



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

Victoria Vazquez, Chair

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Thursday, September 26, 2019

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Membership was confirmed of those Councilors who were involved in the 2019 election.

Present 14 - Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire and Dora Patzkowski

Absent 1 - Canaan Duncan

Late Arrival 2 - Harley Buzzard and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the July minutes as submitted. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report. They hosted the Aianta National Conference at the Hard Rock. The Cherokee Art Market opens on October 11th. This weekend they are hosting Eastern Trails Day in Vinita. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired about our participation with the Marshal Museum in Ft. Smith. He inquired about pulling tourism from there toward Oklahoma to visit our museums. Councilor Byrd requested our Cultural Tourism group visit the Marshal Museum to see if the Cherokee portion is culturally correct. Councilor Crittenden inquired about CNB's role at the Heritage Center.

Councilor Austin requested an update on the Saline project.

Cherokee Nation Language Program - Roy Boney / John Ross

Mr. Boney introduced the Cherokee Language Consortium Group in attendance with members from the UKB, Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band. The community language class schedule has been finalized. They will have their first meeting with teacher certification review committee and the State Department of Education on October 8th. Tomorrow they will celebrate the Cherokee Language Speakers at the Heritage Center. A Cherokee Language State of Emergency Resolution was passed at Tri-Council. The Consortium group named members of the advisory committee for the state of emergency resolution. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the speakers who weren't able to attend the events. Councilor Shaw inquired if the interactive books and games would be available for Christmas. Councilor Byrd commented on a brown Cherokee dictionary that is no longer available and suggested getting more available. Councilor Austin commented on the visit to the Claremore Veterans Home with Mr. Boney. Mr. Boney requested Ms. Kathy Sierra report on the creation of the consortium. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the process to add additional members to the group. A request for a funding proposal to be submitted was made by Councilor Crittenden. Chair Vazquez suggested adding a pocket part of additional words to the back of the dictionary. Councilor Deere commented on the online school trends and our language classes. Councilor Shambaugh commented Kansas Public Schools provide a Cherokee language class with participants ranging in age from eight to sixty-one.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch asked Mr. Howard Paden to speak about the Community Outreach Map Program. He talked about the Speakers event to be held the next day. Councilor Shambaugh requested someone record and/or write down a song Mr. Parish sings. Councilor Shaw voiced concern for the notices of the At Large meetings not being mailed out. Councilor Nofire inquired about the Cherokee Teacher Language Scholarship at NSU. Councilor Byrd inquired about the requirement for the Indian Studies degree. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the number of slots available for the Cherokee Teacher program and what is included. Councilor Patzkowski inquired if there is an age limit to the scholarship program.

Historical Society - Charles Gourd

Mr. Gourd introduced Shanista Cloud as the Cultural Outreach Coordinator. Ms. Cloud gave statistics of their outreach efforts so far for the year. Last year the Tribal Council provided an inkind contribution to the outreach program to assist in getting an Oklahoma Humanities grant. Chair Vazquez requested by a show of hands from the Council who would be willing to donate this year. They just completed the Five Tribes Genealogy Conference. Tomorrow will be the exhibit opening of Rob Daugherty's lifelong collection of Native Americans in Baseball. On October 23rd a dedication of the Veterans Memorial and the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The Seven Star Gala Annual Fundraiser is scheduled for November 2nd at the Tahlequah Casino. Councilor Crittenden requested a breakdown of the CNB and Cherokee Nation's role of the Heritage Center. Councilor Byrd commented on the Heritage Center archives and getting the title of the Heritage Center being transferred to the tribe.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Vazquez commented she was honored to attend poet Joy Harjo's presentation at NSU last night.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried by 12:12 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Roy Boney</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Ryan Mackey</i>
<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Anna Sixkiller</i>
<i>Dennis Sixkiller</i>	<i>John Ross</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Kathy Sierra</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Molly Jarvis</i>	<i>Charles Gourd</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>
<i>Cheryl Trask</i>	<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Wanda Byrd</i>
<i>George Byrd</i>		