



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 15, 2017

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the April 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

Mr. Davis offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the cattle proposal. He also inquired about the future plans are with the buffalo herd.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Mr. Davis gave apologies for the late resolution presented to establish a Cherokee Nation Conservation District. He gave an overview of the background and introduced Bryan Shade for further questions. Councilor Byrd commented this isn't on the agenda and it would need to be amended for consideration.

Councilor Vazquez moved to amend the agenda. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the placement of this resolution

being New Business #4.

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

Councilor Walkingstick requested a report by email showing the cost of the second story addition.

2. Real Estate Services - Ginger Brown Reeves

Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on some property in the Oak Hill area. Councilor Lay inquired about abandon railways coming back to us. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they are keeping watch on President Trump and his discussion in regard to Indian lands. Councilor Byrd inquired if the Cherokee Plaza is in trust. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the old clinic building in Jay is in trust.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins reported the environmental festival was held with a great turnout. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

4. Secretary of Natural Resources - Sara Hill

Ms. Hill gave an update on the Sequoyah Fuels case. She provided an update on the solar canopy here at the complex. Mr. Gwin and the Medicine Keepers are working with the National Park Service in Arkansas to identify some plants. The Cherokee Nation Fish and Wildlife Association have sent out approximately 2,000 welcome letters with membership cards. Councilor Byrd inquired about the wind energy now in the news and its impact on us.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-053](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Ms. Reeves gave an explanation of this resolution along with #2. The motion carried.
2. [17-054](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CHEROKEE NATION TRUST LANDS TO MUTUAL-HELP HOME PARTICIPANTS IN TRUST
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [17-055](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO THE ESTE MYSKOKULKE MOMEN HOPUETVKE, INC. (YONKERS) CONTAINING 15 ACRES M/L
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. Ms. Reeves gave an overview of the resolution request. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is an out clause on our leases. Councilor Austin requested additional information on

the organization. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if this organization is Cherokee based. Councilor Byrd inquired if we have ever leased to non-Cherokees for ceremonial purposes.

Councilor Byrd made a motion to table. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. [17-061](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHEROKEE NATION CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. Bruce Davis gave an overview of how this resolution request came about. Mr. Bryan Shade provided clarification of the resolution requested. Councilor Walkingstick inquired how this would work with the local USDA office.

Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried along with a request to go to full Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. G. V. Gulager gave an update on the recently held Sallisaw Creek Park trail ride. He also provided an update on the buffalo.

Councilor Walkingstick requested to keep Mr. John Masters and his family in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>G. V. Gulager</i>
<i>Joel Bean</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Chad Harshaw</i>
<i>Bryan Shade</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Mary Baker Shaw</i>	