



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Resource Committee

Monday, September 10, 2007

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Councilman Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17th regular session. Councilman Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Councilman Jack Baker requested a correction be made a motion to correct the spelling of the Tahlonteskee Court House on page 3 of the minutes. Council member Frailey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Approval of minutes carried with the correction.

REPORTS:

1. Natural Resources

Angela Drewes

Ms. Angela Drewes stated for the month of September they have been busy with the usual land maintenance in addition with preparing for the Holiday. She announced the chart within the monthly report showing the different land development projects to be accomplished within the 2007 fiscal year has 4 projects that have reached their percentage of completion. They are currently at 41% on new fencing due to all the fence damage during the ice storm. She stated they had only planned to do 10 miles of fence repair and ended up doing 67.53 miles of repair. Farm ponds are at 25%, timber stand improvement 10%, and fire guard maintenance 21% completion. She stated these 4 projects took a back seat to emergency situations as well as Ga Du Gi projects but will be included in the development projects for 2008. The grass bailed around the EMS building was donated to the Heritage Center to allow them to feed the animals through the winter. They met with Dale Thomas, a forester, to discuss a timber trespass and harvest on restricted land in Adair County. She announced David Justice is the acting GEO Data Administrator due to Robert Stokes resignation. She met with the Department of Interior in regard to a proposed Wild Land Fire Prevention Plan for 2008 through 2012. The portion of fire preparedness that we already compact from the Bureau allows us to do things such as hazardous fuels reduction, fire guard maintenance, and other things that

are prevention measures. There are also funds for education and prosecution that we have not compacted with the Bureau. The plan given today is for these two areas in which she hopes to review and have a resolution available for consideration next month. They have responded to 213 requests in the month of August. She stated she has made attempt to contact Representative Smithson regarding the relocation of the Tahlonteskee Courthouse. She is also in contact with Linda Donelson regarding the status of the deed to this property. She has been in contact with Ginger Brown regarding the historic information about a heavy equipment operating school. She stated she provided Ginger Brown with information regarding the historic sites list for cultural tourism. They have performed preliminary research on the property at Highway 2 and Interstate 40 as requested by Councilman Garvin. The research has been forwarded to CNE for their review and consideration. She inquired if the Council was considering having the annual October fish fry at Bull Hollow.

Councilman Jack Baker made a motion for the Resource meeting in October to be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Bull Hollow shop with the fish fry to follow on the day of the regular Council meeting. Councilman Crittenden seconded the motion.

Councilman Garvin requested the fish fry be moved to Muskogee County. Ms. Drewes stated the fish fry's are held in the locations they are in due to the location of the Natural Resource staff and the equipment to cook. She announced Bull Hollow also contains the Cherokee Nation's two largest land holdings. Ms. Drewes stated the location of the fish fry and meetings is up to the committee. Councilman Bill John Baker stated the meeting date would be the 15th of October and suggested requesting the Health Department provide a feed and tour of the clinic once open. Councilman Garvin agreed it would be a good idea. Councilman Buzzard encouraged the Council and tribal members to tour the Bull Hollow facilities. Ms. Drewes stated if anyone is interested in a field tour to contact Kathy Nelson at extension 5671. Council member Frailey stated the Council staff is arranging a tour of all of the facilities. Councilman Buzzard inquired if there are any plans for the Pine plantation. Ms. Drewes stated 2 different foresters have suggested that within 2 years the pines on the parameter will be ready for market. She stated Woody is very leery about bringing in contractors to the pine plantation. She stated they will most likely not do another pine plantation they will more than likely go back to a native hardwood. Councilman Buzzard suggested thinning the pines to allow them to mature like the ones on the parameter. Ms. Drewes stated they do not have the staff available to keep the trees thinned. Councilman Buzzard stated it is a shame that we have had these pines for 25 years and haven't done anything with them. He inquired about having a forester address the committee. Ms. Drewes stated they have a company at this time developing a forest management plan and felt they would be able to address the committee. Councilman Buzzard requested having them come address this committee. He inquired about the funding amount in regard to the compact with the Bureau. Ms. Drewes stated the unused portion is \$75,000.00.

Councilman Jack Baker reminded the committee the motion for the October Resource meeting to be held on October 15th at 11:00 am in Bull Hollow is still on the floor. Council member Cowan Watts called for the question. Motion carried.

Councilman Bill John Baker stated if Councilman Buzzard's request is a motion then he would second the request. Councilman Buzzard made the motion to have the forestry department report to this committee. Motion carried.

Council member Glory Jordan inquired about the whereabouts of the written report Ms. Drewes had been referring to. Ms. Drewes announced the Council should receive the Natural Resources monthly report each month. Council member Glory Jordan made a motion for the written reports to be provided monthly. Councilman Hoskin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Real Estate Services

Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson stated Real Estate Services has received and returned 1070 phone calls, had 110 individual clients in the office, completed 67 site inspections, 4 probate inventories, 9 home visits, 7 jurisdictional calls, 3 quiet title suites, 7 will interviews, and went before a judge with 3 wills for full bloods. They had 6 individual hunting leases on restricted land approved from the BIA. She announced the hunting leases in the past were \$1.00 per acre and are now \$10.00 per acre. The 3 acres at the Collinsville cemetery has been deeded over to the Cherokee Nation from the County of Tulsa. They have completed an archeology survey on the Ramona property and are waiting on a traffic study to complete the environmental to present to the Bureau.

3. Roads & Transportation

Michael Lynn

Mr. Michael Lynn gave a brief overview of the roads department. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

- ☐ Cedar Crest Road and Bridge – right of way acquisition continues
- ☐ Daytown Dry Creek – moving along well, received a report of Hispanic workers on site and have referred to TERO to review.
- ☐ Fairview Euche phase II – Should be complete in December
- ☐ Honey Hill – No change since the last report
- ☐ Rice Woodard –in final stages of right of way. Condemnation has been filed on 5 land owners – 2 of the 5 have signed the easements
- ☐ Red Barn Road –moving slow having utility problems
- ☐ Hulbert Lost City – 90% designed
- ☐ Twin Oaks Bull Hollow – 75% designed
- ☐ Barber Road – Dry Creek self help waterline in process on this road. They are waiting on this portion until the road is complete
- ☐ Kenwood Road Rehab – designed and waiting for information on bridges from Community Services
- ☐ Casino Exchange Rogers County – have received a memorandum of agreement from ODOT which is being reviewed by Cherokee Nation's legal staff.

Council member Cowan Watts requested an official inquire to ensure that the Cherokee Nation gave up nothing to the City of Catoosa for the road on the casino property and there isn't any indication that this is in any way the city of Catoosa's road. She requested the responses be in writing and sent by email to her. Councilman Soap requested a review of the intentions of the casino exchange. Mr. Lynn stated the interchange is in bad need of redesign. There are several major highways and interstates coming together at

this point. This has a huge impact on our economic development at the casino. Our intentions are to move this along as soon as possible. As far as ODOT is concerned they have moved it continually out as far as 2013. Our hopes are to move it up to 2009. The process would be a complete redesign in the amount of \$53ml with 5 lanes east and west. Council member Cowan Watts requested a non technical friendly drawing in phases to show the Council and also for her to use in the public.

Mr. Lynn stated there are 3 tribally funded projects coming back to Executive and Finance this month as credits to Council members. These funds are due to the project coming in under budget. In Mayes County the Town of Strang road in the amount of \$435.00 and stripping in the amount of \$662.00 and in Rogers County the Port City Baptist driveway and drainage for a predominately Indian church. He stated he and Council member Watts met with the city of Catoosa and they have agreed to take care of the project in the amount of \$376.00.

He stated he spoke to Doug Evans and the deadline to receive requests is the 17th of this month.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues

Michael Lynn

5. Facilities

David Roberts

Mr. David Roberts reported facilities has been very busy with the holiday. The upgrades on the pow wow grounds, holiday strip and car show area. They installed the softball fields scoreboard and Markoma gym. He stated the holiday went well with the exception of the pow wow grounds restrooms being overcrowded. He stated as soon as he was aware of the start date for the remodel project at the pow wow grounds he would notify the Council. Council member Cowan Watts stated last month this committee was told this project would begin as soon as the holiday would be over. Mr. Roberts stated they are continuing to wait do the increase in cost. They are receiving outrageous bid proposals and are trying to find ways to cut costs. Council member Cowan stated she didn't recall seeing a cost proposal in the 2008 budget. Mr. Roberts stated there should be a budget of \$250,000.00. Councilman Anglen stated the bathrooms are not the only situation needing addressed at the pow wow grounds. He stated there is a major traffic issue. Mr. Roberts stated they have been doing roof repairs on the complex as well as preparing the CDC mobile classrooms for use. They will begin the landscape on the Veteran's memorial this week. Councilman Buzzard commented on the weeds in the flower beds on the complex grounds.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include an item that was tabled last month regarding tribal preference on leased land. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried as new business item number 3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A LEASE BETWEEN CHEROKEE NATION AND THE VICTORY CHEROKEE ORGANIZATION, INC., TO CONSTRUCT A COMMUNITY BUILDING ON TRIBAL FEE PROPERTY

Ms. Linda Donelson stated this is the land deeded over by the Tulsa County for a community building.

Councilman Anglen made a motion for approval. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION REAL ESTATE SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR BID TO LEASE CHILOCCO TRIBAL UNITS ON FEE AND TRUST LAND AND TO WAIVE THE BOND

Councilman Garvin made a motion for approval. Councilman Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried

3. A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHEROKEE TRIBAL PREFERENCE POLICY ON ALL NON-TRUST LAND LEASES EXECUTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion for approval. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Bill John Baker announced an email has been received by administration stating the Executive/Legislative conference has been cancelled today. He stated pictures are still scheduled at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for those individuals who have not taken theirs with a group picture to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Crittenden made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:57 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Jeannine Hale</i>
<i>Angela Drewes</i>	<i>Dave Roberts</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shirley Crowder

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____