



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, August 31, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Keith Austin; Dick Lay; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

Absent 2 - Buel Anglen and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 3 - David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden and Wanda Hatfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 31st regular session minutes.
Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

No one was present to report for the Marshal Service.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Mr. Hembree provided updates on the Murray decision and the Freedman ruling.
Several Councilors requested in the future to be notified immediately instead of learning through social media.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin provided an update by reporting there have been 10 FOIA requests and 2 GRA requests with none outstanding. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions. She provided information pertaining to the expanded jurisdiction as requested during the budget hearings. She stated she would begin reflecting this information in the monthly report.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

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

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hatfield inquired about where to refer questions in regard to the Arkansas initiative. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the protocol during blackouts at the casinos like last week at Hard Rock.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton announced they are working on their year end. He stated he would provide an update report on the time to fill a position soon. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd requested an update on the quick hire for substitute teachers.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Byrd requested to go into executive session for a personnel issue. Councilor Hargis made a motion to enter into executive session. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. They entered into executive session at 1:37 p.m.

Chair Byrd called the meeting back to order from their executive session at 2:39 p.m. He stated no votes were taken during executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-358](#) SELECTION OF COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATES:

Councilor Hargis made a motion to appoint Councilor Shambaugh as an alternate to the Housing Authority Advisory board. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilor Taylor made a motion to appoint Councilor Austin as an alternate to Inter-Tribal. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2. [17-089](#) 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 Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested the Council Attorney information be updated. The motion to approve carried.

- 3. [17-090](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR A TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE OKLAHOMA LLC, ACROSS THE ARKANSAS RIVER AND GRANTING A LIMITED CONSENT TO BE SUED

Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Warner and several others voiced their concerns with this request.

Following discussion Councilor Hargis made a motion to table. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The information referred to by Councilor Warner was requested by the Council for review. The motion to table carried.

- 4. [17-091](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LENDING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C., A CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the revision provided. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Mr. Doug Evans the CFO of CNB gave an overview of the request. Questions were asked about being able to raise the dividend should this pass, the collateral and the non-interference agreement.

Following lengthy discussion and clarification the motion to approve carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 13 - Keith Austin; David Walkingstick; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

Nay: 2 - Dick Lay and Shawn Crittenden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>John Young</i> | <i>Todd Hembree</i> | <i>Sharon Swepston</i> |
| <i>Jamie Hummingbird</i> | <i>Gwen Terrapin</i> | <i>Sara Hill</i> |
| <i>Nason Morton</i> | <i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i> | <i>Canaan Duncan</i> |
| <i>Justin Godwin</i> | <i>Linda O'Leary</i> | <i>Karen Ketcher</i> |
| <i>Alayna Farris</i> | <i>Chad Harshaw</i> | <i>Joe Crittenden</i> |
| <i>Bill John Baker</i> | <i>Diane Kelley</i> | <i>Lacey Horn</i> |
| <i>Brandon Scott</i> | | |

VISITORS PRESENT:

Doug Evans
Ollie Starr
Tressa Hart

Jim Carrington
David Cornsilk
Shawn Slaton

Teddye Snell
Martha Calico
Tahlina Nofire Blakestad