



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE - PAC

*Cara Cowan Watts, Chair*

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Thursday, March 25, 2010

3:30 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Jack D. Baker gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Julia Coates and Chuck Hoskin Jr. were present but do not serve on this committee.*

**Present** 9 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan and Jodie Fishinghawk

**Absent** 1 - Harley Buzzard

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

*Ms. Ginger Brown provided a list of contribution requests and provided a brief overview of each.*

**Councilor Garvin made a motion to approve the \$2,400 request for Republican Representative Shane Jett of Oklahoma. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve the \$1,000 request for Democrat Dale Kildee of Michigan who is the Chair of the Native American Caucus. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk in opposition.**

**Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the \$1,000 request for Democrat Stephanie Herseth Sandlin of South Dakota. Ms. Sandlin is the Co-Chair of the Native American Caucus. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to how the people or groups on the list are gathered. Ms. Brown replied the requests come from our Washington D.C. office. Councilor Glory-Jordan voiced concern for the out of State recommendations. The motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.**

Chair Cowan Watts inquired if our contribution is maxed out for Congressman Boren. Ms. Brown replied we have contributed the maximum amount allowed to Congressman Boren.

Ms. Brown announced the request for the Democratic Congressional Committee is the maximum amount allowed per calendar year of \$30,400. Councilor Garvin moved to approve as requested. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion.

Councilor Cobb requested quarterly reports showing voting records of anyone whom we have given money too. Chair Cowan Watts suggested a running list of all negative votes on issues concerning the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if a third party entity score these candidates on Native American issues. Ms. Brown commented she would look into the issue. Council Attorney Todd Hembree commented the Washington DC office currently does this type of tracking.

Chair Cowan Watts requested an update on the remaining amount of funds available for political contributions. Ms. Brown gave an estimate of \$474,552 which doesn't include these today.

The motion to approve the DCCC passed with Councilor Jack D. Baker opposed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:03 p.m.

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Ginger Brown*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Todd Hembree*