



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Resource Committee

Monday, April 16, 2007

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

Call To Order

Chair Martin called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Councilman Keener gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; Jackie Bob Martin; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; John F. Keener; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; William G. "Bill" Johnson; Buel Anglen; Taylor Keen and Jack D. Baker

Late Arrival 4 - Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Phyllis Yargee and Melvina Shotpouch

Chair Martin requested the agenda be amended to include a resolution. Ms. Linda Donelson stated the resolution is to put land on Ross Road in Muskogee County in trust.

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include this resolution. Councilman Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12th regular session. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Natural Resources

Angela Drewes

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of Ms. Angela Drewes. He announced they will meet with a utility company next week in regard to the Sallisaw Creek Park project. The Natural Resource department planted 5425 Shagbark Hickory trees last month in several locations. They experience a low turn out for the annual tree giveaway this year. They have been working closely with the Saline Courthouse Preservation Association in regard to the Saline Courthouse master plan. They have also placed 31 headstone markers and began construction on the fence at the Cherokee Orphan cemetery. They hope to have the project complete by Memorial Day. He provided the new informational pamphlet for the Natural Resource Department.

2. Real Estate Services

Linda Donelson

Ms. Linda Donelson stated Real Estate Services has received and returned 1033 phone calls, had 135 individual clients in the office, completed 24 site inspections, completed 9 probate inventories. They sent 14 reports for distribution and have 1 MHH pending at the

BIA. They had 32 grazing lease, 9 home visits, 13 jurisdictional calls, 11 quiet title, 1 will interview, and scanned 944 documents.

3. Roads & Transportation

Michael Lynn

Mr. Michael Lynn. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

- Red Barn Road –first 2 ½ miles paved first layer
- Fairview Euche phase II – continue with clearing
- Saline Creek Bridge – 99.9% complete
- Saline Creek Road – design near completion
- Cedar Creek Bridge – lack 2 landowners to acquire all right of ways
- Cedar Creek Road – 14 parcels left to acquire
- Honey Hill – still on hold due to condemnation proceedings
- Rice Woodard – turned over 6 landowners to the DA for condemnation

Mr. Lynn stated he is not aware of any motor fuel or motor vehicle project moving forward to executive and finance committee. The Daytown Drycreek project has not awarded at this time. This project is scheduled for a pre construction community meeting this Thursday that may be postponed if the project is yet to be awarded. He announced they will host an orientation meeting with all of the county commissioners on April 24th in the Community Ball Room. Councilman Crittenden inquired about the Rock Fence Road meeting. Mr. Lynn stated once the meeting is set he would provide notification to both Councilman Crittenden and Martin.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues

Michael Lynn

5. Facilities

David Roberts

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of Mr. David Roberts. He stated they continue to work at the Markoma property. He stated the flat roof and the roof over the gym area needs replacement. They have added additional lighting in the hallways of the complex. Over the next several months they will add art work and make more user friendly. He announced the thermostat has been moved in the Council Chambers. The thermostat was located on a brick wall therefore it wasn't providing an accurate reading. He recognized 2 members of the housekeeping staff. David Cookson works on the night crew and Mike Scott works on the day crew. Mr. Cookson has only missed 4 days over the last 3 to 4 years of work. He stated this is not a very glamorous position and it is usually difficult to keep people in these positions. Mr. Scott always has a good attitude, very respectful, and is very pleasant no matter what type of day he is having. He announced they have been doing space cost analysis. They have been breaking down every utility bill, supply cost, employee wage for each area of space cost. They have determined space cost for housekeeping is \$2.88 per square foot. He stated they would share the report once it is final. He reminded everyone of next months annual meeting at the Dahlenegah Shop.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LEASE BETWEEN CHEROKEE NATION AND THE KENWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ON TRUST LAND

Ms. Linda Donelson stated this is community building in the Kenwood area that also contains a mobile park. Kenwood Center has leased this property for the last 5 years and has requested an additional 5 years.

Council member Shotpouch made a motion to approve. Council member O’Leary seconded the motion. Ms. Donelson stated the resolution in the packet doesn’t contain a waiver of appraisal and they would like for the appraisal to be waived. Council member accepted the change. Motion carried.
2. 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.

Mr. Kent Curtis announced this is a grant application to continue several projects.

Council member O’Leary made a motion to approve. Council member Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. EPA FOR A WATER QUALITY MONITORING GRANT

Mr. Jerrid Diffie announced this resolution has a 5% match of \$7,000.00 which is met through the administrator’s salary.

Council member O’Leary made a motion to approve. Council member Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SUPPORT GRANT

Mr. Jerrid Diffie stated this resolution is in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve. Council member O’Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING GRANT

Mr. Jerrid Diffie stated this is a grant to continue training.

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Council member O’Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN INDIAN GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Councilman Crittenden moved for the approval. Council member O’Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- 7. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN TRUST - ROSS ROAD 255.33 ACRES

Ms. Donelson announced this is property on Ross Road which they would like to place in trust. Councilman Garvin inquired the price of the land, the number of land owners, and if there was a realtor involved. Ms. Donelson stated it was purchased for \$1500.00 per acre from 21 land owners and she is unsure if there was a realtor involved. Councilman Garvin inquired about the 30 acres on the south east end of this property. Ms. Donelson stated they will look into the status of the property.

This matter was Approved and Forwarded to Council

Announcements

Chair Martin announced the next meeting would be May 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Dahlenegah Shop.

Adjournment

Council member O'Leary made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Keener seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:50 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Michael Lynn</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>
<i>Ben Phillips</i>	<i>Kent Curtis</i>	<i>Jerrid Diffie</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Jim Ketcher</i>	<i>Billie Nave Masters</i>	<i>Bob Leach</i>
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APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____