



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 12, 2010

11:00 AM

Bull Hollow Shop

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ex-officio member, John Masters was present.

Present 13 - Bill John Baker; Buel Anglen; Chris Soap; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Meredith Frailey; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Absent 3 - Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Jodie Fishinghawk

Late Arrival 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Anglen moved to approve the March 15th regular session minutes.
Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

REPORTS:

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins gave an overview of his report and offered to answer questions. He gave appreciation for allowing him to report first.

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

Ms. Drewes offered to answer questions from her report. Councilman Buzzard inquired about the American Burying Beetle surveys that are required and how Natural Resources is working with the Fish and Wildlife Department on a process that would not cause project delays on our end. Ms. Drewes and Mr. Pat Gwin explained

the process that we are currently working through to enter into a conservation easement on some of our land that will not be developed in exchange for not having to conduct surveys on those lands that we will be. The land being considered is the Southern portion of CMS bordering Sequoyah County. Ms. Drewes announced a video of the Natural Resource and Realty projects will be played during lunch. If there are any questions please contact them.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Donelson offered to answer questions from her report. She announced the Toby Keith and Meigs Jewelry leases were approved by the BIA. The Claremore Federal building is still awaiting signature in Washington D.C.

OLD BUSINESS

1. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF TRUST LAND WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION
Councilor Frailey moved to table to the end of the meeting to allow time for Councilor Cowan Watts to arrive. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO HOUSING APPLICANT
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilor Soap abstaining.
2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - CHILOCCO 2667.94 ACRES
Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION PROGRAMS TO DONATE EQUIPMENT TO U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (U.S.G.S.)
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USEPA FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY RURAL WATER SYSTEM
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and requested Councilors Buzzard and Snell be added as sponsors. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 103 FUNDING
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a report showing where the five sites are located. Motion carried.

6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY OVER, IN UPON & ACROSS USA IN TRUST LAND IN DELAWARE COUNTY BETWEEN CHEROKEE NATION AND RONNY & CLAUDIA SWEGER FOR AN ACCESS (INGRESS & EGRESS) EASEMENT
- Ms. Donelson announced Mr. Sweger purchased property that was land locked and was going to cross our tribal tract. She announced she found a way for him to enter crossing 600 feet instead of 5,000 feet. She announced they are not requesting compensation to the Nation since Mr. Sweger did the grader work, survey and fence. The easement is only to the Swegers, is non transferable and is for a period of twenty-five years. Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan voiced concern for the Nation getting the reputation that we will give easements on land locked land. She commented people will purchase landlocked land cheap and obtain an easement from the Nation then the property becomes more valuable. Ms. Donelson commented that is why the lease is non transferable.*
- The motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Frailey opposed.**

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- Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Buzzard announced there would be a 2:30 Housing work group back at the council house and asked that Councilman Crittenden open the meeting since he could not attend.

Councilor Thornton stated that we still had 3 districts with the jurisdiction with no ejection wells and that he is considering bring forth a resolution not allowing such wells in said counties. He requested feedback from Council members.

Councilor Glory-Jordan announced there would be a community meeting in Hulbert on April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Fullbright announced that she and David would be having a pork fry at Sallisaw Creek park at noon on April 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 12:00.