



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, November 12, 2013

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 3 - Cara Cowan Watts; Lee Keener Jr. and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the October 21st reconvened session and the October 31st regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Chair Byrd commended Marshal Buhl for the very historic account on what the Marshal Service is all about when the visitors from the surrounding states were here in regard to the National Marshal Museum which is to be erected in Ft. Smith Arkansas. Mr. Buhl announced they are offering child bicycle safety courses. He offered to answer questions from the report submitted.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Attorney General Hembree provided an update on the tobacco compact negotiations. An update was provided on the freedman and UKB cases. He stated he would

provide a copy of the brief filed in the Bay Mills case. They have engaged in ongoing settlement negotiations with contract support cost.

Codification - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree stated they are reviewing titles 1-63 for accuracy. They expect to have all of the titles reviewed by the end of December with printing to occur shortly after. He reported a citizen from San Diego filed a writ on the codification process. He commented he has addressed this with the citizen and provided clarification to the committee. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

No one was present from the Election Commission to report.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired if there is legislation to allow the individual smoke shop owners to have machines in their shops.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Ms. Hanvey gave an overview of the chart provided outlining contract support cost and the amount filed on each claim. She also provided a more detailed report on the tribal advisory committee as requested. The request for compact information for registration has been prepared and will be provided today. She reported they have been working on a new funding agreement with the D.O.I. She announced she has been selected and has been working with a group on what the B.I.A. is calling self-governance 2.0. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the D.O.I. roads funding. He also inquired about status of the Tribal Transportation Grant and the funds split. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the funding agreement and the funding coming in.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Ms. Tracy Asher reported in the absence of Mr. Hummingbird. She announced the employees and commissioners raised over \$3,000 for the Cherokee Angels. She offered to answer questions from the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [13-118](#) A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE PLACEMENT PREFERENCES OF INDIAN CHILDREN
Councilor Lay moved to table one month. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [13-128](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATING TO AND APPROVING A CERTAIN COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CHEROKEE NATION-STATE OF OKLAHOMA TOBACCO COMPACT ACT OF 2013"

Councilor Glory Jordan announced the Act and compact have been provided for review and approval. She made a motion to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Mr. Hembree gave an overview of the Act and compact. Councilor Vazquez offered a friendly amendment to correct the transposition in Sections 4 and 5 from \$3.56 to \$3.65. The friendly was accepted. After lengthy discussion was held the Councilor Garvin offered a friendly amendment to correct the section numbers in the Act. The friendly was accepted. Smoke shop owner Dan Carter was given the floor for a few moments. Councilors Fishinghawk, Buzzard, Garvin, Fullbright, Hargis, Snell, Walkingstick, Vazquez, Lay and Thornton requested to be added as sponsors.

The motion to approve as amended to the Council meeting this evening carried with Councilor Taylor abstaining.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Glory Jordan gave recognition to Councilor Fishinghawk as she was very instrumental in working with the smoke shops and the Attorney General's office to make this happen.

Councilor Coates introduced an At Large Citizen in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:03 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Joe Rainwater</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Rhonda Trumbla</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jamie Cole</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Bill Levinson</i>	<i>Dan Carter</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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