



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Curtis Snell, Chair

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Monday, January 11, 2010

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ex officio John Masters was present.

Present 16 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the December 14, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Angela Drewes

Ms. Drewes offered to answer any questions from her written report.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Donelson offered to answer any questions from her written report. Ms. Fishinghawk inquired about Sally Bull. Ms. Donelson stated it is still at the BIA.

3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins offered to answer any questions from his written report. He stated they are still interviewing candidates for the Cherokee Nation Waste Management. He stated they will be having a meeting called Symposium Illinois River Pollution and Salt Water Injection. It will be March 16th and 17th in the Ballroom at the Cherokee Nation Complex. Councilor Thornton requested to have an update on the Salt Water Injection. Mr. Hembree stated the appeal date would be January 25th in Oklahoma City. They are preparing talking points to the Corporation Commission that will incorporate the nations position. The Town of Vian Council Meeting will be January 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. TRUST LAND PROTECTION (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Councilor Cowan Watts stated the intent is to not make it preventable for someone to relinquish their trust land or status but be required that the tribe has to be notified and given the opportunity to purchase or negotiate in keeping the land in trust so the tribe can retain a strong base of trust land. Mr. Hembree stated many of the properties are eight or ten tracts. He could write legislation and be ready for the next Rules Committee. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if someone has a piece of trust land, and if we buy it, does it stay in trust. Ms. Donelson stated you can not buy trust land. The ones that go through district court is the restricted Indian Land. Councilor Cowan Watts stated this would give the citizens an opportunity to bid on the land.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to table. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE CHEROKEE NATION'S INVENTORY OF INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS

Councilor Buzzard made a motion to approve and move to full council. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Bill John Baker announced all meetings next month will be Tuesday, February 16th due to Monday being a holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:36 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tom Elkins

Angela Drewes

Linda Donelson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Todd Hembree