



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE - PAC

Cara Cowan Watts, Chair

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Monday, June 14, 2010

4:30 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hoskin Jr. gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Meredith Frailey and Chuck Hoskin Jr. were present but do not serve on this sub committee.

Present 10 - Bill John Baker; Bradley Cobb; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk and Harley Buzzard

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chair Cowan Watts announced a revised list has been handed out.

FEDERAL:

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the \$10,000 request to the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee donation in the amount of \$10,000. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve the \$2,400 request for Senator Harry Reid. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STATE:

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner for Kim Holland in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Buzzard

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the three Oklahoma Governor requests in the amount of \$5,000 each to Jari Askin, Drew Edmondson and Mary Fallen. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested division for these three items. Councilor Bill John Baker announced he would be abstaining from these three votes as a party official. Chair Cowan Watts announced she would be as well.

The motion to approve Jari Askin carried for \$5,000 with Councilors Bill John Baker and Chair Cowan Watts abstaining.

The motion to approve Drew Edmondson carried for \$5,000 with Councilors Bill John Baker and Chair Cowan Watts abstaining.

The motion to approve Mary Fallen carried for \$5,000 with Councilors Bill John Baker and Chair Cowan Watts abstaining and Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk in opposition.

Councilor Fullbright voiced concern for waiting to donate to the Oklahoma Lt. Governor. She commented Senator Corn needs the funding now. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to donate \$5,000 to Senator Kenneth Corn. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Chief Smith concurred with the request. Motion carried with Councilor Cobb opposed.

OKLAHOMA SENATE:

PACS:

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve \$5,000 to both the Oklahoma Rising PAC and the Route 66 PAC. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Garvin, Fishinghawk and Glory-Jordan in opposition.

Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired why funds were not being donated to the Democratic Senate PAC committee. Chief Smith stated he was unsure at this time why they were not on the list.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 42 – Republican Cliff Aldridge for \$2,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the remainder of the list had opponents. Chief Smith stated yes with the exception of Lee Denney who is the Chair of the Education Committee and Kris Steele who is the New Speaker of the House. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if any of the remaining individuals being given donations by any other Cherokee Nation entity. Chief Smith responded no. She also inquired if the individuals' records were known on how they voted on past Indian issues and if they have been favorable to the Cherokee Nation. Chief Smith responded yes. Chief Smith gave an explanation for the remaining exceptions on the list. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested consideration for adding Representative Chuck Hoskin Sr. to the list. Chief Smith stated he doesn't have an opponent and the other exceptions are in positions of leadership.

The motion to approve Aldridge carried with Councilor Glory-Jordan opposed.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 40 – Republican Cliff Branam for \$5,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cobb moved to approve District 28 – Republican Harry Coates for \$5,000. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve District 46 – Democrat Andrew Rice in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cobb moved to approve District 16 – Democrat John Sparks in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve District 4 – Democrat Mike Brown in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve District 64 – Republican Ann Coody in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 33 – Republican Lee Denney in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Bill John Baker, Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 58 – Republican Jeff Hickman in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve District 94 – Democrat Scott Inman in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Fishinghawk and Glory-Jordan opposed.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 37 – Democrat Ken Luttrell in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table District 10 – Republican Steve Martin in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve District 78 – Democrat Jeannie McDaniel in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Fullbright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 29 – Republican Skye McNiel in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve District 32 – Democrat Danny Morgan in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cobb moved to approve District 97 – Democrat Mike Shelton in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Garvin moved to approve District 16 – Democrat Jerry Shoemake in the amount of \$2,000. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Anglen moved to approve District 73 – Democrat Jabar Shumate in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed.

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve District 2 – Democrat Glen Bud Smithson in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 26 – Republican Kris Steele in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilors Glory-Jordan and Fishinghawk opposed and Councilor Bill John Baker abstaining.

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve District 71 – Republican Daniel Sullivan in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Cobb moved to approve District 98 – Republican John Trebilcock in the amount of \$5,000. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker highly recommended supporting Representatives Ed Kennedy of Porum, Brian Renniger of McAlester, Wallace Collins of Norman and Al McAfee of Oklahoma City. Chair Cowan Watts requested another meeting be held to discuss these items. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested from this point forward they are given third party ratings on all of these along with a report showing voting records on past issues that are critical to the Cherokee Nation. Chief Smith commented it would be very difficult to provide third party ratings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:50 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Chad Smith
Ginger Brown

Paula Ragsdale
Mike Miller

Angela Drewes

VISITORS PRESENT: