



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Draft CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, May 16, 2017

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Council members Warner, Walkingstick and Thornton were present but are not members of this committee.

Present 10 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan; Dick Lay; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

Late Arrival 4 - Joe Byrd; Shawn Crittenden; Don Garvin and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the March 21st regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Mr. Ross reported the Inter Tribal Language Summit was held at NSU in April in conjunction with their Indian Symposium. CNB took Cherokee Translators to view Cherokee syllabary carved into a rock near Lees Creek. He have highlights from the recently held Speakers Bureau and extended an open invitation to the Council Members on the second Thursday of each month. The Cherokee Language Teachers Training Scholarship application is due on the 15th of June. He introduced Wade Blevins and requested he report on the upcoming Ignite Language Conference. They offered to answer questions. Councilor Hatfield inquired if a copy of the beginning Cherokee language book could be provided to the At Large groups. Chair Vazquez requested the information for the Ignite conference be provided to all of the Council.

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis provided a detailed overview of the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Vazquez requested additional information regarding the Cahokia Mounds Tour. She also inquired if there will be a Cherokee Days at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. On October 26th NAMI will open their exhibit "The Americans". Councilor Buzzard inquired about the walking trail at the Saline Courthouse. Councilor Hatfield inquired about our involvement or working relationship with the American Indian Cultural Center in Oklahoma City. Councilor Lay inquired if the Capitol building remodel will be ready for the Cherokee National Holiday. He also requested a rendering of the Water Avenue Pavilion if it is available.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty offered to answer questions from the report provided. He provided additional details pertaining to their upcoming annual conference for community leaders which they were each provided a formal invitation to attend. Mr. Paden and Mr. Mackey provided a report on the new language class, their new grant, and the new self-assessment tool they have created. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the report provided.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Ms. Weavel gave an overview of the written report provided. She announced Charles Gourd has been hired as their new Executive Director. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Austin inquired about a bio for Mr. Gourd. Councilor Baker commended Ms. Weavel on her time as the Interim Executive Director.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to amend the agenda to allow discussion and possible action on a resolution in support of the Spavinaw Creek Days. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. [17-052](#) ACT RELATING TO CEMETERIES PRESERVATION

Councilor Baker gave an overview of the proposed changes. He made a motion to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Following discussion of \$4A regarding the funds being expended equally Councilor Anglen offered a friendly amendment to strike "A total of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), to be expended equally among Council members" and replace with "All monies appropriated for cemetery maintenance". The friendly was accepted. The motion to approve as amended carried.

2. [TMP-352](#)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CHEROKEE NATION CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Councilor Baker gave an overview of the reasons for bringing the policy forward for amendment which included funding cemeteries outside of the jurisdictional boundaries and allowing the purchase of gas for mowing. He suggested striking B under the eligibility requirements and replacing with "may be used for mowing or to pay someone to mow". He also discussed issues with the requirement for a tax number. Chair Vazquez requested the input of Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. with this policy as it now falls under his department. Councilor Crittenden questioned the difference in Sports Teams. Councilor Austin suggested a work group to work toward a solution to all of the issues. Councilor Walkingstick suggested contracting with a company to do all cemeteries.

Councilor Baker made a motion to table to the next meeting with the exception to go ahead and allow mowing. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.

Councilor Baker made a motion to accept mowing and allowing paying someone to mow. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.

Councilor Lay requested clarification on the EIN requirement. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. requested if it is the request of the Council to go back to social security numbers to give them direction on who gets the funding for a cemetery such as is the first to apply get it for example. The Councilors accepted the suggestion offered by Secretary of State and submitted it as a friendly amendment. Secretary Hoskin Jr. suggested moving forward with the recommended changes today and forming a work group at a later date to address any other issues. Councilor Garvin called for the question.

The motion to approve the policy as amended carried.

3. [17-062](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE SPAVINAW CREEK DAYS

Councilor Buzzard moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis inquired if this included financial report. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:30 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Wade Blevins</i>	<i>John Ross</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>
<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Tammy Miller</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>
<i>John Young</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Gayle Miller</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell
Travis Owens
Forrest Cox

Dianne Barker Harrold
Molly Jarvis

Tonia Weavel
Glendon Watkins