



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, January 11, 2010

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coates called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Fullbright gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Bill John Baker; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

**Late Arrival** 3 - S. Joe Crittenden; Meredith Frailey and Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve the December 14, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services/Voc. Ed - Diane Kelley

*Ms. Debra Lack offered to answer any questions from the written report. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired about the Day Work Program being suspended. Ms. Lack stated it is due to lack of funds. Councilor Jack D. Baker stated he just received a budget request for the budget modification for tonight to go before Full Council to move \$750,000 contingency fund to the Day Work Program to carry through the rest of this year and then reimburse the contingency reserve from the carry over funds. He stated this isn't a motion. Ms. Lack introduced Kelly Forrest from Career Services.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Special Grant Application to the**

**National Park Service for Establishing an Oral History Project Documenting Cherokee Cultural Traditions.to be placed under New Business Item #1. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

*Ms. Forrest handed out Valentines written in Cherokee. She stated the first class for the Life Skills Class will start on January 28 at West Siloam Springs. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a flyer be sent by email so they can get the information out. Councilor Fishinhawk inquired about much they get the VISA cards for. Ms. Lack stated they buy them for \$2.00 a piece. Councilor Buzzard expressed his concern how they get the information out regarding the flyers. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired if cards were reloadable. Ms. Lack stated they are not.*

2. Executive Director's Report - Dr. Neil Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer any questions from his written report. He stated they have moved the deadline for the scholarship applications from January 8th to January 22nd due to the universities taking longer for receiving transcripts. He introduced Sharilyn Young. She will be doing grant writing. Also, he stated they will still be accepting applications as long as the funds are available.*

3. Head Start - Verna Thompson

*No one present to report.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR ESTABLISHING AN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT DOCUMENTING CHEROKEE CULTURAL TRADITIONS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and move to full council. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*None.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 3:35 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Neil Morton*  
*Debra Lack*

*Kelly Forrest*  
*Sharilyn Young*

*Doug Evans*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*None.*