



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

Joe Byrd, Chair

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Tuesday, June 20, 2017

10:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Buel Anglen; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan and Bryan Warner

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and David Thornton, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve the May 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

Mr. Danny Tanner offered to answer questions from the report provided in the absence of Mr. Buhl. Chair Byrd inquired if we have cross deputization in every county.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Ms. Nimmo provided a litigation update as requested. She offered to answer any other questions. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the possible gaming in Broken Arrow. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the countersuit filed on us in the Opioid case. Councilor Walkingstick requested sensitivity in regard to the Keetoowah decision. Councilor Garvin requested an update on the motor fuels compact and possible negotiations. Several other questions were asked regarding motor fuels.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Ms. Terrapin gave an update on the FOIA and GRA requests. She offered to answer questions.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Baker requested clarification on a situation of an At Large citizen needing a tag. He also requested the website be updated to include the Tulsa tag office location. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the sales tax for veteran's application is online.

Self-Governance - Karen Ketcher

Ms. Ketcher offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the status of the NRCS. She commented the National Forestry Department will visit the pines to determine a solution.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird gave an overview on the recent publication from the NIGC where they are trying to clarify some language on class 2 games. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Byrd inquired how the Lewis Clark settlement would affect the employees at Hard Rock. Councilor Walkingstick asked about the renewal of the gaming compact. He also inquired as to what percentages we currently pay to the state. Councilor Buzzard inquired about Fair Meadows and how those payments are determined. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the tribe trying to set up a gaming establishment in Broken Arrow.

Human Resources - Nason Morton

Mr. Morton gave an update on the current job openings and new hires. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there is a way to eliminate the SHS teachers from having to complete time sheets during the summer. Councilor Hargis inquired if the number of terminations listed in the report includes transfers to other departments. She requested the number of employee transfers be included on future reports. Councilor Austin inquired about our leave policy for parents who adopt.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Councilor Walkingstick asked additional questions about the motor fuels compact and the number of gallons of gas the Cherokee Nation pumps.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [17-070](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF THOMAS MERRELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Austin made a motion to table. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 2. [17-071](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GABE MOSTELLER AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilor Garvin made a motion to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the Economic Development Trust Authority board and their duties. Mr. Stephen Highers gave an overview of the trust authority. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there is a compensation for the board. Councilor Austin inquired as to the difference between this and the loan committee.

Following additional questions regarding the Economic Development Trust Authority the motion to approve Mr. Mosteller carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:05 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>
<i>Danny Tanner</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>	<i>Karen Ketcher</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Stephen Highers</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Brian Shade</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Jami Murphy</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Gabe Mosesteller</i>	<i>Grant Crawford</i>	