



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

Monday, July 13, 2009

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap and Julia Coates

Absent 4 - David Thornton Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Bradley Cobb and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Late Arrival 2 - Buel Anglen and Tina Glory Jordan

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution to this committee and upon its approval forward it to Full Council tonight. The resolution is to seek a grant to assist low income Cherokee families in filing their income taxes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion with a friendly amendment to also amend to include two additional resolutions to also go to Full Council tonight upon approval regarding pesticide grants. Councilor Buzzard accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken to approve the June 15th regular session minutes.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

Ms. Drewes offered to answer questions from her report. She provided a handout of information that is posted on the website and in the Phoenix regarding hunting and fishing. She announced per the request of Councilor Fishinghawk they will do a separate mail out of just the hunting and fishing facts to the Phoenix mailing list. Councilor Fullbright inquired if this only applied to Cherokee Nation owned land. Ms. Drewes stated any property owned by the tribe can be hunted or fished on without

being cited. She stated they feel tribal members have the right to hunt and or fish anywhere in the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. A ticket may be issued if it isn't tribal property. She stated if a tribal member who doesn't have a criminal record or outstanding warrants receives a citation for hunting or fishing they may use them as a test case to set a precedence. They are working with the State for negotiations for a compact. If a tribal member wants to not have any issues they can hunt and fish on tribally owned property. Maps are available on at Natural Resources. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to the protocol for sending equipment to community projects. Ms. Drewes stated it is the Ga Du Gi Service Program. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the funds approved by the Council for gas for the equipment on these types of projects. Ms. Drewes stated there was funding passed for people who couldn't obtain their portion of the self-help funds. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated she recently attended a community meeting where someone referred to this program and stated the fuel must be paid for by the participants. Ms. Drewes stated they do not publicize these funds set aside by the Council. When they are approached about a project they go to the site and provide a fuel cost estimate for the equipment. If they then come to them unable to pay the fuel cost they use the funding. Councilor Buzzard inquired if any property had been located around Jay for the new clinic. Ms. Drewes stated they are looking at some property at this time and offered to speak to Councilor Buzzard after the meeting in more detail. She stated they just closed on 24 acres for \$124,000 in Collinsville where their community building is located. They will close on the Charlie Kirk property this Friday. This property is 396 acres along the bypass here in Tahlequah with a total acquisition cost of \$1,229,748. The possible uses are for future housing and commercial properties. The Jameson property at Downing and Water Street in Tahlequah is .2 acres and was purchased for \$42,500. This property was purchased below appraisal. The tribe now owns from the corner to the three rent houses. There is consideration for a farmers market on this site.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Donelson offered to answer questions from her report.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins elaborated on his written report regarding a couple of complaints issued at the landfill. One of the complaints was in regard to an oil spill however these were actually oil spots from employees doing equipment maintenance. He stated drip pan should have been used. He stated this is a housekeeping issue but didn't feel it warranted being written up. The other complaint stated there was red ooze coming from the landfill. He stated there is a little seepage from one of the cells which the slope needs to be maintained. Once again he stated he didn't write them up. He issued a memo and will follow up. The construction efforts at the landfill will encompass the slopes and correct the issue. He stated if the issues are not addressed soon he will write them up.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRUST LAND TO LINDMARK OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Councilor Cowan Watts stated additional information has been brought forward that this company has mortgaged our property which is problematic. She voiced concern for this company being able to do this and felt the Administration should terminate their contract and possibly pursue legal action.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 TARGETED GRANT TO REDUCE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING GRANT PACKAGE
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRUST LAND TO CHEROKEE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Councilor Glory-Jordan requested to be added as a sponsor of this resolution.
Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TRANSFER OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE W.W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL TO THE CHEROKEE NATION IN TRUST STATUS
Councilor Anglen moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2009 VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) GRANT PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Councilor Buzzard moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHEROKEE NATION PESTICIDES PROGRAM
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to Council items 6 and 7. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ITEC PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Approved in Toto with item 6 and forwarded to Council tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:48 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Elkins Angela Drewes Gregg Simmons
Charlie Soap Linda Donelson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jim Ketcher Todd Hembree

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____