



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr.; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Harley Buzzard

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Byrd recognized Cheif Brooks of the Delaware Tribe along with other members of the Delaware in attendance.

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the August 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl reported the Marshal Service had a very peaceful and safe Cherokee National Holiday even with the record attendance. He was appointed to the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate as their Tribal Representative. They have received notification of being awarded a DOJ grant. Councilor Thornton commended them on their handling of the Delaware situation.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree reported the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior have reached a huge settlement in regard to contract support cost which now must be approved by the court. He provided an update on the Dollar General v. Mississippi Choctaw Supreme Court case. An application has been submitted for placing the Hastings property in to trust. The hunting and fishing implementations continue to go well. He introduced John Hammons as their newest Assistant Attorney General. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the settlement.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the current FOIA and GRA requests and the website. She encouraged everyone to review the website and its capabilities.

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

This report is listed on the agenda in error this month as they are only required to appear with a physical report quarterly.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston gave an update on the hunting and fishing implementation. Councilor Baker inquired about the online tag renewals and vin inspections. Councilor Lay inquired who to direct questions regarding the hunting and fishing license.

Self-Governance - Vickie Harvey

Ms. Harvey reported on the DOI contract support cost settlement. She commented they are working with them in regard to ongoing policy to determine how tribes are paid.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird recognized one of his staff to be recognized and honored by Indian Gaming's 40 Under 40. They are in the beginning phases of an audit initiated by the State Compliance Agency. He announced the NIGC has published the revenue figures for 2014 which show growth for the fifth consecutive year. This year tribal gaming revenues came in at \$28.5 billion.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported they are processing the end of the year paperwork. He provided a preliminary "time to fill position" report and gave a brief overview. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the goal date placement average in mind. Chair Byrd inquired if there exceptions by department.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. TMP-329** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICES TO RAISE AND SPEND MONEY AND ESCAPE ACCOUNTABILITY BY NOT FILING FOR OFFICE
Councilor Thornton gave an overview of the progress of the Work Group and

requested to table to next month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Lay inquired about the election timelines. Discussion was held regarding the objective and purpose of the work group. Councilor Thornton requested Councilor Lay be added to the group.

- 2. **TMP-330** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:
 (A) WHAT CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR A COUNCILOR TO CLAIM TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, INCLUDING TRAVEL FROM PERMANENT RESIDENCES AND FROM TEMPORARY WORK LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF CHEROKEE NATION?
 (B) MAY THE COUNCIL REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS, FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO CLAIM SUCH FUNDS?

Councilor Thornton moved to table to next month. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [15-079](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 2. [15-080](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SARA E. HILL AS THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Ms. Hill answered a few questions. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.
- 3. [15-081](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TOMMYE SUE BRADSHAW WRIGHT AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried with Councilors Baker and Anglen opposed and Councilors Hargis and Garvin abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. G. V. Gulager requested the October Resource meeting be moved from the Bull Hollow shop to the Dahlenegah shop. Mr. Gulager also announced the new buffalo will be arriving tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:12 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Hembree Chrissi Nimmo Sharon Swepton

<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Clint Hastings</i>	<i>Rhonda Trumbla</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>G. V. Gulager</i>	<i>Chief Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>John Hammons</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Tommye Wright</i>	<i>Nathan Young</i>	<i>Delaware Chief Chester Brooks</i>
<i>Jimmy Johnson</i>	<i>Delaware Asst. Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith</i>	