

Council of the Cherokee Nation Meeting Minutes

Resource Committee

Monday, February 12, 2007

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Call To Order

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Invocation

Council member Shotpouch gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; David Thornton Sr.; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; Melvina Shotpouch; John F. Keener; Cara Cowan Watts; William G. "Bill"

Johnson; Buel Anglen; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

Absent 2 - Phyllis Yargee and Meredith Frailey

Approval of Minutes

This matter was Approved as Submitted

Reports

1. Natural Resources

Angela Drewes

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of Ms. Angela Drewes. He stated since January the 22nd they continue to work on assistance regarding disaster relief. They had 75 inquiries for the month. The Job Corp trucking company expansion is ongoing. They are working diligently with FEMA to present their case for individual assistance for families affected by the storm. Councilman Keen inquired if the At Large citizens could also receive storm relief assistance. Mr. Enlow stated they are in the process of looking at the flexibility of the funds set aside. Councilman Keen inquired if the At Large applications for assistance taken so far had been denied. Mr. Enlow stated they had been but they have the applications and will be reviewed once again. Chair Martin inquired about he annual meeting at the Dahlonegah facilities in April. Mr. Enlow stated they would get everything together and make an announcement next month. Council member Shotpouch gave appreciation for Mr. Enlow's efforts during the storm.

2. Real Estate Services

Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson stated Real Estate Services has received and returned 804 phone calls, had 85 individual clients in the office, completed 29 site inspections, completed 5 probate inventories with an additional 66 probate inventories on 1 tract of land. They received 32 approved grazing leases, 18 land assignments, 7 hunting leases, 20 right of way appraisals, 14 jurisdictional calls, 4 quiet title, 4 will interviews, as well as turned in the first quarter reporting to the bureau. Some of the grazing tracts received storm

damage therefore they are requesting assistance from FEMA. They assisted the Human Services Department with paperwork to vacate the 40 acres adjoining the Markoma property. They purchased the Court Mall containing 2.57 acres on the 29th of January. The barber shop is the only lessee on the property. They also purchased the church next to the Park Hill Post Office containing .8 acres or 3 lots. She announced they attended a NAVE conference in Houston. Two of the oil and gas companies attending the conference showed interest in the Chilloco property. Councilman Anglen inquired about the status of the Ramona property. Ms. Donelson stated the CNE board is close to approving a deal.

3. Roads & Transportation

Michael Lynn

Mr. Michael Lynn. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

	Cedar Crest Road and Bridge – They are working on acquiring right of ways		
	Daytown Dry Creek – out for bid this Thursday		
	Red Barn Road –utilities problems with AT&T, weather has set behind		
	Fairview Euche phase II – 40 – 50% cleared		
	Rice Woodard – in right of way acquisition phase.		
	Twin Oaks Bull Hollow – the bridge is under construction deck should be poured this		
week.			
	Kenwood Road – 50% designed. Trying to determine a process for the 6 bridges on		
the project.			
	Stick Ross Loop – 50% designed		

Mr. Lynn announced there are 5 motor fuel/motor vehicle projects going to Executive and Finance Committee this month: 2 in Cherokee County, 2 in Delaware County and 1 in Craig County totaling just over \$640,000.00.

He requested the IRR Inventory update resolution being presented to this committee in March be forwarded to Full Council the same night.

Mr. Lynn announced he had spoke to the new county commissioner in regard to the Stan Watie Road extension and has been told they hope to have it complete by May.

Chair Martin requested the introduction of an audience member. The gentleman introduced himself as Ben Walkingstick.

- Public Comments: Road Issues
 Michael Lynn
- 5. Facilities

David Roberts

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of Mr. David Roberts. Mr. Enlow stated they continue to work on issues sustained during the ice storm. They recently bid out the generator for the complex. They have received a successful bid and expect to have the generator from the manufacturer in 15 weeks. They have also submitted an RFP for the air conditioner on the financial resource building.

Old Business

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1.

A Resolution Authorizing Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs to Submit a Formal Grant Application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a Tribal Wildlife Grant

Ms. Jeannine Hale stated this grant is for \$86,000.00 with no match. The purpose for this grant is to do a survey of the American Burying beetle. Every time they have to do an environmental review for a housing or construction project they have to stop in the middle to do this survey.

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Council member Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2.

A Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Easement for Right of Way Over Tribal Trust Land in Adair County Known as CMS-32 Between Cherokee Nation and Fred and Ronda Holtz, for Access

Ms. Linda Donelson announced this is for an easement for right of way in Adair County. The Holtz are not Cherokee citizens but have been living next to this tribal tract since the 1950's. We need to give them legal access.

Councilman Garvin made a motion to approve. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Donelson Todd Enlow Michael Lynn

Ben Phillips Jeannine Hale

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shirley Crowder Charles Dry Ben Walkingstick

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by:

Minutes attested and concurred by: