



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

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Tuesday, February 17, 2009

11:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Ex - officio member, John Masters is in attendance.*

**Present** 15 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

**Absent** 2 - Don Garvin and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve the January 12, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

*Mr. Farmer commended the Emergency Management and Natural Resource staff on their hard work during the ice storm. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to the cost of the group leaders pod. Mr. Farmer stated he didn't have the numbers with him but would be happy to provide them. Chair Snell requested the information be provided to all Council members. Councilor Fishinghawk gave appreciation for all of the assistance provided by the Natural Resources staff to Adair County during the ice storm.*

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Ms. Donelson stated they are working with an adjoining land owner to provide an easement access in Delaware County for an individual instead of the Cherokee Nation. There will be nine lease units going out for re-bid on the 3rd of March. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the information pertaining to the leases being re-bid be sent out to the Council members.*

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced his report had been provided. He announced they have been*

*working diligently on getting the inventory process complete. The updated list for the IRR roads is due to the BIA in mid March. They will be adding and updating just over 460 miles of road. Mr. Lynn stated he could provide a map of all IRR roads for certain districts over the years is needed. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to the total number of miles over the years. Mr. Lynn stated he could provide the information.*

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Environmental Programs - Ryan Callison

*Mr. Tom Elkins announced they have had to purchase more radon analysis kits. In regard to the green initiative they have purchased a bulb crusher that crushes the florescent bulbs which reclaim the gas and the glass and metal can be recycled. They were hoping to locate one that crushes the compact florescent bulbs. If they can locate and purchase one they will offer the crusher for community use.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND RESOURCES - For Discussion Only

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts made a March agenda request to allow Ms. Bobi Deere to give a presentation pertaining to recycling and sustainability issues.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts tabled this item to the March meeting.**

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 86-08 FOR LEASING TRUST LAND TO BELL DEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #33

**Sponsors:** Councilor S. Joe Crittenden

**Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - TIAWAH 8.84 ACRES

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

**Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve. Speaker Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICAITON TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for approval. Speaker Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EPA DRINKING WATER TRIBAL SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for approval. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Tom Elkins requested this item be moved to full council tonight.**

4.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS

**Sponsors:** Councilor Curtis Snell

*Mr. Lynn requested the resolution handed out today be approved as it is an amended version of the item in the packet.*

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Michael Lynn requested this item be forwarded to full council tonight.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:32 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Jack Farmer  
Tom Elkins  
Jackie Boston*

*Angela Drewes  
Michael Lynn*

*Linda Donelson  
Trent Holland*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree*

*Ronnie Sweger*

*Shirley Crowder*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

**Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator**

**Motion to approve minutes made by:** *Don Harvin*

**Minutes attested and concurred by:** *Curtis S. Snell*

**Date:** *3/16/09*