

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
February 11, 2008
4:25 p.m.**

Standing Committee: Resource Committee
Committee Presided by: Curtis Snell, Chairman

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

Committee Members Present Not Serving on Committee:

None

Staff Present:

Tom Elkins	Linda Donelson	Todd Enlow	David Justice
Michael Lynn	Charlie Soap	Ginger Brown	

Visitors:

Todd Hembree Jim Ketcher

Quorum Established: Yes

Legislation: Yes

Minutes: See Attached

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CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / ROLL CALL:

Chair Snell called the meeting to order. Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Jack Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th regular session. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Natural Resources:

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of Angela Drewes. Mr. Enlow announced they have performed 2 Ga Du Gi projects for the month and 7 for the year. They have a goal to complete 26 for the year. He stated they have been working with the Environmental group, the Cultural Resources group, and the Heritage Center in regard to the Ethno botany programs. They have collected more in the seed bank than originally planned. They are now working toward developing several cultural seed banks and planting areas in and around the complex. He announced they have finished clearing the Rocky Ford Community building site. They recently sent out the Natural Resources quarterly newsletter.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about her inquiry regarding the sub leases. Mr. Enlow apologized for the late response and stated he would be contacting her.

Real Estate Services:

Ms. Linda Donelson handed out their written report. She stated on January 16th they re-bid 4 grazing units, January 30th they bid out the 9 agricultural units at Chillocco. These bids were sent out with Indian preference. She announced they have deposited over \$24,000 in rental fees since they have taken over operation of the buildings at South Gate from October 1st. They have received 5 hunting leases back from the BIA along with one approved housing lease and 2 mutual help home transfers. They have submitted a probate on trust land to the BIA and completed the purchase of 92 acres in Warner.

Roads & Transportation:

Mr. Michael Lynn gave the following update of IRR roads:

- Red Barn Road –putting down aggregate base and preparing for paving
- Daytown Dry Creek – in process of relocating a waterline within the city limits of Little Kansas

- Honey Hill – waiting on property condemnation with one land owner to obtain all right of ways
- Rice Woodard – also waiting on property condemnation from a land owner. 3 appraisers have been assigned
- Barber – making right of way plans at this time.

He announced they are working feverously on the IRR road inventory update which will be presented in March. They have been evaluating design engineering contracts within the department.

Councilor Buzzard inquired about signage for the Fairview Euche road and made a request for a double sided sign midway down the project. Mr. Lynn stated they are working with Mr. Enlow regarding the branding issue for the signs. Councilor Cobb requested an update on the Bartlesville project and Commissioner Herndon. Mr. Lynn stated he is need of signatures and once an amount is determined they can proceed.

Facilities:

Mr. Todd Enlow reported in the absence of David Roberts. Mr. Enlow announced they completed the renovation of the Human Resources building entry way. The immersion class room project is 98% complete. The bid has gone out for the parking lot and drive way. He announced the small mountain of dirt located on the west side of the ball fields is from the Muskogee clinic. Three areas have been identified to receive dirt left over from the clinic. 22,000 yards of dirt have been delivered to the main complex and child development centers, 9,000 yards were delivered to the old sewage lagoons behind the financial resources building, 3,000 yards went to the immersion classroom parking lot, and 10,000 yards have been stock piled next to the ball fields for future use. The Markoma dorm renovations have been awarded to a TERO vendor. This is a sizable project and came in at an approximate \$150,000 under budget. The response for septic system re-bid at the pow wow grounds is due on the 27th of February. He announced they have the first pass of the elevations for the Veteran's office from the architect. They will meet next week to discuss changes in the 6000 square foot new facility. He stated he hopes to share the final design and projected cost at the committee meeting next month. He announced they have been working with the tax commission on their facility design which will also include the election commission. He stated they have met with the Supreme Court in regard to their facility as well. Mr. Enlow announced they put in applications for 25 FEMA trailers and have received notice they were allotted 12. The estimated value of each trailer is between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Eleven of the trailers are 3 bedroom 2 bath and one is a 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom. They have a bid out that is due back today regarding transporting and set up of the trailers. He announced they have been working with Community Services and Housing Rehab where they have identified the top applicants in several communities and those in the greatest need will receive these trailers. They have performed a HUD review to verify that these trailers will pass inspection. They are in the process of performing environmentals. The expense of moving the 8 trailers in Texarkana, Texas, and 4 in Hope, Arkansas is estimated to be between \$7,700. and \$8,800 depending on the location. This activity falls under our Indian Housing Plan where there are dollars identified. He stated we will bid for another allotment when they give out another 1000 trailers in the coming months. He stated they are working with the applicants to ensure they will accept the trailers.

Councilor Buzzard inquired about the roof system at the Jay clinic. Mr. Enlow stated Health has identified some funds to repair the flat roof system. He stated long term they are looking at an alternate site and building for a health clinic in Jay and would use the current building for offices. He stated they are in the process of developing a budget request for a pitch roof system for the current building instead of repairing the flat roof.

Environmental Programs:

Mr. Tom Elkins gave a brief overview of their written report and stated they do a lot of environmental reviews for various things at the Cherokee Nation.

Councilor Buzzard inquired if they are still involved in the environmental monitoring of the water streams. Mr. Elkins stated they continue to be involved. Councilor Frailey inquired if they are involved in air quality testing at the Mid America Industry Park in Pryor. Mr. Elkins stated they are not at this time. He stated they have reports from the past that he would be happy to provide.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to Revise and Update the Cherokee Nation's Inventory of Indian Reservation Roads. Mr. Michael Lynn stated this is a draft resolution and a final will be submitted the day of the March Council meeting. The deadline for submittal is March 15th. Councilor Anglen moved for the approval. Councilor Buzzard inquired if these roads needed to be approved now or if they would be updated. Mr. Lynn stated this list will be updated and some changes have already been identified. Councilor Anglen withdrew his motion for approval. Councilor Jack Baker made a motion to table this item to the next regular Resource meeting. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Mr. Lynn stated this would work as long as it can be forwarded to the Council meeting that night. Councilor Thornton requested a map of the roads by district. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Snell announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Bill John Baker announced the Legislative Conference scheduled for today at 5:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

Councilor Frailey inquired if Chair Snell would consider forming a sub committee to develop a plan for a new tribal council house. Chair Snell agreed to form the sub committee. The following Councilors expressed wishes to become members of the sub committee: Buel Anglen, Jack Baker, Chris Soap, Chuck Hoskin Jr, Harley Buzzard, David Thornton, Bill John Baker, Curtis Snell, Julia Coates, Bradley Cobb, Don Garvin, Janelle Fullbright, Jodie Fishinghawk, Tina Glory-Jordan, Joe Crittenden, and Meredith Frailey. Mr. Todd Enlow inquired as to when the

committee would like to meet to allow him time to schedule the architect to be available. The architect selected for the other projects is James Childers who is a TERO vendor and a tribal citizen. He designed the Muskogee clinic, Nowata clinic, Sallisaw expansion, and the original design work on the Stilwell clinic. Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion for the first meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. on the 12th of March following the other regular committee meetings. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL/ DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: Bill John Baker

Comments: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by [Signature]

Date: 3/10/08