



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2007

11:00 AM

Dahlongah Shop

Call To Order

Ms Angela Drewes recognized and gave appreciation to the fish fry cooks.

Chair Martin called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Councilman Crittenden gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Present 9 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; David Thornton Sr. ; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; Melvina Shotpouch; William G. "Bill" Johnson and Jack D. Baker

Absent 3 - Phyllis Yargee; John F. Keener and Taylor Keen

Late Arrival 4 - Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts and Buel Anglen

Approval of Minutes

Council member Shotpouch made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16th regular session. Councilman Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Natural Resources

Angela Drewes

Ms. Angela Drewes introduced her staff members in attendance. Together in conjunction with Realty they purchased 255 acres on Ross road in Muskogee County. This property is in the acquisition are of the ARB funds. They assisted with the redesign work at the pow wow grounds. She reported the Chief has assigned the proprietary portion of the hunting and fishing code to Natural Resources. This makes them responsible for the issuance of licenses, permits, and inventory. They will be working with the Marshal Service on the enforcement and education. There has been a budget turned in to enable them to hire the staff needed. She announced they continue to work with the FLYE community of interest. They provided a power point presentation regarding this community of interest. They continue to work with CNE on the wind energy grant. This grant has been handed over to CNB. This is a project that is being studied on the Chillocco property. They met with CNE in regard with cultural tourism and historical data needs. A staff member is doing the backhoe work for the Tailholt community self help water line. They completed the mapping of the Indian owned businesses. They are in the process of editing the cancer data to map the number of women enrolled in cancer treatment within the jurisdictional

boundaries. She stated they are in the progress of updating their historical site files. The gravel has been spread at the Rocky Mountain track project. GEO data completed 366 requests for the month of April.

Mr. Pat Gwin provided an update on the ethno botany program. He announced the first meeting had approximately 70 visitors some as far away as Dallas. They will be focusing on the cultural aspect of ethno botany and not the spiritual aspect. He provided a power point presentation.

2. Real Estate Services

Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson introduced her staff member in attendance. She stated Real Estate Services has received and returned 955 phone calls, had 93 individual clients in the office, completed 32 site inspections, completed 5 probate inventories on trust land and 2 on restricted land. They had 7 home visits, 14 jurisdictional calls, 3 quiet titles 1 will interview, and several county researches, filing of documents, and certifying copies. She announced they received the deed for the Owens school property. This school adjoins land already owned by the Cherokee Nation. They are looking at property in Collinsville for a community building along side of the Victory cemetery. She provided a power point presentation for the Realty department.

3. Roads & Transportation

Michael Lynn

Mr. Michael Lynn announced the Daytown Drycreek project has been awarded. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

- Red Barn Road – behind due to rain – half way complete
- Fairview Euche phase II – approximately 15-20% complete
- Honey Hill – still on hold due to condemnation proceedings
- Rice Woodard – In process of condemnation
- Saline Creek Bridge – doing final touches
- Saline Creek Road – in design phase
- Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow – in design phase
- Stick Ross Loop – rehabilitation project – waiting on driveway permits from the ODOT

Mr. Lynn announced there are 3 motor fuel/motor vehicle projects from Cherokee County this month going to executive and finance committee all of which are bridge projects. These projects are Alberty bridge, McLemore Hollow bridge, Kirkpatrick low water bridge. There is also a Tulsa County project for a Sperry drainage project. He stated he has other projects lacking signatures such as Strang Road, and 2 other projects in Adair County. They held a county commissioner orientation April 24th with 10 counties represented. They have had 4 staff members certified by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for various areas of material sampling, concrete, and aggregate. He stated within the next few months they will be updating the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Chair Martin requested Mr. Lynn introduce the Roads staff members present. Mr. Robert Endicott gave a brief update on the TIP program.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues

Michael Lynn

None.

5. Facilities

David Roberts

Mr. David Roberts announced they continue to work on the handicapped access door on the administration building, He gave updates on the South Gate project, Markoma School, and the old bank on Water Street. The pow wow restrooms have been delayed due to price increases.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 1** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT
- Mr. Bobby Short announced this is a request for a \$221,000.00 grant to aid the Cherokee Nation in addressing the environmental situations of properties purchased by the Cherokee Nation. He stated there isn't a match.*
- Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- 2** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CHEROKEE RADON PILOT PROJECT
- Ms. Jeannine Hale announced they are applying for a \$54, 570.00 radon grant with an in kind match of \$36,379.00 which will be met by the EPC budget administrator's salary.*
- Council member O'Leary made a motion to approve. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- 3** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CHEROKEE LEAD CERTIFICATION PROJECT
- Ms. Jeannine Hale stated this is to apply for a grant in the amount of \$74,323.00 with no match.*
- Councilman Garvin made a motion to approve. Councilman Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Announcements

Chair Martin requested introductions from the visitors not yet recognized in the audience. He announced the next meeting would be June 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Councilman Bill Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council member Keener seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Norma Eli</i>	<i>Lisa Hutchinson</i>	<i>Cyndi Botts</i>
<i>Sue Switzer</i>	<i>Eleanor Butler</i>	<i>Stacy Woolard</i>
<i>Robert Stokes</i>	<i>Melanie Ballard</i>	<i>Lisa Cunningham</i>
<i>Bobby Short</i>	<i>Jeannine Hale</i>	<i>Kathy Nelson</i>
<i>Robert Endicott</i>	<i>Barry Hood</i>	<i>Angela Drewes</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Joan Johnson</i>	<i>Gary Rogers</i>	<i>Steve Malloy</i>
<i>Jim Reese</i>	<i>Mike Padteth</i>	<i>Haskell Kindle</i>
<i>Doris Master</i>	<i>Shirley Crowder</i>	<i>Freddie Ferrell</i>

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____