



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 16, 2011

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ex - officio member John Masters was present.

Present 12 - Buel Anglen; Cara Cowan Watts; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Julia Coates; S. Joe Crittenden and Tina Glory Jordan

Late Arrival 5 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Chris Soap; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the April 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

Mr. Pat Gwin offered to answer questions from the written report provided. He provided answers to questions brought forward last month. Mr. Gwin addressed questions regarding pine thinning and controlled burns. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a written report showing grant outcomes and how they comply with our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Act.

Chair Snell inquired about the July meeting being held at the Bull Hollow shop with a fish fry to follow. Mr. Gwin commented he would inquire and follow up.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Donelson offered to answer questions from her written report. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a copy of the results of the bids held on the 28th. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the Claremore Federal building. Ms. Donelson announced the acquirement of the house and car lot across the street from the complex.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins announced they worked with several different groups to clean up the town branch in Felts Park on Earth Day. He commented the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Act came into effect after the grant was received. They have the capacity to do some of the items within the Act through the grant. He stated the Resource Management Group has been assigned to oversee the recycle center. The recycle center is now in design phase. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the Act be reviewed and an analysis be prepared in regard to how we are doing in comparison to the requirements of the Act. The businesses should also be included in the analysis. The compressed natural gas station has been designed, it is under contract and should be operable well before the end of the fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution from the Department of the Interior. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [11-068](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [11-069](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS GROUP TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. [11-072](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-ENERGY AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. She

invited any additional sponsors. All Councilors present requested to be included as sponsors. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Paula Ragsdale provided copies of the items of discussion for the 5:00 p.m. Executive and Legislative Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 4:45 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Paula Ragsdale
Doug Evans*

*Tom Elkins
Linda Donelson*

Pat Gwin

VISITORS PRESENT:

Lee Keener

Carol Wyatt