



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, August 25, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Wanda Hatfield; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

**Absent** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 3 - Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin and Buel Anglen

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the July 12th minutes as submitted.**  
**Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Marshal Buhl offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hargis inquired if the Marshal Service has a Chaplin. Chair Byrd inquired about unknown vehicles at SHS and the security there.*

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

*Ms. Sara Hill stated she isn't with the AG's office but would take back questions anyone may have. She provided a brief update on the Chickasaw and Choctaw water settlement. Councilor Lay inquired if a written report would be provided. He also requested the Council be included in discussions prior to decisions being made in regard to our rights.*

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the requests, the website, and documents. She offered to answer any questions.*

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

*Ms. Swepston introduced Mr. Dale Glory who works with the Secretary of Natural Resources in regard to the Hunting and Fishing Licenses. Councilor Baker requested a report next month on the revenue for the expanded car tag jurisdiction. She gave a follow-up on a question asked last month regarding the disabled tags. Chair Byrd requested a comparison between the state fees and our fees.*

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

*Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the BIA roads at SHS. He also inquired about the Ramah settlement.*

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

*Mr. Hummingbird bragged on some of his staff and then offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification as to if casino employees can or can't play games and if it is CNB policy or a gaming regulation. Councilor Walkingstick requested the CNB policy be provided. Councilor Buzzard commended Jamie and the commission on a job well done.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton reported they are preparing for the end of the fiscal year. They are also working on a project for a performance evaluation system for next year. Councilor Walkingstick inquired when the evaluations would be in the Lawson system.*

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Walkingstick made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution in support of Standing Rock Sioux tribe's protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline. He requested this item be considered following the first item under new business. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [16-102](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND TO APPOINT THE TRIBAL DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES  
**Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion**

carried.

- 2. [16-105](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE'S PROTEST OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE  
**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be included as sponsors. The motion carried.**

- 3. [16-103](#) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO EXECUTE A WIND RESOURCE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHILOCCO WIND FARM, LLC AND GRANTING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY  
*Councilor Vazquez moved to enter into discussion. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Mr. Chuck Garrett and Ms. Sara Hill provided a packet of information regarding the wind farm and gave an overview of the history and the intent. They answered numerous questions pertaining to this issue. Councilor Warner inquired about the long term plan, Councilor Austin inquired about CNB's involvement, Councilor Vazquez inquired about the economics and the land issues, Councilor Hatfield requested a comparison to the I-35 South wind farm, Councilor Baker inquired about the impact to our leases on this property, and Councilor Buzzard inquired about the value of the property now.*  
**After lengthy discussion and many concerns voiced Councilor Hargis moved to table this item to a recessed meeting on the 12th of September. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Byrd stated the reconvened meeting of this session will be held on the 12th of September at 5:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to recess. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:45 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Sharon Swebston</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Willard Mounce</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Dale Glory</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

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