



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RULES COMMITTEE

*Joe Byrd, Chair*

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Thursday, January 29, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Byrd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Cara Cowan Watts; Tina Glory Jordan; Janelle Fullbright; Dick Lay; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Don Garvin; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 1 - Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the December 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan moved to amend the agenda to move items 3 and 4 of old business and 1 -4 of new business prior to reports. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Baker moved to amend the agenda to add a new business item to provide a brief report on the proposed route line project. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

3. [14-121](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICK SMITH TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE
- Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.**
4. [14-122](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANCES L. HEAD TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE
- Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [15-006](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNDON EMBERTON TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE
- Councilor Fullbright moved to approve. Councilor Glory Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.**
2. [15-007](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOE J. HUTCHISON TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS CITIZEN COMMITTEE
- Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Hargis requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.**
3. [15-008](#) AN ACT RELATING TO SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2012 RELATING TO THE STIPEND FOR THE CITIZEN COMMITTEE
- Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve with an amendment to item 2 Section 5 to read state they would be compensated for up to three (3) meetings. The new language was provided in an amended handout. She stated the report from them is due July 1st. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the budget for this recommended amendment. The motion carried with Councilor Lay abstaining.**
4. [15-009](#) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARRIE PHILPOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
- Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. Councilors Hargis, Glory Jordan and Baker requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried.**

## REPORTS:

Marshal Service - Shannon Buhl

*Mike Roach offered to answer questions from the report in the absence of Mr. Buhl. Councilor Buzzard gave appreciation to them for the donation of computers to*

students. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the name of the police departments that help facilitate these donations.

Office of the Attorney General - Todd Hembree

Attorney General Hembree reported on the dismissal of the United Keetoowah Band's claim on the Riverbed settlement. We still await decisions on the UKB two acre case and the Freedman case. He gave an update on the UKB seventy-five acre case. Councilor Keener inquired about obtaining copies of the code books. He also inquired if the gaming law changes would have to go through the APA process. Councilor Lay requested clarifications on the spending of the Riverbed funds and the trust status of those purchases. He requested a report back in regard this issue. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on land purchased South of I-40.

FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

Mr. Hembree reported the project is complete. He compared the past codification efforts in regard to size and gave gratitude for all of those involved to make it happen. Councilor Glory Jordan commented the code books would be available for view at the Council Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Courts and soon online.

Election Commission - Bill W. Horton

Mr. Horton brought his staff and gave introductions. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the voter card process. Councilor Keener inquired about the map being back on the website, he also inquired about the interactive map. Councilor Coates announced the State of California has changed their notary laws and provided an update. She gave gratitude for all of those who helped with the issue. Councilor Lay inquired about the process for first time voters who are At Large. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the process for bad addresses. She requested clarification on the early walk in days at the Commission office. Councilor Keener inquired if they look up the voters to ensure they are citizens.

Tax Commission - Sharon Swepston

Ms. Swepston gave an update on the new Tahlequah and Catoosa offices and offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the increase in tag sales with the expanded jurisdiction. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the reduction in tobacco sales. Councilor Baker inquired if the expanded jurisdictional area schools would receive funding for their students from the tag revenues. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the overhead cost incurred with the tag expansion. Councilor Keener inquired about the timeline for the determinations for this tag expansion funding. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the Chickasaw's compact with the State.

Self-Governance - Vickie Hanvey

No one present to report.

Gaming Commission - Jamie Hummingbird

Mr. Hummingbird gave an update on the numbers provided in the report. They are working hard to be ready for the February 16th opening in South Coffeyville. He gave an update on the Roland facility. The NIGC did a surveillance review at the Ramona facility. They are in the process of developing and looking at their internal regulatory structure in regard to the new ordinance that has been approved by the

*NIGC. Councilor Baker commented on the compact fees paid over the past ten years. Mr. Hummingbird offered to provide a report pertaining to the fees paid over the past years to the State. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the payments to the Fair Meadows track in Tulsa. Councilor Keener inquired about the elected officials once again receiving comps. After some discussion was held regarding comps and/or administrative expenses Councilor Glory Jordan stated a policy change would need to take place if this is the wishes of the majority of the Council.*

Human Resources - Nason Morton

*Mr. Morton offered to answer questions from the report provided. He reported they participated in the job fair held at Ochelata. They now have a full time recruiter to help assist with the hard to fill vacancies. He provided highlights of the Employee Assistance Program. Councilor Lay requested additional information on the recruiter and requested the contact information for this person. He inquired if they were connected with CNE/CNB Human Resources and their exit interview processes. Chair Byrd commented on both the number of Cherokee citizens and the other Native Americans we have employed with the Nation.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to include a report from our Independent Information Officer, Gwen Terrapin regarding FOIA and GRA requests. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### FOIA-GRA - Gwen Terrapin

*Ms. Terrapin reported there is now a link on the AG website for FOIA and GRA requests. She gave the number of requests for the year of 2014 and those received for 2015 to date. The form to submit a FOIA or GRA is located on the website. She commented her office is located in room 132 of the old motel. Councilor Lay requested clarification on what would be posted for the public would be able to review. Councilor Cowan Watts requested further clarification on the website.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [14-119](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Glory Jordan withdrew this item.**
2. [14-120](#) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTED OFFICIALS COMPENSATION COMMITTEE  
**Councilor Glory Jordan withdrew this item.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

5. [15-010](#) A RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to table. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Baker provided an update on the Route Line proposed in regard to the resolution passed in opposition earlier in the month. He attended one of the public meetings held in OKC and inquired if the Council would be interested in meeting with them. He provided a copy of their hearing schedule along their website and contact information. Several comments were made and the suggestion was given if Council were to attend one of their meetings to be mindful of ensuring a quorum wasn't present.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:48 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Christina Carroll</i>	<i>Jeff Carroll</i>	<i>Jamie Hummingbird</i>
<i>Gwen Terrapin</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Mike Roach</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Madison Cornett</i>	<i>Keeli Duncan</i>
<i>Connie Parnell</i>	<i>Nason Morton</i>	

## VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Rick Smith</i>	<i>Frances Head</i>	<i>Lyndon Emberton</i>
<i>Joe Hutchinson</i>	<i>Carrie Philpott</i>	<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>
<i>Martha Calico</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	<i>Bill Horton</i>
<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>	<i>Harvey Chaffin</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		