



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 29, 2018

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Mary Baker Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the January 17th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Vazquez made a request to let the written reports stand with the possibility of questions following the new business item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-367](#) Short film showing "Medicine Keepers" Cherokee Speakers, regarding need for land in Cherokee Nation for medicine plants at risk of becoming extinct

Presented by: Sara Hill, Secretary of Natural Resources

Chair Vazquez announced a portion of a film will be shown and requested Mr. Pat Gwin give a brief overview of how the film came about. Chair Vazquez announced due to system failure the film is unavailable at this time.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

No one was present to report.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Ms. Anna Sixkiller reported on the recently held Speakers Bureau and consortium group meeting. Mr. Boney announced last week at the consortium meeting the Master Apprentice Language Program held a church service and gospel singing in Cherokee. This week the Cherokee Language program partnered with Rogers State University to have our online language classes through the RSU Works Program. They are designing a self-guided online language class. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin requested the list of words developed by the consortium to date and then the new words on a monthly basis. Councilor Byrd requested the new words come through the Culture Committee for consent. Chair Vazquez inquired as to how the new words are created. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there is also a definition of the word created.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Hatfield gave appreciation to his department. Mr. Daugherty announced the second weekend in April a gigging tournament will be held in Jay. A hog fry and pie auction will be held on the 21st of April in Oakhill. Today is historical in that Cherokee pitcher, Dylan Bundy, will start on opening day for Baltimore. Mr. Daugherty provided a copy of their annual report.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Mr. Gourd reported they are in the process of updating the technology and the story being told at the museum in regard to being the end of the Trail of Tears. The group The Daughters of 1812 has offered the funding to put up a monument of the Cherokee involvement in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. They are working on an exhibit on the story of the Indian Women's Pocahontas Club of Claremore. A Genealogy Conference of the Five Civilized Tribes will be held at the Hard Rock in Tulsa. Councilor Crittenden provided information regarding a Trail of Tears marker in Stilwell and requested Dr. Gourd follow up. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the financials submitted in regard to the board member contributions and if there has been a change in the profit and loss reporting from monthly to quarterly. Councilor Byrd commented on the recent heritage days held.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

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Chair Vazquez announced there are still issues with the short film in that we are unable to stream the meeting and play the film at the same time. The film will be played immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:45 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Roy Boney</i>
<i>Pat Gwin</i>	<i>Anna Sixkiller</i>	<i>John Young</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>
<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Catherine Foreman Gray</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>		