Committee: Rules

Date: 02/08/22

Committee Date: 02/24/22

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-22

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARIA ELIZABETH BALLEW AS THE FIFTH MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was created and authorized by Legislative Act 7-97 and amended Legislative Act 12-16; and

WHEREAS, Section 11 of said Act authorizes the four (4) previously appointed Commissioners of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission to select a fifth member to be confirmed by the Principal Chief and the Council of the Cherokee Nation, and

WHEREAS, the remaining commissioners have selected Maria Elizabeth Ballew to fill a new term beginning in January 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Maria Elizabeth Ballew is hereby confirmed as a Commissioner of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, seat five (5), with a term beginning in January of 2022 and expiring in January of 2026.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the $\underline{14^{th}}$ day of March, 2022, having $\underline{17}$ members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of $\underline{17}$ yea; $\underline{0}$ nay; $\underline{0}$ abstaining.

Mike Shambaugh, Speaker

Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Dora Patzkowski, Secretary Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this	71	_day of _	March	, 2022.
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Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Tina Glory Jordan, Secretary of State Cherokee Nation

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes December 14th, 2021

Call to order

• The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission for December 14th, 2021 was called to order by Chairperson Shawna Calico at 4:11pm

II. Roll call

• Election Commission Secretary Rick Doherty called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Shawna Calico – Chairperson Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson Rick Doherty – Secretary/Treasurer Randy Campbell – Commissioner Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

- Office staff present was: Connie Parnell and Marcus Fears
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present

III. Approval of Minutes

 Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the November 9th Regular Meeting. Randy Campbell made a motion seconded by Pam Sellers to approve the November 9th Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

• Marcus Fears reported on copier lease, closing out financials and presented a report that detailed updated voter registration statistics. Randy Campbell made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. (Attachment 1)

V. <u>Election Director's Report</u>

 Connie Parnell gave a report over working on the new Hart contract and Act revisions. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

(Attachment 2)

VI. Attorney's Report

• Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin had no new litigation to report. He did read from Section 46B of the Election Code to clarify a question asked regard campaign fines. Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Attorney's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action on approving Election Commission Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022.
 - i. Randy Campbell made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule. The motion was approve by all Commissioners.
 (Attachment 3)
- Consideration and possible action regarding Hart Contract.
 - i. Rick Doherty made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Hart contract. The motion was approve by all Commissioners. (Attachment 4)
- Consideration and possible action on Election Commission 5th Commissioner seat.
 - i. Rick Doherty made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to approve Elizabeth Ballew as the Election Commissions selection for the 5^{th} Commissioner seat. The motion was approve by all Commissioners.

IX. Executive Session

- Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to enter Executive Session at 4:38pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Pam Sellers made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to exit Executive Session at 4:54pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

X. Action from Executive Session

- Elizabeth Ballew made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to send questionable financial report to AG's office. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Elizabeth Ballew made a motion seconded by Randy Campbell to accept the Administrator's Performance Evaluation of the Clerk III. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjourn

• Randy Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 4:57pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Rick Doherty, Secretary/Treasurer

	ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE
	Dept/Program:
	Signature/Initial Date
	Executive Director:
-	Signature/Initial Date
	Treasurer (Required: Grants/Contracts/Budgets):
	Signature/Initial Date
	Government Relations:
-	Signature/Initial Date
	Administration Approval:
	Signature/Initial Date
Γ	LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:
	Legal & Legislative Coordinator: Signature/Initial Date
	Standing Committee & Date: Committee & Date: Committee & Date

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

Act

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TITLE:

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DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Chuck Hoskin Jr.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER:

Taralee Montgomery

COUNCIL SPONSOR: Rex Jordan, Candusa Tuhu

NARRATIVE:

A resolution confirming the reappointment of Maria Elizabeth Ballew to the Cherokee Nation Election Commission, as the fifth member selected by the commission.

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