



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final RESOURCE COMMITTEE

*Curtis Snell, Chair*

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Monday, October 17, 2016

10:00 AM

Bull Hollow Shop

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Snell called the meeting at the Bull Hollow shop together at 10:05 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

A quorum was not obtained at the time of roll call.

**Present** 8 - Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Buel Anglen and Keith Austin

**Absent** 8 - Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

**Late Arrival** 1 - Jack D. Baker

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes could not be aproved due to a lack of a quorum. The September minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting once a quourm is established.

### REPORTS:

1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

*Mr. G.V. Gulager offered to answer questions from the report provided.*

2. Real Estate Services - Ginger Brown Reeves

*Mr. Joel Bean offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hargis inquired if the Cherry Tree gym has been given to the CC Camp yet.*

## 3. Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

*Mr. Elkins gave an update on the trust activities that they assist the Realty Department with at times. He provided other highlights from the report provided. He stated with the mold program they would like to be more comprehensive and also do indoor air. He requested Nancy John from his department give an overview of the programs she is over. Councilor Vazquez inquired if someone attends a conference in Miami, Oklahoma when they discuss Tar Creek. Councilor Anglen inquired if they would receive more funding or grants to continue monitoring the smelter in Tulsa County. Councilor Taylor inquired if a citizen could request air quality monitoring. Chair Snell inquired about water treatment in regard to the chicken and turkey house pollution.*

## 4. Secretary of Natural Resources - Sara Hill

*Ms. Hill reported on her activities with Administrative support which included preparation for the new seed bank season, Mr. David Justice attended the GEO for Good Conference and discussed our Remember the Removal Project mapping process. She reported they are trying to get the Cherokee Nation represented properly on Google maps. She discussed the Tribal Historic Preservation offices having issues with cell tower placement on historic sites. She met with the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington D.C. where he issued an apology to the Cherokee Nation for bull dozing damage done to the Trail of Tears. They are now working on a mitigation plan to correct the damage. She gave an update on the Fish and Wildlife Department and the Association. She reported she also discussed our water quality issues while in Washington including setting a baseline for water quality standards. She gave highlights from her visit to North Dakota where she is part of a working group at the Office of Indian Energy. Ms. Hill commented she has met with Councilor Buzzard in regard to some water quality issues at Lake Eucha. Lastly she reported on her meeting with the Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma where they discussed our Fish and Wildlife Association. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the hunting and fishing license would ever change to a card instead of the large piece of paper. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of the landfill.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1. Management Resources - Bruce Davis

*Mr. G. V. Gulager provided information on the trail ride this Saturday at Sallisaw Creek Park. They are also working on putting together a trail ride in Bull Hollow. He provided an update on the buffalo as well as the new corrals. He reported on the land in Ochelata, Saline Court House, Sallisaw Creek Park, the Jay Community Garden, the Sequoyah's cabin, and the acreage his group covers. Councilor Austin inquired about mowing at the Collinsville Nutrition site.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 10:55 a.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

*Tom Elkins  
Joel Bean*

*G.V. Gulager  
Nancy John*

*Sara Hill*

## VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*