



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*  
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Monday, August 17, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell;  
Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay;  
Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

**Late Arrival** 3 - Harley Buzzard; David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 30th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

*Chair Byrd stated the reports would stand as submitted. He asked if anyone had anything new and of the utmost importance that needed to be reported or if the Council had any questions.*

*Councilor Taylor inquired if CNB would be ready for the new credit card regulations going into effect October 1st.*

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston gave a handout of the expanded jurisdiction and At Large tag revenues. She commented this report will be emailed out to the Council monthly. The hunting and fishing website has been launched and a mailer will be going out to collect information to provide our citizens their licenses. The online tag renewals will be up and running September 1st.*

Self-Governance - Vickie Harvey

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Human Resources - Nason Morton

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [15-062](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY  
  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-065](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LINDA O'LEARY AS REGISTRAR FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
  
**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilors Lay, Walkingstick, Austin, Snell, Hargis, Buzzard, Garvin and Baker requested to be added as sponsors. After several questions and comments the motion to approve carried with no opposition.**
2. [15-066](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LACEY A. HORN AS TREASURER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION  
  
**Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
3. [15-059](#) AN ACT RELATING TO DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF FUNDS, AMENDING LA-13-85, CHAPTERS 2 AND 5; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
  
*Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. After discussion was held Councilor Lay offered a friendly amendment to change the Treasurers notification to the Executive & Finance Committee of the Tribal Council and the Chief from annually to quarterly. The friendly was accepted. Ms. Horn gave an overview of the changes made from the previous version provided and withdrawn.*  
  
**After several questions and comments the motion to approve as amended carried by acclamation.**

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Warner moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution nominating Janelle Fullbright to the CNB Board. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor abstaining.**

4. [TMP-333](#)

## SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR &amp; CO-CHAIR:

Rules Committee  
Executive & Finance Committee  
Community Service Committee  
Education & Culture Committee  
Health Committee  
Resources Committee

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Co-Chair of the Rules Committee. Councilor Hargis moved to nominate Councilor Thornton. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Chair of the Executive & Finance Committee. Councilor Lay moved to nominate Councilor Taylor. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Co-Chair of the Executive & Finance Committee. Councilor Taylor moved to nominate Councilor Austin. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Chair of the Community Service Committee. Councilor Taylor moved to nominate Councilor Lay. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd announced the already sitting Co-Chair of Community Service Committee is Harley Buzzard.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Chair of the Education & Culture Committee. Councilor Jordan moved to nominate Councilor Walkingstick. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd announced the already sitting Co-Chair of Education & Culture Committee is Don Garvin.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Chair of the Health Committee. Councilor Taylor moved to nominate Councilor Hargis. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Co-Chair of the Health Committee. Chair Byrd commented with Councilor Lay just being re-elected this position is open. Councilor Austin moved to nominate Councilor Warner. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd announced the already sitting Chair of Resource Committee is Curtis Snell.**

**Chair Byrd requested a nomination for the Co-Chair of the Resource Committee. Councilor Hargis stated she is currently in this position but would like to step down and moved to nominate Councilor Jordan. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**5. [TMP-334](#)**

## SELECTION OF COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

Cherokee Nation Businesses (8)  
Cherokee Nation Waste Management (2)  
Housing Authority of Cherokee Nation (5)

**Chair Byrd stated there are eight (8) advisory positions to the CNB Advisory Board and four (4) of those are currently held by himself, Councilors Hargis, Thornton, and Snell. He requested nominations for the four (4) open positions.**

**Councilor Jordan nominated Councilor Vazquez. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Jordan. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Austin. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Hatfield. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd stated there are two (2) advisory positions to the Cherokee Nation Waste Management Advisory Board and one (1) is currently held by Councilor Hargis. He requested a nomination for the remaining position.**

**Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Crittenden. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd stated there are five (5) advisory positions to the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority Advisory Board and three (3) are currently held by Councilors Hargis, Snell and Taylor. He requested nominations for the two (2) remaining positions.**

**Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Jordan. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Warner. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Chair Byrd stated there are four (4) delegate/alternate positions to the Inter-Tribal Council and two (2) are currently held by himself and Councilor Thornton. He requested nominations for the two (2) remaining positions.**

**Councilor Vazquez nominated Councilor Taylor. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Baker. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**[TMP-333](#)**

## SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR &amp; CO-CHAIR:

Rules Committee  
Executive & Finance Committee  
Community Service Committee

Education & Culture Committee  
Health Committee  
Resources Committee

**Councilor Thornton requested to step down as Co-Chair of Rules Committee. Councilor Vazquez nominated Councilor Hargis. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6. [15-069](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Walkingstick nominated Councilor Byrd. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
7. [15-070](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Vazquez. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
8. [15-071](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Taylor nominated Councilor Hargis. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**
9. [15-073](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JANELLE FULLBRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC  
**Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Byrd announced the last minute amendments to the agenda aren't accepted unless it is an exceptional case.*

*He congratulated all of the new Council Members and the reaffirmed Cabinet members. He gave each new Councilor a moment to speak as they weren't given the opportunity during inauguration.*

*Councilor Buzzard inquired if a tour was being planned to the different entities for the new Councilors as he would also like to attend.*

*Councilor Thornton requested the Secretary of State request of each department a flow chart including the titles, person holding the position and contact information.*

*Councilor Buzzard requested a resource directory which not only included the flow chart as requested by Councilor Thornton but also a list of each program within that department.*

*Councilor Taylor requested everyone let Shelli know their preference on the committee packets as to if they would prefer the printed packets or online.*

*Chair Byrd announced all Councilors going to Tri-Council need to finalize their travel arrangements with our staff prior to leaving today.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:10 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Sr.</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>
<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Linda O'Leary</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Janelle Fullbright</i>