



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Candessa Tehee, Chair

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Monday, April 15, 2024

3:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Poindexter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; Melvina Shotpouch; Victoria Vazquez; Johnny Kidwell ; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Vocational Programs/Talking Leaves Job Corp/Career Services - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley gave highlights from the report. She introduced Denise Honawa, Josh Baird and Travis Gulley as new Management positions in her department. Councilor Shambaugh requested their contact information be provided to the Council. Councilor Tehee that the three Cherokee County Councilors were very impressed with the Job Corp campus when they visited. Councilor Poindexter gave appreciation for allowing the students from Westville to come through her area during their recent tour of the complex.

Executive Director's Report - Mark Vance

Mr. Vance reported on the Public School Appreciation Day event, the Solar Eclipse Day activities, and the graduation stole's and honor cords. He offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Head Start - Verna Thompson

Ms. Thompson offered to answer questions from her report. Chair Tehee inquired if the perfect attendance still continues. Ms. Thompson gave an update on the Kenwood facility. This is the week long celebration of The Young Child.

Sequoyah High School - Rita Bunch / Justin Brown

Ms. Bunch offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Tehee inquired about applications for new and returning students. Ms. Bunch announced SHS Graduation is on May 14th.

Cherokee Nation Foundation - Janice Randall

Ms. Randall gave highlights from the report, spoke about their two new grants, and announced College Prep Camp will be held in July. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Smith inquired as to the number of graduates throughout the Reservation. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired as to the total number of applications received.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Shawn Crittenden with the GaDuGi Corp provided a written report, gave highlights and introduced Nate Bunch and Codey Petree. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Legg inquired if he could come to a community meeting in Brushy during the month of May.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Rita Bunch</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>
<i>Shawn Crittenden</i>	<i>Mark Vance</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Denise Honawa</i>	<i>Josh Baird</i>	<i>Travis Gulley</i>
<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Nate Bunch</i>	<i>Codey Petree</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young Teddye Snell

