



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. ; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 27th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Buhl announced the flags are flying half-staff for police week to honor fallen offices.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree offered to answer questions. Chair Byrd requested an update on the pending litigation.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported there is one new request at this time which is the only outstanding item. The website has been updated.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher was not present to report.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin inquired about the various gaming bills being heard on either the State or Federal levels.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on our MOU with Oklahoma State University, the veterans and the USDA. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of Native American farmers within our jurisdiction. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a timeline to get the Cherokee Nation Conservation District going.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Councilor Lay inquired if the Election Commission was available to answer questions in regard to the handout provided. He also requested clarification on the AG Opinion regarding absentee ballots recently given. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about those voters who are affected by this opinion and the process to enable them to vote in this election. Councilor Crittenden asked questions of the Attorney General that he deferred to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

2. [TMP-347](#) DISCUSSION ONLY: TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

Councilor Baker withdrew this agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-057](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF GLENDON K. WATKINS AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried.

- 2. [17-058](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 68 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED, THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

- 3. [17-060](#) ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACT OF 2011 TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Ms. Jennifer Pigeon and Mr. Ron Etheridge from the Education Department came forward for any questions. They provided handouts. Multiple Councilors expressed concerns with this proposed amendment. Following the completion of discussion Councilor Walkingstick offered friendly amendments to 5g to change "Spring semester scholarships" to "concurrent enrollment" and to 5f to stike "\$250.00 for 3 credit hours and \$500.00 for 6 credit hours" and replace with "\$100.00 per credit hour up to 6 credit hours". The friendly amendments were accepted. Councilor Baker suggested just striking 5g instead of the friendly amendment offered. The suggestion was accepted. Questions were asked in regard to leaving the funding at 9 hours instead of changing to 6 and what it would do to the budget. Councilor Lay offered a friendly amendment to leave it at 9 credit hours instead of the requested change to 6 hours. The friendly was accepted. Both 5e and 5f were changed to 9 hours.

The motion to approve with amendments carried by acclimation.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda for the consideration of a resolution for TSET. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- [17-063](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM COOPEDRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST (TSET) AND WAIVING IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION FOR PURPOSES OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Ms. Nimmo gave an overview of the proposed changes. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:37 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Jami Murphy</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Ron Etheridge</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>David Cornsilk</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>

Anna Knight

VISITORS PRESENT:

Forrest Cox

Glendon Watkins

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold

Linda Sacks