



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

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Monday, June 16, 2008

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Snell called the meeting to order.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Ex- Officio Member John Masters was not in attendance.*

**Present** 16 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; 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** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to approve the May 12th regular session minutes and the May 13th sub committee minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Natural Resources - Angela Drewes

*Ms. Angela Drewes announced her written report had been provided and offered to answer any questions. In regard to construction they will complete two really critical projects this week and then be back to complete the brick work here on the Council House. She stated they have had problems locating brick to match. She stated they have found the closest they can and may have to do some technique to blend. She announced they are working on the construction documents for the veteran's center. A contract has been signed with Cherokee Nation Construction Management for the pow wow grounds restrooms. Property has been acquired for the Vinita clinic. They are doing the finishing touches at the Markoma gym with the remaining funds. She stated they have requested \$100,000 in additional funds for the facility. She stated the gym should be ready for employees to use by the end of July. The girls dorm renovations should be complete in a month to allow the Health department to move in. The boys dorm should be ready in approximately 2 months. They selected a construction firm for the Spring House. Ms. Drewes announced an Inter Tribal Emergency Management Coalition Conference was held in Catoosa where almost every agency was represented. She stated it was an excellent networking conference for tribes to determine what needs to be done to be prepared for emergency events. The construction crew is attempting to put on the pitched roof on the Jay Clinic but is having difficulty with all of the rain. She stated there will be some*

*interior damage from the excessive rain fall.*

2. Construction/Facilities - Angela Drewes

*Ms. Drewes announced the offices inside the warehouse where procurement was housed have been removed to create additional warehouse space. They are doing repair work to the duplexes on Keetoowah Street to provide accommodations when needed for overnight dignitaries. She stated they are inspecting and repairing equipment, working on HBC units, road and drainage repairs and building inspections. Councilor Thornton inquired about land acquisition at the Red Bird Smith old home site. Ms. Drewes stated Wendell Cochran is working on landscape issues around the complex. They are in the process of killing weeds, removing existing flowers to install weed paper in flower beds then replanting. Councilor Glory-Jordan suggest looking into purchasing the old Thompson house which used to be a motel. Ms. Drewes stated they have looked at the Thompson house. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to when the duplexes were purchased. Ms. Drewes replied approximately one year ago.*

3. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Ms. Linda Donelson announced her report had been provided and offered to answer any questions.*

4. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Michael Lynn announced they met with the commissioner, assistant district attorney, landowner and their attorney on the Cedar Crest road and bridge project to attempt to come up with a resolution to the situation. The 30 days the landowner's attorney requested requested to respond will be up on the 30th of June. He stated both the Daytown Drycreek project and the Red Barn Road are moving along. The condemnation is complete on the Honey Hill project. This project will be broken up into 2 phases. One of the landowners who was included in the condemnation filing is on active duty at this time with the military. This landowner is protected by the Soldier Sailer Act which prohibits any civil cases during their active duty. The first phase will end at this landowner's property line. Once the landowner returns they will begin the second phase. A utility meeting is scheduled this week on the Rice Woodard project. They have already began moving some of the larger utilities. The Cookson Blue Top road is out to bid at this time.*

*Mr. Lynn announced they will have 4 projects for consideration at the Executive and Finance Committee this month. These projects include a Nowata County bridge project for \$35,000 sponsored by Councilor Hoskin, additional funding for tin horns and pipes in the amount of \$406 from Councilor Thornton, South Roland Road and Mineral Springs Road in Sequoyah County sponsored by Councilors Thornton and Fullbright. The projects total \$213,305.*

*Mr. Lynn announced they will be meeting with KATS on the 7th of July to discuss a transit route from Stilwell to Tahlequah.*

*Councilor Frailey inquired about the status of the Saline bridge that is falling in due to the storms. Mr. Lynn replied the commissioner is waiting on FEMA funds to come in as well as information from engineering.*

5. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

6. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Tom Elkins announced his report has been provided and offered to answer any questions. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if they were in compliance with the 60 to 90 days. Mr. Elkins stated we are in compliance.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to add new business item 7 as a resolution authorizing the formal acceptance of the Claremore federal building. She apologized for the late submittal. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts stated this resolution is to seek funding in the amount of \$250,000 with no match required for Brownfields redevelopment with respect to our tribal populations as well as training and development, and over seeing of environmental cleanups.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for approval. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 6 OFFICE, FOR AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE INTER-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL CONSORTIUM

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts stated this grant is for underground storage tanks and provides technical assistance for tribally owned underground storage tanks as well as location through GIS. This grant is in the amount of \$150,000 with not match required.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A CHEROKEE RADON PILOT PROJECT

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts stated this grant provides radon workshops for homeowner training and testing. The grant is in the amount of \$89,008 with an inkind match of 40%.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS LEAD-BASED PAINT CLEANUP GRANT FOR THE SALINE COURTHOUSE

**Sponsors:** Councilor Baker

*Councilor Jack Baker announced this resolution is to provide the necessary cleanup money for the removal of lead-based paint from the interior of the Saline Courthouse. The Federal funds applied for are in the amount of \$104,000 with a 20% match.*

**Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval and requested it be forwarded to Full Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL APPLICATION TO THE U. S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FOR THE SALINE COURTHOUSE

**Sponsors:** Councilor Baker

*Councilor Jack Baker stated this resolution is to obtain National Parks Service funds to aid in the restoration of the Saline Courthouse. He stated this item in in the amount of \$60,000 and has no match requirements.*

**Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval and requested it be forwarded to Full Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

6. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 38-08 AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - TAHLONTEESKEE

**Sponsors:** Councilor Baker

*Councilor Jack Baker stated this resolution amends a resolution passed last month due to errors in the legal description needing correction.*

**Councilor Jack Baker moved for the approval and requested it be forwarded to Full Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST AND ACCEPTANCE OF LAND - CLAREMORE FEDERAL BUILDING

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cowan Watts

*Councilor Cowan Watts requested due to the timeliness of items 1, 2 and 3 be moved to full council tonight. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilor Cowan Watts stated item 7 is allowing Chief Smith to accept the Claremore Federal Building.*

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for the approval and requested it be forwarded to Full Council tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*None.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:25 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Angela Drewes  
Linda Donelson*

*Tom Elkins*

*Michel Lynn*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Jim Ketcher*

*Todd Hembree*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

**Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator**

**Motion to approve minutes made by:** *Bill John Baker*

**Minutes attested and concurred by:** *Justin A. Dyer*

**Date:** *7-14-08*