



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chairman Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Jodie FISHINGHAWK; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Julia Coates; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 4 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 1 - Don Garvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Marshal Buhl announced one of the Marshals was awarded with a plaque from the Elks Lodge for helping a choking person while at lunch. They raised just over \$4,600 for the Polar Bear Plunge held last week.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Ms. Sara Hill reported in the absence of AG Hembree. She gave an update on the pending court cases. The mock trial was held last week for the high school students. The BIA guidelines for State courts, which are important in ICW cases, have been updated for the first time in thirty years.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin reported on the number of FOIA and GRA requests submitted for the past month. She continues to get the past year uploaded on the website. Councilor Lay inquired about her office location.

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired who does the background checks and/or investigations on the candidates when they file for office.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Marshal Buhl provided clarification on the Marshal Services role in the election candidate's background checks or investigations.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Mr. Clint Hastings reported in the absence of Ms. Hanvey. He gave a brief overview of the meetings Ms. Hanvey is currently attending in Washington D.C. He read a letter they received from another tribe in which they assisted in their self-governance IHS claims. He commented on the President's request to move the CSC funding from discretionary to mandatory. They have been working on the BIA roads inventory at Sequoyah High School. Councilor Keener inquired if the unpaid claims settlement could be itemized.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird reported the South Coffeyville casino was successfully opened in the middle of a snow storm. They are now geared toward and focusing on the Roland facility with a mid-May opening. He provided a handout showing the total amount of compact fee payments made by all tribes.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton introduced their recruiter, Chase Murphy. Councilor Taylor inquired about Mr. Murphy's background.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [15-010](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Chair Byrd requested to move forward to the new business items and return to this item shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-027](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF BOBBY L. VAUGHN AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Mr. Vaughn was present for questions. Councilors Fishinghawk, Byrd, Fullbright, Buzzard, Taylor, Lay, Walkingstick, and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.

2. [15-028](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF J. BLAKE FLETCHER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. Fletcher was present for questions. Councilors Glory Jordan, Byrd, Fullbright, Keener, Buzzard, Taylor, Lay, Walkingstick, and Vazquez requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

3. [15-029](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTY D. MATLOCK AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Mr. Matlock was present for questions. Councilors Keener, Buzzard, Fullbright, Fishinghawk, Hargis, Glory Jordan, Byrd, Walkingstick and Lay requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [15-010](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

A motion was made by Councilor Councilor Fullbright moved to nominate Councilor Jodie Fishinghawk as our Councilor Secretary. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Buzzard, Garvin, Fullbright, Hargis, Byrd, Vazquez, Walkingstick, Lay and Taylor requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with Councilors Coates and Keener abstaining. The request was made to move this item forward to Full Council this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to amend the agenda for consideration next on the agenda a Legislative Act regarding Intoxicating Liquors. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Coates, joining the meeting VIA stream, requested the item be emailed to her for review. The motion to amend carried.

RECESS

Councilor Glory Jordan requested a 15 minutes recess to allow time for everyone to review prior to consideration. The Chair called for a 10 minutes recess.

RECONVENNE

Chair Byrd called the meeting back to order at 1:51 p.m.

4. [15-030](#)

A LEGISLATIVE ACT ENTITLED "THE CHEROKEE NATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND TAX CODE MODIFICATION OF 2015"

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the revised handout with a brief overview of the amendments. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. A handout was provided from Education showing the number of Cherokee students, and the school districts. Councilor Garvin made a motion to include all of McIntosh County. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. After discussion was held Councilor Garvin withdrew his motion.

After additional debate the motion to approve carried to full council this evening with Councilors Walkingstick, Glory Jordan and Lay oppsoed.

[15-033](#)

AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUORS

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Ms. Sara Hill from the Attorney General's office gave an overview. After a few questions were asked the motion to approve carried and forward to full council this evening with no opposition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Keener moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Jamie Hummingbrid</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>
<i>Clint Hastings</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Rhonda Trumbla</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>	<i>Travis Snell</i>	<i>Chiefy Young</i>
<i>Chad Hershaw</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Chase Murphy</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jami Murphy</i>	<i>Lacy Horn</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Gina Olaya</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Bobby Vaughn</i>	<i>Blake Fletcher</i>
<i>Marty Matlock</i>		