



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, April 30, 2015

12:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; Julia Coates; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the March 26th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl announced they sponsored a three gun pistol match where the proceeds benefited the Special Olympics. Their big vehicle the M-rap may be seen around town in the next couple of days while it visits some of the schools. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. He commented on their new transport process for taking mentally distressed patients from Hastings. Councilor Buzzard inquired about requesting the Marshals coming to schools for events.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

No one was present to report.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

No one was present to report.

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

Commissioner Horton introduced Keeli Duncan as the Administrator of the Election Commission. She gave the current number of registered voters to date. She provided a copy of the polling locations for the 2015 election. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if this is the same as the map located on the website. She requested a copy of the list by email. She voiced concern for the Tulsa locations and inquired about the process for determining the locations. Discussion was held in regard to the list needing to be approved by the Council forty-five days prior to the election.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda for consideration of the polling locations for the 2015 election. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on a budget item between the Tax Commission and Career Services.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

No one was present to report.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

No one was present to report.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

No one was present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-036](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DURBIN FEELING AS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURES PROGRAM
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors.

2. [TMP-326](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REPORT FROM THE RECOGNITION WORK GROUP

Councilor Hargis provided a report from the recognition work group and announced they have agreed to recognize Dawn Stover as requested by Councilor Vazquez.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda for consideration of the Resolution recognizing Ms. Stover. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2a. [15-042](#) A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHEROKEE NATION CITIZEN DAWN R. STOVER

Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [TMP-329](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND OTHER OFFICES TO RAISE AND SPEND MONEY AND ESCAPE ACCOUNTABILITY BY NOT FILING FOR OFFICE

Councilor Thornton moved to table for one month. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [TMP-330](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:
(A) WHAT CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR A COUNCILOR TO CLAIM TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, INCLUDING TRAVEL FROM PERMANENT RESIDENCES AND FROM TEMPORARY WORK LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF CHEROKEE NATION?
(B) MAY THE COUNCIL REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS, FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER WHO DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENT BASIS TO CLAIM SUCH FUNDS?

Councilor Thornton moved to table for one month. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. [TMP-331](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REVIEW OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL EXPENSE POLICY

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. [15-043](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCATION OF THE 2015 ELECTION POLLING PLACES

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to accept the list of polling places as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded

the motion. The motion carried at 12:33 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Canaan Duncan
Keeli Duncan
Sharon Swepston
Durbin Feeling

Shannon Buhl
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Linda O'Leary

Connie Parnell
David Cornsilk
Jami Murphy

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ollie Starr
Carolyn Allen
Martha Calico
Betsy Swimmer

Larry Horn
Teddy Snell
Farrell Prater

Bill Horton
Dianne Barker Harrold
Cheryl Brown