



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, September 25, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Julia Coates; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 4 - Dick Lay; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the August 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl offered to answer questions from the report provided. He handed out a page of a national officers magazine with two of our marshals on the cover. Chair Byrd commented on his visit to the National Marshal Museum ground breaking in Ft. Smith.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Attorney General Hembree reported they are waiting on a decision on the Freedman case. All of the briefings and finding of facts have been submitted in the UKB two acre case regarding gaming and they now await a decision. The Information Officer applications have been received and are currently being reviewed. He reported the

FOIA report is available on their website. The gaming amendments recently passed by this Council have been submitted to the NIGC. He announced he will be speaking at the Leadership Oklahoma Conference tomorrow. Councilor Keener inquired as to when the gaming changes would take effect. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a timeline on the UKB case.

Codification - Todd Hembree

Codification is complete and they are waiting on the final drafts from West. We are expecting printing to begin in October.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Mr. Andy Quetone reported in the absence of Ms. Swepston. Councilor Keener inquired about the downturn in the revenue. He also inquired about if they are moving forward with the new tag office/visitor center in Catoosa. He gave an update on the new Sallisaw and Tahlequah locations.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Ms. Hanvey announced they received their direct support cost amendment which was finalized and negotiated last week. She reported they have been working with the BIA and the Office of the Special Trustee to update their agreement on the old IIM program now known as the Beneficiary Process program.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird recognized Kelly Myers for being named as one Indian Americas forty under forty. Councilor Baker commented the gaming report is missing. He provided an oral report and stated the actual report would be sent by email.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton gave an update on the substitute teachers at Sequoyah. He also provided an update on the Stilwell CDC as requested. He provided an update on the electronic EAN system. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a job description for a Chaplin. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the process for job location at Cherokee Nation and Career Services and a point of contact. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the Macy's jobs being listed on our website. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about Cherokee preference in employment changes and also requested clarification on contract employees.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-313](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Councilor Glory Jordan requested input from the Committee. After some discussion was held she withdrew this item at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-093](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF T. LUKE BARTEAUX AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the terms for this board. Councilor Keener inquired if Ms. Doyle had received notice of her position on this board expiring. After several questions of Mr. Barteaux the motion to approve carried with a nay from Councilor Cowan Watts and Councilor Coates abstaining.

2. [14-091](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KENDRA SUE McGEADY AS AN EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE PHOENIX

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the nomination of Kendra Sue McGeady. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Councilor Baker inquired if this would be the position of Mr. Terrell. After discussion was held the motion to approve Ms. McGeady carried with nay votes from Councilors Baker, Keener, Cowan Watts and Garvin, Councilor Coates abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Vazquez reminded everyone of the Cherokee Art Market on October 10th and 11th at the Hard Rock Casino and Resort.

Councilor Glory Jordan suggested everyone review their Community Assistance balances prior to the next meeting as this is the last meeting in which to expend the funds prior to the new fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:18 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Jamie Custer</i>
<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>
<i>Rhonda Trumbla</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Andy Quetone</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Curtis Austin</i>	<i>Luke Barteaux</i>	<i>Kendra McGeady</i>
<i>Forrest Cox</i>		