



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Resource Committee

Monday, June 15, 2009

4:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Soap called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ex-officio Member John Masters is in attendance.

Present 10 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb; Chuck Hoskin, Jr. and Julia Coates

Absent 3 - Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright and Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 4 - Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen and Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 regular session. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Thornton made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution authorizing the submission of a special grant application to the U.S. Department of Interior for the Energy and Minerals Development Program. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair Soap announced this would be new business item #4.

Councilor Thornton made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution regarding the BIA TIP update to include seventeen additional projects. Councilor Buzzard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair Soap announced this would be new business item #5.

Councilor Anglen made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Delaware fund request. Chair Soap inquired if it was a budget modification. Councilor Jack D. Baker stated he was told it was overlooked in the 2009 budget. This request is an oversight correction and needs to move to Full Council tonight. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Buzzard announced there had been discussion to move the Road report from Resource Committee over to the Community Service Committee. He stated he was unsure if a motion was needed but would rather not make the motion if it is needed. Chair Soap stated he would prefer to add it as an agenda item for discussion.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to add a new business item regarding the discussion of possibly moving the Roads report to Community Service Committee. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Jack Farmer

Ms. Angela Drewes offered to answer questions from her report.

2. Real Estate Services - Linda Donelson

Ms. Donelson offered to answer questions from her report. Councilor Thornton inquired if the Cherokee Nation owned the Red Bird Smith property. Ms. Donelson answered we did.

3. Roads & Transportation - Michael Lynn

Mr. Lynn reported in addition to his written report they are working with ODOT regarding signage entering and leaving the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested an update on the paving of the housing additions. Mr. Lynn replied after speaking to Mr. Southerland they are placing a hold on the work due to some HUD bidding requirements. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested research into the situation regarding funding of the additions with the \$500,000 the Council set aside and the stimulus funds.

4. Public Comments: Road Issues - Michael Lynn

5. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Elkins provided a handout the DOI funds passed last month in the amount of \$3,254,000. He stated this grant will be used for a host of different things such as retrofitting and updating heating and air systems. He gave a review of the handout provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A LEGISLATIVE ACT RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND RESOURCES - For Discussion Only
Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item.

2. AN ACT REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT OF A "REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE" PROGRAM FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION
Chair Soap inquired where the funds created would go. Mr. Elkins stated in the past most of the funds went back to Human Services to offset other expenses.
Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to approve. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION TO LEASE TRUST LAND TO LINDMARK OUTDOOR ADVERTISING
Councilor Bill John Baker stated this is a billboard in Catoosa on the land that just went into trust.
Councilor Bill John Baker moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion.
Councilor Cowan Watts requested to added as a sponsor.
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for a month due to problems with the lease. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RESTAURANT LEASE ON TRUST LAND AT THE COMPLEX IN CHEROKEE COUNTY
Councilor Bill John Baker stated this is a lease agreement for the restaurant here at the Nation.
Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to apporve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. STATUS UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT (Discussion Only)
Mr. Tom Elkins gave this update during his report.

4. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR - ENERGY AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Councilor Cowan Watts announced this is a grant for a energy and minerals development program at the Mayo site of the Arkansas Riverbed for a hydro project. Ms. Carol Wyatt of CNB gave appreciation to the committee for considering this resolution. She stated the deadline for the grant is June 23rd.
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan offered a friendly amendment for this item to move to Council tonight. Councilors Cowan Watts and Bill John Baker accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BIA TO UPDATE THE NATION'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF SEVENTEEN (17) PROJECTS TO THE LIST OF CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES FOR INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS FUNDING

Councilor Buzzard requested Mr. Lynn provide a brief explanation of the TIP process. Mr. Lynn stated this resolution would add 17 new projects to the Transportation Improvement Plan which is the construction schedule. He stated they go through an evaluation process of everything on the inventory system and prioritize by points. The ones with the highest points are moved to the top of the list. The top items this year are 16 road projects and the 17th being a 1% set aside for transit activities.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. DELAWARE TRIBE MOD 8 AMENDMENT

Councilor Anglen requested Mr. Doug Evans provided explanation of this request. Mr. Evans stated he doesn't have a lot of knowledge in regard to the agreement with the Delaware tribe. This particular request is related to a 2009 negotiation for a modification request to be done this year to increase the pass through for self-governance oversight of an additional \$280,000. He stated this request can be added to the modification packet going before Council tonight as a rider without any additional agenda amendments. Councilor Bill John Baker called for the question.

Councilor Anglen made a motion to approve and send to full Council tonight as a part of the budget modification. Councilor Cobb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOVING THE ROADS REPORT FROM RESOURCE COMMITTEE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Councilor Buzzard stated the Community Service report provided by Charlie Soap was being placed in both committees and was beginning to cause some confusion. He stated he is not opposed in moving the roads report to the Community Service agenda.

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to move the roads report and the public comments regarding road issues to the Community Service agenda. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:58 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Donelson
Michael Lynn

Angela Drewes

Tom Elkins

VISITORS PRESENT:

Carol Wyatt

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: *Justin A. Small*

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: *8/10/09*