



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Snell, Chair

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Monday, May 12, 2014

4:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the April 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

Mr. Davis offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd requested an update on the new tag office in Tahlequah. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the hay and also the status of the buffalo. Councilor Taylor asked about the progress on the new Jack Brown Center. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired as to how many buffalo and where would they be placed. Councilor Garvin inquired about the plans for the old Council House. Councilor Buzzard gave an update on the garden project in Jay and requested additional research in the green houses for fruits and vegetables as well as cattle. Mr. Gulager gave an update on the hay, cattle, buffalo and gardens.

2. Real Estate Services - Ginger Brown

Ms. Brown offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if we are still trying to pursue the Claremore Federal Building. She requested clarification on the tribal lease process and hunting. Councilor Garvin inquired about the Bundy issue in Utah. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the ownership of the Oak Hill Community building in Delaware County. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is any acreage at the Oak Hill Community building. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Natchez Nation seeking land into trust. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the trust application for the casino and community building in South Coffeyville and requested clarification as to which one the State had issues with the application.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins reported the Annual Environmental Festival was held recently with over 300 in attendance. He reported Bobby Short one of his Directors is now with CNB.

4. Veteran's Building Status Update - Bruce Davis

Mr. Moore reported they are working on a few things requested by the program after their move in and the foundation for the statue. Councilor Byrd inquired if there would be a full kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [14-041](#)

AN ACT RELATING TO LAND PURCHASES BY TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ENTITIES REQUIRING INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS OF REAL PROPERTY

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to table for one month. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 7 - Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin and Jack D. Baker

Nay: 9 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Not In Room: 1 - Dick Lay

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts gave an overview of the proposed amendments. Councilor Byrd inquired as to the process now. Lengthy discussion was held and questions were asked of Mr. Chuck Garrett of CNB in regard to the business side of the process.

The motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 6 - Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Cara Cowan Watts; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin and Jack D. Baker

Nay: 10 - Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Not In Room: 1 - Dick Lay

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [14-048](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION OF THE "CHEROKEE NATION FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN" TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Mr. Pat Gwin gave a brief overview of the proposed forest management plan and resolution.
After some discussion was held Councilor Buzzard made a motion to table for one month to allow time to review the plan. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Snell announced he was having a community meeting at the Salina Community building this Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Byrd announced he would be moving his Rules committee meeting from Thursday, May 29th to Wednesday, May 28th at the same time. Speaker Glory Jordan commented all meetings for the 29th would be moved to the 28th at their regular times.

Councilor Fullbright announced they were having an end of school picnic at Belfonte at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 5:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Ginger Brown</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Pat Gwin</i>	<i>G. V. Gulager</i>
<i>Taylor Alsney</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Garrett</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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