



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Executive and Finance Committee

Thursday, September 25, 2008

3:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cowan Watts called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Cobb gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Meredith Frailey; Jack D. Baker and Janelle Fullbright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Cobb made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28th regular session. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report/Treasurer Report - Callie Catcher

Ms. Catcher announced her written report had been provided and offered to answer any questions. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the cost of the landfill over the last budget cycle. Ms. Catcher replied a trial balance shows a \$1.23ml expended out of a \$1.266ml budget.

Cherokee Nation Enterprises - David Stewart

Mr. Stewart stated for August the bottom line was approximately \$12ml and earnings before depreciation was about \$17ml. The year to date income is \$111ml and they are on target for the budget. The Board of Directors approved the 2009 budget. The cash on hand is strong at just over \$100ml. The West Siloam job fair was very successful with the hiring of approximately 200 Native Americans. The Catoosa expansion is scheduled to open December 15th and Siloam Springs is scheduled for the 10th of November.

Cherokee Nation Industries - Dennis McLemore

Mr. McLemore announced his report had been provided and offered to answer questions.

Cherokee Nation Businesses - Brad Carson

Mr. Carson reported on a consolidated basis for the month of August the income was \$11.7ml and for year to date approximately \$107ml. The stated on a consolidated basis the assets continue to increase and are currently at \$435ml.

Career Services/Employment - Diane Kelley

Ms. Kelley offered to answer any questions. She announced they received notice that all of the permits have been granted for AERT in the State of Oklahoma.

Commerce - Anna Knight

Ms. Knight offered to answer questions pertaining to her report. Councilor Fishinghawk stated she had previously inquired about the number of jobs created for Cherokees. Ms. Knight stated they began collecting the information at the time of the request and will compile the data and report back. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a list be provided when bad debt is wirtten off.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Doug Evans handed out an updated consent list as each had changed slightly.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Mr. Evans announced Proctor Sanders Cemetery had been added. Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T.E.R.O. CERTIFICATIONS

Mr. Hembree requested clarification for the items that are marked denied under recommended for approval are not approved. Chair Cowan Watts agreed. Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve those designated for approval. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUESTS

Mr. Evans announced there are three requests as listed. Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Evans announced there is a change to the report provided. A denial for Leach Schools for \$500 will change to \$750 each from Councilors Buzzard and Snell and Cleora Elementary will be deleted. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested clarification on the red boxes. Mr. Evans stated the red box is indicative of where that payment is in the process. If it has been requested the paperwork has been sent. If the red is in the received we are waiting to receive the paperwork. If the red is in the submitted it has been requested and we have received and are preparing to submit to accounting. If the red is in paid all paperwork has been submitted and waiting on the next check run. Chair Cowan Watts announced if anyone has a red box in one of the first two columns it should be taken care of today to ensure payment comes from this years budget cycle. Chair Cowan Watts suggested tabling this consent item until the

end of the meeting.

ROADS

Mr. Evans announced an amended road report had been provided. Councilor Crittenden made a motion to approve as amended. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Sponsors: Councilor Meredith Frailey

Mr. Hembree stated he doesn't have any new documentation. He stated the Chief did submit a letter with some issues. He recommended passing the policy as it stands.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to table to next month. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to approve the community assistance requests with the redirection of \$500 each from Councilors Bill John Baker and Glory-Jordan to Grandview School to the Indian Education Program at the Tahlequah Middle School. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Frailey inquired about the status of the Oakes Generator. Mr. Evans announced the check has not been cut as of last week. Councilor Frailey inquired with it being a 2008 budget item if it would carry over. Ms. Catcher stated it would expire. She inquired if Mr. Enlow has spoken to Councilor Snell. Councilor Snell replied not recently. Ms. Catcher replied she would personally ensure it is taken care of by the end of the fiscal year.

Councilor Fullbright requested time to clear up a \$1,000 request for community assistance. Upon Councilor Fullbright's return she made a motion to redirect the \$1,000 for Marble City if the check hasn't been cut that it go to the Red Bird Smith Ceremonial Grounds. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Callie Catcher
Diane Kelley*

*Doug Evans
Jon Overacker*

Anna Knight

VISITORS PRESENT:

Brad Carson

David Stewart

Shawn Slaton

Todd Hembree

Gina Olaya

Dennis McLemore

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: **Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator**

Motion to approve minutes made by:

Bill John Baker

Minutes attested and concurred by:

Jack P. Baker

Date: *10/30/08*