



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

## Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

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Monday, May 11, 2009

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Ex - Officio Member, John Masters was present.*

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

**Absent** 1 - Cara Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the April 13, 2009 regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Jack Farmer/Angela Drewes

*Mr. Farmer offered to answer questions from his written report.*

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution as new business item 3 in support of the Boys and Girls Clubs across the fourteen counties to receive OJT funding. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## 2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

*Ms. Donelson announced as of Wednesday of last week the Catoosa seven acres went into trust. The Patton tract is closer to being finalized. The Claremore property they continue to work to get into trust rather than fee. Councilor Garvin inquired as to the location of the seven acres. Ms. Donelson replied next to Bruce's truck stop where a tornado took another store. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to the status of the trespassing issues. Ms. Donelson commented they are setting up a meeting with the Attorney General's office to move forward.*

## 3. Roads &amp; Transportation - Michael Lynn

*Mr. Lynn announced they continue to wait on the details of the stimulus package as well as the funding amount. They recently completed a small project in the Morning Star Addition in Muskogee County. He stated there are several improvement request projects coming forward this month to the Executive and Finance committee. Councilor Buzzard inquired about emergency funds for the bridge that washed out on the Leach Kenwood IRR road in Delaware County. Mr. Lynn stated this is a road they are considering placing on their construction priorities as an overlay project. He stated this is a very large drainage structure that has washed out. He stated they would look into the possibilities and report back. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired as to what isn't complete on the Red Bard road. Mr. Lynn stated it has slope failures, stopped up side drains, general erosion and a few other issues that may not be visible to the average person. Councilor Buzzard inquired if he was working with David Southerland on the housing addition roads. Mr. Lynn stated they are working on environmental on the second set. Councilor Cobb inquired about the bridge project West of Ramona. Mr. Lynn stated he would report back on the issue. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a list of the housing additions and the status. She inquired if there would be a third set of additions. Mr. Lynn replied not that he had seen.*

## 4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

## 5. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Elkins announced they received Treatment as State for the Clean Air Program for affected state status. He stated within a fifty mile radius of five different trust areas they must be notified if anyone does a major permit and allow them to comment. Councilor Soap inquired as to who triggers the notification. Mr. Elkins stated it is the Feds who trigger the notification. Councilor Bill John Baker inquired if they could get this for water and sewer as well. Mr. Elkins replied they are trying. He announced they continue to meet with the green team. They will have a budget mod within the next few months to purchase some items.*

## OLD BUSINESS

## 1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND RESOURCES - For Discussion Only

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

**Councilor Jack Baker moved to table items 1 and 2 in the absence of the Sponsor Cowan Watts. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

2. AN ACT REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT OF A "REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE" PROGRAM FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts, Councilor Bradley Cobb, Councilor Harley Buzzard, Councilor Buel Anglen, Councilor Julia Coates, Councilor Janelle Fullbright, Councilor Meredith Frailey and Councilor Don Garvin

**This matter was Tabled**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Sponsors:** Councilor Cara Cowan Watts

**Councilor Bill John Baker moved for approval. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Anglen requested a friendly amendment that it go to full council tonight. Councilors Baker and Baker accepted. Motion carried.**

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRUST LAND TO SALINA-SPAVINAW TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

**Sponsors:** Councilor Meredith Frailey

**Councilor Frailey moved for the approval of the lease renewal for Salina Spavinaw Telephone Company. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

3. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB(S) OF TAHLEQUAH, GREEN COUNTRY, SEQUOYAH COUNTY, DELAWARE COUNTY, NOWATA, AND CHELSEA, TO PARTICIPATE AND ACCEPT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA'S PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

**Sponsors:** Councilor Meredith Frailey, Councilor Harley Buzzard, Councilor Tina Glory Jordan, Councilor Julia Coates, Councilor Cara Cowan Watts, Councilor Janelle Fullbright, Councilor Jodie Fishinghawk and Councilor Bill John Baker

**Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion for approval and requested it move to full council tonight. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. Councilors Hoskin Jr. and Crittenden requested they be added as sponsors. Councilor Anglen inquired why Bartlesville Boys and Girls Club wasn't included. Ms. Janice Randall stated to receive the Native American funding you must have 70% or more of members that are Native American and at this time Bartlesville doesn't meet the requirement. Motion carried.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the Dewey Alberty issue. Ms. Donelson announced they met with Mr. Alberty last week to discuss the**

situation. Mr. Alberty has realized the tract he wanted an easement to isn't feasible for the garden area he wanted. He is now offering to sell the property. They are considering the purchase as it is surrounded by Cherokee Nation land. She stated they are also looking for a spare piece of property that could possibly be suitable for gardening.

Councilor Bill John Baker stated the handout from Doug Evans is for informational purposes and maybe considered at full council this evening. Mr. Evans stated Councilor Jack D. Baker as Chair of Executive and Finance is prepared to discuss this at full council and amend mod 7. He stated it is an attractive opportunity to buy back at 15% of the debt obligation. These are the longest term bonds the Nation has and could save \$75,000 immediately and 10 years of accrued interest. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to the funding source. Mr. Evans stated the suggested fund is the carryover of third party revenue. He stated there will be a significant amount of carryover coming forward at the finance committee at the end of the month. However they felt it prudent to go ahead and bring forward these funds tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:37 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack Farmer  
Michael Lynn  
Charlie Soap

Tom Elkins  
Callie Catcher

Angela Drewes  
Linda Donelson

VISITORS PRESENT:

Shirley Crowder

Janice Randall

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: Jack Baker

Minutes attested and concurred by: [Signature]

Date: 6-15-09