



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Monday, December 11, 2017

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw

**Late Arrival** 2 - David Walkingstick and Bryan Warner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*No one was present to report.*

Office of the Attorney General - Chrissi Nimmo

*Ms. Nimmo offered to answer questions.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Warner inquired about the staff at the Sallisaw office.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin provided an update on the statuses of the GRA, FOIA and website. She offered to answer questions from the report.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. She announced they have received an approved forest management plan.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Ms. Tracy Asher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Baker Shaw inquired as to which casino wasn't up to par in regard to the NIGC.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [17-126](#) ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18 ARTICLE 3 SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, INCREASING THE DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Lay made a motion to move this item to be considered with new business #3. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-133](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD H. FITE III AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Fite was present for questions.**
2. [17-134](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF LYNNA CARSON AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
**Councilor Hargis made a motion to approve. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Carson was present for questions.**
- 3a. [17-126](#) ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18 ARTICLE 3 SECTION 18 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, INCREASING THE DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Councilor Lay made a motion to approve with amendments. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Councilor Lay read into the record the proposed amendments. The motion to approve as amended carried with a request to forward to council this evening.**

3b. [17-135](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING TITLE 62 OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE AND ESTABLISHING THE CHEROKEE NATION SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND  
**Councilor Lay made a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to council this evening.**

4. [17-138](#) ACT RELATING TO APPEAL A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT DECISION IMPACTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION AND THE 566 OTHER TRIBES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to allow discussion only. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Councilor Vazquez made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. Following some discussion and clarification the motion to table indefinitely carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Keith Austin; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Bryan Warner ; Joe Byrd; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Mike Shambaugh and Mike Dobbins

**Nay:** 7 - Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Frankie Hargis ; Harley Buzzard and Mary Baker Shaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:32 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

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| <i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i> | <i>Canaan Duncan</i>   | <i>Jamie Cole</i>      |
| <i>Lacey Horn</i>       | <i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>   | <i>Sharon Swepston</i> |
| <i>Gwen Terrapin</i>    | <i>Bill John Baker</i> | <i>Joe Crittenden</i>  |
| <i>Nason Morton</i>     | <i>Karen Ketcher</i>   | <i>Ethan Holcomb</i>   |
| <i>Chad Harsha</i>      | <i>Tracy Asher</i>     |                        |

VISITORS PRESENT:

|                                 |                |                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>Lynna Carson</i>             | <i>Ed Fite</i> | <i>Teddye Snell</i> |
| <i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i> |                |                     |