



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Rex Jordan, Chair

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Monday, December 13, 2021

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Deere gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Wes Nofire; Candessa Tehee; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve the November minutes as submitted. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

Mr. Moore offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the meat processing plant. Councilor Deere inquired about the possibility of a traditionalist buffalo harvest.

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired when the renewal leases are due back, if there is information on the website showing where all of our lease land is located, and if the leases are prioritized by Cherokee preference. Councilor Callison inquired if the Rainbow House in District 15 is owned by the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Tehee gave appreciation for the hard work of the Realty staff.

Secretary of Natural Resources & Environmental Programs - Chad Harsha

Mr. Harsha offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Tehee gave appreciation for the controlled hunts and commented on all of the positive emails she has received from constituents. Councilor Legg inquired as to the number of buck and doe were harvested from the hunts this year. Councilor Nofire inquired as to the total number of hunters participating in the controlled hunts.

Mr. Harsha provided an update on the Hunting and Fishing Compact with the State in that Governor has refused to execute a continued compact with both the Cherokee Nation and the Choctaw Nation. The current compact expires December 31st of this year. He gave an overview of the compacts history and its impact on the state. An overview was given as to what this now means for the Cherokee Nation and the process moving forward. Councilor Deere inquired how hunting and fishing with the government would relate to the Cheyanne Arapaho case in the 1980's and secondly is there a possibility of a buffalo harvest in the future for elders and veterans. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the process for a citizen to hunt or fish after December 31st of this year. Councilor Austin inquired if we could apply for federal funds for licensing and for conservation. Councilor Callison inquired if there would be information provided publically to our citizens. Councilor Kidwell commented on At Large citizens being able to hunt and fish. Following additional discussion and clarification Mr. Harsha provided a reminder that none of this creates a private right of entry on individuals private property.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [21-116](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRIBAL TRUST LAND TO DAHLONEGAH SCHOOL, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve. Councilor Sam seconded the motion. Councilor Nofire requested clarification as to the intended use of the land. Following discussion and clarification the motion to approve carried with Councilor Nofire opposed. A request to forward to Council this evening was made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:06 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>
<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Bryan Warner</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell