

RESOURCE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
December 17, 2007
4:20 p.m.

Standing Committee: Resource Committee
Committee Presided by: Curtis Snell, Chairman

Committee Members Present:

Buel Anglen	Bill John Baker	Jack D. Baker
Harley Buzzard	Julia Coates	Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
S. Joe Crittenden	Jodie Fishinghawk	Meredith Frailey
Janelle Fullbright	Don Garvin	Tina Glory-Jordan
David Thornton	Curtis Snell	Cara Cowan Watts

John Masters, ex officio member

Committee Members Absent:

Chris Soap Bradley Cobb

Committee Members Present Not Serving on Committee:

None.

Staff Present:

Todd Enlow	Doug Evans	Bobby Short
Linda Donelson	Michael Lynn	Angela Drewes

Visitors:

Shirley Crowder Todd Hembree

Quorum Established: Yes

Legislation: Yes

Minutes: See Attached

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CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / ROLL CALL:

Chair Snell called the meeting to order. Councilman Crittenden gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13th regular session, November 29th special session, and the November 29th reconvened session. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Natural Resources:

Ms. Angela Drewes announced the Natural Resources Department has been working on 4 Ga Du Gi projects. One of these projects was a land clearing project at the golf course next to Sequoyah campus in which they have just completed. They have been assisting Community Services with the site pad preparation for the Muldrow community building, additional land clearing at the Rocky Ford community building, and additional site clean up at the Cherry Tree gym site where the SIP panels are built. She announced Natural Resources recently made a proposal to their group leader regarding the possibility of programs taking on garden plots. Mr. Woody Wilson retired the last day of November. Trent Holland has taken over the Bull Hollow shop and can be reached at 822-2830. Butch Garner is at the Dahlongah shop and can be reached at 822-2906. Mr. Holland and Mr. Garner are splitting the duties regarding the lease tracts. She announced effective the first of January Mr. John Osage will be the docent at the Saline Courthouse. He is a local resident who is also a member of the Saline Preservation Association. She stated she will be living in his home just down the road from the courthouse site not in the trailer provided behind the courthouse. The trailer will be used as an office area as well as public restrooms. She announced the purchase of 40 acres in Adair County known as the Drain property. This property contains a cave with the largest population of the Ozark Big Eared Bat. She announced they have begun speaking with the fish and wildlife service regarding entering into a conservation easement. She announced a resolution will be likely in the near future.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the status of the logging issue at Sally Bull Hollow. Ms. Drewes stated staff went to the property today and will begin paperwork on the trespass through the solicitors' office. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update when available as well as a copy of the solicitor's report.

Councilor Buzzard requested a list of all tribal homes and their conditions. Ms. Donelson stated she could provide this list.

Real Estate Services:

Ms. Linda Donelson handed out the report for realty. She announced they submitted 2 additional hunting leases this month. They received on housing lease approved from the BIA and

investigated 4 trespasses. Ms. Donelson stated they did receive and return 767 phone calls, 80 individual clients, completed 38 site inspections, 15 inventories, 7 home visits, 7 jurisdictional calls, 19 quiet titles, 2 will interview, and 1 full blood will approved in court. She announced in a visit with the Bureau on the fee to trust properties. The Park Hill 45 acres, Catoosa 7 acres, Roland 3.5 acres, the complex tracts 1 and 2, the Patton tract, and Ross Road 55 acres are all with the BIA being interviewed for environmental. Once the environmental are complete they will go to Ms. Hannah for signature. She stated the Washington office have given directive to the regional offices to get these items complete. They received the appraisal for the Ramona site on Thursday. She stated they are now finalizing the lease agreement and the environmental. Once all these items are complete they will be submitted to the BIA for approval of a casino site. She stated they have one small issue with the Washington county property before they can begin the judicial determination of death. Once the heirs are determined they can start the probate to disburse funds.

Roads & Transportation:

Mr. Michael Lynn announced they have hired a new roads materials lab technician and a new roads inspector. He gave a brief overview of the roads department. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

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- Red Barn Road –installing an underground storm drain and bringing the sub grade up to elevation
- Fairview Euche phase II – Complete
- Daytown Dry Creek – the contractor began paving the first phase, they continue to construct concrete drainage ditches
- Barber Road – the hydraulics for the design and earth work has been complete. A community meeting will be held tomorrow night at Sycamore Tree Church at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lynn stated they continue to work on the transit plan a develop initiatives. He attended a transit meeting on December 5th in Norman where he gained a lot of knowledge from other tribes. He announced they received an appraisal on the property surrounding the bridge at Cedar Crest today. This is the third appraisal all of which are as different as night and day. The first appraisal was acquired by the Roads department, the land owner and county commissioner split the cost of the second appraisal, and the third opinion is of the first two opinions. He stated he will ask someone from ODOT to review the appraisals. He stated there are no tribally funded projects moving forward this month for approval.

Facilities:

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of David Roberts. He announced they have moved the housing rehab offices to their new offices west of the Casino. Vocational rehab has been moved from the back side of the old motel to an area adjacent to the Veteran's office of affairs. The tag office is using the space vacated by vocational rehab. There are some electrical repairs scheduled at the old motel. This will cause the tax commission to close at 1:00 p.m. He announced they have completed the landscaping branding plan. They have identified plants and materials that were relevant to Cherokee cultural uses. This plan will be incorporated in all of the facilities to develop a consistent look and feel everywhere. He stated they did a long term evaluation at the Jay clinic and surrounding property. He stated they are in the middle of a remodel in the Human Resources building to make it more customer friendly. Mr. Enlow stated there are a few Cherokee Nation properties affected by the ice storm. He stated he would provide a more detailed report next month.

Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the Federal building as well as its intended uses. Mr. Enlow stated he would like to sit down with her to discuss the many possibilities. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the roof at the Jay clinic has been bid out. Mr. Enlow stated he knew a requisition has been put in but was unsure if it has been processed. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the darkness outside the complex. Mr. Enlow stated they are in the process of changing out a lot of the fixtures as well as adjusting timers. Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation for the emergency management crew during the ice storm. Mr. Enlow stated as of 6:15 a.m. there remain 126,000 out of power in the state. 100,000 of them are in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City area. Councilor Hoskin Jr. echoed his appreciation.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs to Submit a Formal Grant Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Superfund Program. Councilor Cowan Watts stating we are on the cutting edge of environmental groups in Oklahoma. This grant is in the amount of \$353,573 with no match. This is for the I-tech group to manage the waste site among other things. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Thornton made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVAL/ DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: David Thornton

Comments: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: Curtis R. Ball

Date: 1/14/08