



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

Victoria Vazquez, Chair

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Thursday, May 25, 2023

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a,m,

INVOCATION

Chair Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Keith Austin; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski;
Victoria Vazquez; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins;
Johnny Kidwell ; E. O. "JR." Smith and Melvina Shotpouch

Absent 2 - Wes Nofire and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Shawn Crittenden; Joshua Sam and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Mr. Travis Owens reported in the absence of Ms. Jarvis. He reported they are working to raise awareness for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Peoples Month. He provided an update on the Cherokee History Course. Mr. Travis gave a few highlights from the report provided. He offered to answer any questions. Councilor Deere requested an update on Route 66. Councilor Smith requested additional clarification on the history course. Councilor Callison inquired if public education was included. Co Chair Tehee inquired if the history course would once again become mandatory for new employees. Chair Vazquez commented the language course held at the Anna Mitchell Cultural Center was very well received.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report and offered to answer any questions. Co Chair Tehee requested additional information on the new app, the New Testament in Cherokee, and the Cherokee Talking Dictionary. Councilor Sam and Crittenden gave appreciation to the Speakers Services Group. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about the youth serving to the Speakers Bureau.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch reported they are working toward identifying Cherokee speaking churches. They are having in person cultural meetings once again. He provided an update on their construction projects, solar projects and ribbon cuttings. They are currently working with a number of new organizations. The At Large meeting attendance continues to grow. The CCO Conference is scheduled June 23-24. Mr. Stretch provided an update on the Summer College Student Volunteer Program. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired as to who pays for the cost of the materials on projects the college students work them.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Frogg read the report into the record. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Austin inquired about the dates for the Dan Mink exhibit. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the process for getting a National Treasure recommendation letter.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Vazquez gave clarification that the People Community Center is near Bowlin Springs Barbecue, the grand opening is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Vazquez also announced that today is Secretary Dora Patzkowski's 44th Wedding Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:53 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Betty Frogg

Kevin Stretch

Howard Paden

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell

John Young

Travis Owens