



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

Call To Order

Chair Conner called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Councilman Keener gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Present 9 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; Jackie Bob Martin; Don Garvin; John F. Keener; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

Absent 2 - Phyllis Yargee and Meredith Frailey

Late Arrival 1 - S. Joe Crittenden

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Jack Baker made a motion to approve the April 17th regular session minutes. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of T.E.R.O. Certifications

Mr. Larry Ketcher announced the annual TERO conference is set for the week of July 22nd. If anyone is interested please contact the TERO office. The fire dancers returned after fighting fires for 16 days in Georgia. They reported they were refused service at a restaurant for being Indian. The committee requested the name of the establishment.

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve the TERO certifications as submitted. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Career Services/Employment
Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley provided a handout for the job fair to be held this Thursday at the Muskogee NSU campus. They will be taking the Watts city council to the AERT plant in Springdale. The staff has been working toward a job fair in West Siloam in July. The GED graduation will be held in the Talking Leaves Job Corp Cafeteria on Monday at 6:30 p.m. They are working with the Health Department on 2 dental assistance programs. They are looking to set up a lab technology class.

2. Commerce

Anna Knight

Ms. Shay Smith reported in the absence of Anna Knight. She announced there are approximately 50 active participants in the IDA program. They will hold an orientation in Pryor on the 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Arvest Bank for those interested. They held a homeownership class along with the mortgage assistance program participants. The Sequoyah High School SEED participants earned a total of \$1065.00 together. One client was placed in the assumable mortgage program in Sallisaw. There were 3 business plans submitted for approval. There have been 10 tourism community meetings scheduled. The Cherokee Nation Holiday games are in full swing. The traditional games were held in Tahlequah with 200 people in attendance. The June games are scheduled for Catoosa at Rogers Point on the 9th.

3. CNE T.E.R.O.

Shawn Slaton

Mr. Shawn Slaton announced handout of the current projects is being emailed as we speak and will be handed out momentarily. He stated the Roland Travel Plaza opened last Tuesday and is doing well. Once the job is closed out with the general contractor Flintco will move in and take over the site work. They are working on the parking lot at Siloam Springs parking lot. They have lost a weeks work on the Catoosa parking garage due to weather and hope to open in mid June.

4. CNI T.E.R.O.

Bryan Collins

Mr. Steve Deerinwater reported in the absence of Bryan Collins. He provided a copy of the CNI TERO report. He announced we now have 100% occupancy from the BIA on the Sequoyah High School Gym. The Muskogee clinic is on schedule for September of 2007. The project is 51% complete at this time. The Nowata clinic is estimated to be complete in July of 2007. Sallisaw clinic is scheduled to be open the end of this month.

Old Business

1. AN ACT REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING CHEROKEE NATION LAW REGARDING LABOR AND THE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Discussion)

Council member Cowan Watts made a motion to withdraw this item at this time. Councilman Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Councilman Anglen made a motion to adjourn. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried at 10:55 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Diane Kelley
Mike Weaver

Larry Ketcher
Shay Smith

Ben Phillips
Alice Smith

VISITORS PRESENT:

Steve Deerinwater

Shawn Slaton

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____