

**RESOURCE COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
March 12, 2007
4:03 p.m.**

Standing Committee: Resource Committee
Committee Presided by: Jackie Bob Martin, Chairman

Committee Members Present:

Bill John Baker	Buel Anglen	Jack D. Baker
William G. "Bill" Johnson	Jackie Bob Martin	Don Garvin
S. Joe Crittenden	Audra Smoke-Conner*	David Thornton
Meredith Frailey*	Taylor Keen*	Johnny F. Keener
Cara Cowan Watts		

John Masters, ex officio member

*Entered after roll call

Committee Members Absent:

Phyllis Yargee	Linda O'Leary	Melvina Shotpouch
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Committee Members Present Not Serving on Committee:

None.

Staff Present:

Linda Donelson	Michael Lynn	David Roberts
Ben Phillips	Angela Drewes	Vickie Hanvey
Todd Hembree		

Visitors:

Shirley Crowder	Jim Ketcher	Charlie Masters
Billie Nave Masters		

Quorum Established: Yes

Legislation: Yes

Minutes: See Attached

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CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / ROLL CALL:

Chair Martin called the meeting to order. Councilman Keener gave the invocation. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12th regular session. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Natural Resources:

Ms. Angela Drewes announced they are on track with all of their projects with the exception of the seasonal projects will begin in mid April. They have turned in numbers to both FEMA and NRCS for assistance with the fence repairs in the Kenwood area. She stated they will only accept assistance from one if approved by both. Approximately 25% of the 2000 acres of pines at Kenwood have been damaged. She stated they turned in a request for \$1ml to FEMA to replace the pines. Their current Ga Du Gi project is having employee Roger Vann run equipment for the Tailholt waterline on Saturdays. They have recently planted 5000 Shagbark Hickories in Cherokee, Delaware, and Adair Counties. They continue to work with A & M Engineering regarding the 14 county aqua for data. There is a group working on our water rights and water inventory. They are continuing to do research for an ethnobotany community of interest. They continue to work with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in regard to the Cherokee Nation cave resources. She stated they continue to work with CNE in regard to the wind energy grants placement on the Chilocco property. She announced a group came to them in regard to the protection and restoration of river cane. Pat Gwin recertified his lead base paint abatement license. They met with the Saline Courthouse Preservation Association today. The association has completed a survey of the entire estate, they will do GPR readings along the road, and an archeological survey has also been completed. They have used their community works funds to pay to have some of these things done. The Association has a tribal liaison who has to bring everything for review to ensure it is in keeping with tribal codes and rules for historic sites. This summer they want to construct a fence around graves along the road and adding the Spring House to the nomination letter. Natural Resources is looking to place a sign on the site listing the rules and regulations on the site. They are working with Environmental to use Brownsfield dollars put toward the lead base paid abatement at the Saline Courthouse. They continue to organize meetings in regard to enacting the wildlife code. They have met with the State and seem encouraging toward the compact. They will rehab the Asylum cemetery across from Sequoyah High School. The Natural Resource staff was very involved with the disaster relief efforts. They are working with Dr. Sly to attempt to locate Cherokee speakers. Butch Garner, Natural Resource staff, was recently nominated to a three year term on the Muskogee County Conservation District Board of Directors. Chair Martin inquired about the annual fish fry at Dahlonegah in April. Councilman Garvin made a motion for the April Resource meeting to be

held at the Dahlongah shop at 11 am. Councilman Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Drewes inquired if there would be any specific report the Council would like presented at Dahlongah.

Real Estate Services:

Ms. Linda Donelson stated Real Estate Services has received and returned 800 phone calls, had 87 individual clients in the office, completed 41 site inspections, completed 27 probate inventories. They sent 26 reports for distribution to the BIA and received 2 back approved. They had 1 grazing lease, 4 home visits, 14 jurisdictional calls, 10 quiet title, 8 will interviews, and 24 county researches. The federal register shows the Roland 3.59 acres will be approved. Ms. Donelson stated they continue to work on the environmental for the property at the Y in Tahlequah. They attended the dedication of Chilocco being put on the National Historic Registry. She announced they assisted Natural Resources in planting hickories. Councilman Johnson inquired about the status of the property at Ramona. Ms. Donelson stated CNE is working to get it to the board, hopefully it will be on the March agenda.

Roads & Transportation:

Mr. Michael Lynn. He provided the following update of IRR roads:

- Cedar Crest Road and Bridge – trying to locate a land owner to acquire property
- Daytown Dry Creek – out for bid, waiting for the last of the utilities to be relocated
- Red Barn Road –first 2 ½ miles will be paved
- Fairview Eucler phase II – 90% cleared
- Honey Hill – met with Assistant DA in regard to 7 land owners
- Rice Woodard –attempting to complete the right of way acquisition phase. 2 commercial nurseries requiring commercial appraisals, 2 possible condemnations
- Saline Creek Bridge – almost complete.
- Stick Ross Loop – overlay near completion
- Kenwood Road – overlay near completion

Mr. Lynn announced there are 5 motor fuel/motor vehicle projects going to Executive and Finance Committee this month from Muskogee County: Grider Road Loop, Smith Ferry Road and Reed low water bridge and a parking lot for a senior citizens center in Craig County. They will add funds to Stan Watie Road in Delaware County. All of these projects total just under \$105,000.00. Mr. Lynn announced the IRR resolution being presented today will add 600 miles to our inventory for this fiscal year. He recognized Jackie Gibson, Mike Conner, Andy Quetone, and Travis Waldo driving each of the miles being added to the inventory. Councilman Garvin inquired about S. Webber Falls Road and Coffee Road in District 4. Mr. Lynn stated he would review and they may be possible added to the list at executive and finance committee.

Facilities:

Mr. David Roberts announced they are preparing for the upcoming mowing season. They finished the warehouse bathroom remodel. They continue to work on the lighting in the complex hallways. He stated they completed the upgrading on the EMS doors. Council member Cowan Watts inquired about the Pow Wow grounds concession stand, showers and bathroom. Mr. Roberts stated the project has not been started at this time but hope to have completed in time for

the 2007 Holiday. Councilman Bill John Baker requested an update on this issue at the next meeting.

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.**
Councilman Anglen made a motion to approve. Councilman Garvin seconded the motion. Council member Conner questioned 0726 Leach Kenwood 4 in Cherokee County and then listed again under Delaware County. Mr. Lynn stated he would look into it before Council tonight. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

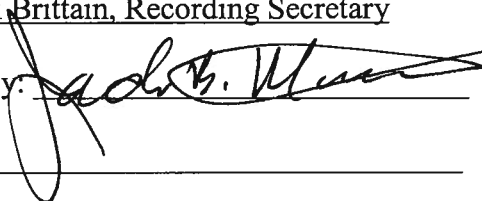
Chair Martin announced the next meeting would be April 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the Dahlenegah Shop.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Crittenden made a motion to adjourn. Council member Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried at 4:48 p.m.

APPROVAL/ DISTRIBUTION:

Minutes submitted by: _____ Shelli Brittain, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____ 

Comments: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____