



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker

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Monday, January 12, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan
Speaker of the Council

Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Present 16 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk;
Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd;
David Thornton, Sr. ; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees
Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councilor Baker moved to approve the December 15, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker
Principal Chief

Principal Chief Baker announced they have expanded the maternity leave for the Cherokee Nation to include the dad. He reported we now have a better bad weather notification system in place. The Education office has reported they have given out more college scholarships for the spring semester than ever before. The topping out of the Roland casino will take place next week. He recognized JOM employee Wade Blevins and all of the new Youth Ambassadors. He requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens who we have lost over the last month.

CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden
Deputy Principal Chief

Deputy Chief Crittenden recognized Robert Dye, Albert Cooper and Patrick Murphy as the Cherokee Veterans of the month.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Fullbright moved to amend the agenda to include 3 resolutions passed out of committee earlier this afternoon. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

It was announced Mr. Cooper is in Washington at this time.

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

Mr. Slaton gave an overview of the November results. He gave updates on the various current casino and clinic projects. He expressed his appreciation for all of the employees who made sacrifices made during the holidays. The current employment is 6,031 with 74.1% Cherokee, 7.6% other Native American and a total of 81.7% total Native American employment. Councilor Buzzard commented on the 100% native employment at the Jay laundry. Councilor Byrd inquired about the possibility of franchising within our convenience store but not impact the Restaurant. Councilor Fishinghawk commented on three out of four employees being Cherokee. Councilor Fullbright commented they would be moving in to the new facility at Redbird Thursday and Friday of this week and open for business on Monday. She expressed her appreciation for all of CNB's work to make the new facility happen.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Committee

1. [14-116](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF NATHAN E. BARNARD AS

A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. After a few questions from Councilor Cowan Watts the motion to approve carried with no opposition. Supreme Court Justice Garrett performed the swearing in ceremony for Mr. Barnard.

2. [15-001](#)

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN DONALD VANN

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition. Council Attorney Dianne Barker Harrold gave a brief background for the recognition of Mr. Vann.

3. [15-005](#)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY LINE ROUTE BY THE PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE IN SEQUOYAH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA LOCATED WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION JURISDICTIONAL AREA

Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. After discussion was held the motion to approve carried with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:56 p.m.

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.