



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Meeting Minutes - Draft RULES COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 29, 2013

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoskin Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Cara Cowan Watts; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 1 - Lee Keener Jr.

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 15, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor Byrd moved to add both Councilors Buzzard and Taylor to this committee. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Councilor Glory Jordan requested the reports be submitted in writing due to the very lengthy agenda. Chair Hoskin Jr. commented if the reports need to be supplemented to submit those to Shelli for distribution.

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Codification - Todd Hembree

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Self-Governance - Vickie Harvey

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-257](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: COUNCILOR CONDUCT TOWARDS NOMINEES AND OTHER GUESTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Councilor Fishinghawk withdrew this item.
2. [13-019](#) A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR THE SALE OF CHEROKEE NATION AFFINITY TAGS BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Councilor Baker withdrew this item.
3. [13-076](#) ACT RELATING TO TRADITIONAL, CULTURAL AND LOCAL INFLUENCE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Lay withdrew this item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-099](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [13-100](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [13-101](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTY D. MATLOCK AS A COMMISSIONER OF CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Mr. Matlock was present for questions. The motion to approve carried.

4. [13-102](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JAMES L. COSBY AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. After a few questions of Mr. Cosby the motion to approve carried.
5. [13-104](#) A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CALVING AND POST-CALVING GROUNDS OF THE PORCUPINE CARIBOU HERD
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried.
6. [TMP-279](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POTENTIAL CLAIMS BY THE CHEROKEE NATION TO LANDS FORMERLY HELD BY RAILROAD COMPANIES OPERATING WITHIN THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to enter into discussion. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Chair Hoskin Jr. inquired if either the Realty Department or the Attorney General's Office had a report to offer. Chair Hoskin Jr. commented there is abandoned railroad property that may or may not revert back to the Cherokee Nation.
Councilor Hargis moved to table. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. [13-107](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHEROKEE NATION MINIMUM WAGE ACT OF 2006
Councilor Baker moved to approve stating this would raise the minimum wage from \$9.00 to \$9.50 effective January 1st. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table for ninety days to allow time for a survey of the effects of the business arm and the government department by department. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with some opposition.
8. [13-109](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CHARLES T. HOSKIN JR., AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Glory Jordan with great honor moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. After numerous comments and questions the motion carried with no opposition to the Special Council meeting this evening.
9. [13-110](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to elect Councilor Fullbright as the Deputy Speaker of the Council. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried for consideration at the Special Council meeting this evening.
10. [13-111](#) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 11 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Glory Jordan moved to establish the special election date for District 11 as October 12th. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Chair Hoskin Jr. handed out a document with the proposed election timeline with the election date of October 12th. Mr. Harvey Chaffin, the Election Commission Attorney, gave an overview of the timeline provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Glory-Jordan amended her motion to include the timeline provided as exhibit A. Discussion was held

regarding obtaining a vendor for the automated services and hand counting of the ballots. Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend to push the election date two weeks until October 26 along with all other dates. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Several questions and concerns were voiced in regard to the proposed timeline and vote count process.

After lengthy discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts motion for an election date of October 26th failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 5 - Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard and Don Garvin

Nay: 11 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Councilor Lay offered a friendly amendment to expand the candidate filing period on additional day to the 7th. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment for the Marshal Service to be at all precincts and provide an escort of the ballots back to the Election Commission. The friendly was denied as the Commission commented they would request this of the Marshal Service. Councilor Cowan Watts requested feedback on the request. Council Attorney Barker Harrold suggested the Election Commission amend their rules of procedure to reflect the request of the Marshal Service at the precincts.

Councilor Glory Jordan’s motion to approve the resolution with the special election date of October 12th and exhibit A as amended carried with no opposition for consideration at the Special Council meeting this evening.

- 11. [TMP-282](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
Councilor Fishinghawk nominated Councilor Harley Buzzard as the Community Service Committee Co-Chair. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 12. [TMP-283](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
Councilor Glory Jordan nominated Councilor Janees Taylor as the Executive & Finance Committee Co-Chair. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

- 13. [TMP-284](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF RESOURCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Councilor Hargis nominated Councilor Curtis Snell as the Resource Committee Chair. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

- 14. [TMP-285](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF RESOURCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR
Councilor Glory Jordan nominated Councilor Frankie Hargis as the Resource Committee Co-Chair. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

- 15. [TMP-286](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF RULES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilor Glory Jordan nominated Councilor Joe Byrd as the Rules Committee Chair. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

- 16. [TMP-287](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Councilor Glory Jordan nominated Councilor David Walkingstick as the Education & Culture Committee Chair. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Coates abstaining.

- 17. [TMP-288](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Councilor Glory-Jordan nominated Councilor Don Garvin as the Education & Culture Committee Co-Chair. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 18. [TMP-289](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF A COUNCILOR TO AN OPEN SEAT ON THE CNB ADVISORY BOARD

Councilor Fishinhawk nominated Councilor David Thornton. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 19. [TMP-290](#) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCILORS TO OPEN SEATS ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Glory Jordan nominated Councilors David Walkingstick and Janees Taylor to the two open seats. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:36 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Andy Quetone</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Sr.</i>	<i>Vickie Harvey</i>
<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>	<i>Courtney Roark Thompson</i>
<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Jim Cosby</i>	<i>Marty Matlock</i>	<i>Stacy Leeds</i>
<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Carolyn Allen</i>	<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>
<i>Fan Robinson</i>	<i>Ed Fite</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		

