobb

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the January 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

Mr. Pat Gwin offered to answer questions from the written report provided. He announced the certificate of occupancy was issued for the West Siloam Springs convention center. They are in the process of breaking ground for the Ramona casino. Mr. Gwin announced they are in the middle of the annual Heirloom seed giveaway. Anyone who wants seeds please notify Gayle Miller or the Natural Resources Department. He brought a walnut seedling from a tree in front of Seminary Hall at NSU. The tree in which the seedling came from was present prior to the building of Seminary Hall. The seedling has been started from a walnut of this tree. He has three seedlings with him if Council members would like to donate to a community group. Councilor Hoskin requested an update on the property the City of

Nowata wishes to donate to the Nation and the property in the City of Coffeerville for sale. Mr. Gwin commented they have plotted the property in Nowata and there are code violations that would need to be addressed. He would be providing a report to the Administration within the next two weeks. The Coffeerville property is at the GL level within Administration at this time. Councilor Thornton inquired as to what a Cherokee Nation citizen has to do to be able to fish and where can they fish in relation to our hunting and fishing code. Mr. Gwin stated the code reads hunting and fishing within the tribal jurisdictional area with a blue card and must comply with the bag limits and seasons as the State of Oklahoma. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if anyone had looked at the Lost City School property. Mr. Gwin commented he has been asked to review the property and provide a report to the Administration. Chair Snell inquired if they have began plowing the community gardens. Mr. Gwin commented they haven't began plowing due to weather conditions however they are taking applications at this time.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Norma Eli offered to answer questions from the Real Estate Services report.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins offered to answer questions from his written report. He announced interviews were held last week for the Cherokee Nation Waste Management. They received a permit form EPC to examine fish tissue for mercury by using a shock method.

OLD BUSINESS

1. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF TRUST LAND WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table until next month. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 29 - GAME AND FISH OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED; AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT 36-06, THE "CHEROKEE NATION HUNTING AND FISHING CODE"; ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR CULTURALLY PROTECTED SPECIES
Councilors Glory-Jordan, Fullbright, Garvin, Anglen and Coates requested to be added as sponsors.
A motion was made by Councilor S. Joe Crittenden and seconded by Councilor Jodie FISHINGHAWK, that this matter be Approved and Forwarded to Council to the TRIBAL COUNCIL, due back on 3/15/2010. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Bill John Baker announced the 5:00 p.m. conference had been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:20 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Elkins
Norma Eli

Pat Gwin

Chrissi Nimmo

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shirley Crowder