



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Thursday, May 26, 2016

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Rob Daugherty gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Warner and Walkingstick were both present but do not serve on this committee.

Present 10 - Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Jack D. Baker; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Shawn Crittenden; Dick Lay; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Frankie Hargis

Absent 3 - Don Garvin; Wanda Hatfield and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Rex Jordan and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the March 31st regular session minutes.

Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Mr. Travis Owens reported in the absence of Ms. Jarvis. He gave highlights from the report including the capital projects, museum promotions, tours & events and their retail sales. Chair Vazquez inquired about the cost for the east to west tours.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Mr. Roy Boney and Mr. John Ross reported on the Speakers Bureau, the Consortium group will be traveling to Cherokee for their meeting. An update was given from their attendance at the Inter-Tribal Language Summit. Over the last several years the Language Department has had a partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington

in documenting our Cherokee language. Last week he attended the Native American Indigenous Studies Association annual conference in Honolulu where he participated in a panel regarding Cherokee art and how it is connected to the language. They offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Warner inquired if the Speakers Bureau open forum could travel to different communities. Councilor Crittenden inquired how many Cherokee speakers there are now. He suggested recognizing all of the Cherokee speakers and honoring them. Councilor Byrd suggested meeting this fall and creating a log of the speakers, he suggested honoring all speakers 70 years of age and older.

Historical Society - Candessa Tehee

Dr. Tehee apologized for her late report. He provided the highlights of the report. The Trail of Tears Art show opening reception was held in March. She reported she has been speaking at a lot of events recently. Last Saturday a gospel singing was held with approximately 275 attendees. They recently completed a photo voice project in conjunction with Tiffany Hardbarger and students from Stilwell High School. They currently have the Threads of Time exhibit up and will continue through August. She announced there will be a Genealogy Conference held in the Osiyo Training room in June. The third quarter board meeting for the Historical Society will be held on July 17th. She provided copies of the 6th volume of the Movarian Archives to the Council. She reminded everyone the Heritage Center has its very own press. Councilor Byrd the Heritage Center doesn't have it in their budget to cover the cost of the gospel singing and suggested the Council address this during E&F by donating their community assistance funding. He stated he was unaware of the printing press and would contact our Communications Department. Dr. Tehee introduced Vivian Contrell as one of the newest board members. Dr. Tehee gave appreciation to Councilor Austin and his tour of museums in Claremore. Chair Vazquez inquired about the recently won award. Dr. Tehee announced the Oklahoma Tourism Industry awarded them with a Merit Redbud Award for their exhibit for their Miss Cherokee exhibit. Councilor Walkingstick requested the exhibit be recreated and placed in the Complex and possibly is able to travel to other locations also. Dr. Tehee commented they had schools cancel their trips to the Heritage Center this year due to budget cuts. Chair Vazquez inquired if it would be possible for the Miss Cherokee exhibit to be recreated for the Cherokee Holiday. Councilor Taylor requested in the future to notify the Council if there are schools cancelling their trips to the Heritage Center due to funding issues.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Rob Daugherty

Mr. Daugherty stated anything COTTA can do to assist in the gathering of the Cherokee speakers and determine the number of speakers we have his department would be happy to assist. He announced the managers for each of his departments are present for questions from the report provided. Their annual banquet to recognize the communities in each area will be held next week. Ms. Dawni Squirrel gave a breakdown of the conference activities. Mr. Daugherty reported there were 768 views on the online training sessions. He announced they would begin the cultural presentations to all 15 districts like done for the At Large as requested. He provided a tentative schedule. Councilor Buzzard suggested starting with the Boys & Girls Clubs. He requested a copy of the agenda for the annual conference. He announced the State of Washington passed a law that requires more Native American teachings within the schools.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Walkingstick announced the Kingfisher reunion will be held this weekend.

Chair Vazquez announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 12:16.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Rob Daugherty</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>	<i>John Ross</i>
<i>Roy Boney</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Tammy Dry</i>
<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Donna Tinnin</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Dawni Squirrel</i>	<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Vivian Contrell</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Candessa Teehee</i>
<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>	