



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.
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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Rex Jordan, Chair

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Monday, August 12, 2019

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; Keith Austin; E. O. "JR." Smith; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July 15th regular session minutes.
Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

Mr. Moore offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Shaw inquired about the boiler/chiller system being down here at the complex recently. She also inquired about the generator at the Three Rivers Clinic. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the buffalo including the future plan and the number of jobs in connection with the buffalo. Councilor Byrd commented on the Quapaw tribe selling buffalo meat. Councilor Lay inquired about the reason for the leak in our equipment room. He also inquired how much of our herd of buffalo it would take to be self-sufficient. Councilor Lay inquired about the location of the Berry property cleanup, remodel and cost. Councilor Smith inquired about the buffalo grazing land. He offered to serve on a committee if needed. Councilor Warner gave appreciation for the assistance given with the cleanup at Moffett. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the pine trees. Councilor Crittenden inquired how we were able to use our

equipment and funds to assist with the cleanup in Moffett and Webber Falls.

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the lands we lease have Cherokee preference. He requested clarification on bids between a Cherokee and a non-native. Can the Council members see the bids if requested. Are the leases advertised when they become available. What types of leases do we have. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about hunting leases and about the Cherokee Nation looking to purchase land.

Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins offered to answer questions from the report. They are getting geared up to work the fishing derby during the Cherokee National Holiday. Councilor Shaw inquired about water sampling. Councilor Warner inquired about empowering our people to do self water testing. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the landfill cell construction. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a long term plan for the landfill.

Secretary of Natural Resources - Chad Harsha

Ms. Hill commented on her recent visit to the Quapaw Tribe meat processing plant including bison. They met with the Director of Water in Region 6 with the EPA about the Illinois River and the agreement between Oklahoma and Arkansas. Mr. Harsha attended a meeting regarding Restoring the Ozark Materials Site on Saline Creek. The cell construction at the landfill is back on track. The Environmental Protection Commissioners are agreeable to meet and report back to this committee in regard to the status of the water. We received \$634,000 from the State to reimburse the Nation for the Sequoyah Fuels cleanup. Councilor Byrd inquired if we have a written understanding regarding oversight of the Illinois River with the GRDA. Councilor Shambaugh requested an update on the Chicken issues. Councilor Lay inquired about the cost of the Quapaw processing facility. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the growth of hemp.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-049](#) A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CHANGE TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS TO ALLOW NON-INDIANS TO POSSESS AND USE EAGLE FEATHERS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES
Councilor Shaw moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilor Duncan pointed out a misspelling in the title. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shambaugh moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:59 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Joel Bean</i>	<i>Julie Justice</i>
<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taylor Alsney</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Wes Nofire</i>
<i>Phyllis Lay</i>		