



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, June 17, 2014

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Janees Taylor and David Thornton, Sr.

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 3 - David Walkingstick; Julia Coates and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the May 28th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

Mr. Horton provided a letter from the Commission regarding their attendance and reporting to the Tribal Council. He offered to answer questions from the information provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the number of relinquishments and death notices. Councilor Lay inquired about their staffing. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the current number of registered voters. Councilor Coates inquired about a backup plan for absentee voters whose forms are lost. Councilor Keener inquired if the road boundaries change would the Commission have to come to the Council for a redistricting process. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the memo provided, the absentee notary ballot requirements, removal from the Administrative Procedures Act and the posting of information on the web, she inquired about issues with the website, bad addresses and At Large voter notifications. Councilor Garvin requested

clarification on the signatures process for absentee ballots. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the jurat process. She inquired with the Commission being short staffed for them to provide a written report monthly but only be physically present quarterly.

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Ms. Suzanne Drywater reported in the absence of Marshal Buhl. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Everyone gave appreciation for the lunch and tour recently provided.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Attorney General Hembree provided an update on the pending court cases. The hunting and fishing negotiations continue to move forward. They have completed the contract support cost negotiations and have reached an agreement in principal.

Codification - Todd Hembree

Mr. Hembree commented they have received questions from West and all have been addressed. He provided a mockup of the code book which will be orange like our flag. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired if the agreement with West included pocket parts. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the railroad beds reverting back to the tribe.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. She reported they began selling car tags to the At Large citizens in Oklahoma on the 9th. She provided the numbers for those sales. She commented she would provide a report of the tag sales.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

Ms. Hanvey provided an update on the contract support cost settlement.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird gave an update on the Bay Mills case. He provided answers to questions raised last month by providing a handout. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the audit provided. Councilor Thornton inquired about a felon being able to receive a gaming license.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton reported they are working with Career Services to assist in supplementing some of the services they provide for people applying for jobs. He provided an update on the panel process when applying for a job. He stated they are going to implement a pilot process regarding the panels for a four month time period.

RECESS

Chair Byrd announced lunch has arrived and recessed the meeting for 30 minutes. Councilor Snell blessed the meal. The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m.

RECONVENNE

Chair Byrd called the meeting back to order at 12:54 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [14-059](#) AN ACT AMENDING LA-04-14 REVISING TITLE 26 ("ELECTIONS") OF THE CHEROKEE NATION CODE ANNOTATED
Councilor Coates moved to table for one month. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2. [14-062](#) A LEGISLATIVE ACT AMENDING LA #10-11 MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CHEROKEE NATION GAMING ACT
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Ms. Sara Hill of the Attorney General's Office gave an overview of the technical changes to conform with the NIGC rules. The motion to approve carried with no opposition.

- 3. [TMP-313](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Speaker Glory Jordan gave an overview of the situation and the options with the Council phone and internet services. She commented this is an all or none policy and requested input. She requested everyone review options and cost in their areas and determine a cost. Questions were asked about email. After discussion was held it was requested that Jody Reece draft options including our own Council server and provide to the Council. C
ouncilor Glory Jordan moved to table for one month. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:18 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Tracy Asher</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>
<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Suzanne Drywater</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Jon Overacker</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jennifer Pigeon</i>
<i>Jamie Murphy</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Susan Chapman Plumb
Theresa Hart
Gina Olaya
Dianne Barker Harrold

Shawn Slaton
Shawna Calico
Lisa Long
Sam Ed Bush

Harvey Chaffin
Bill Horton
Linda Flores
Ashley Box