



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, January 28, 2021

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Chair Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Deere and Shaw attended remotely.

Present 15 - Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire and Dora Patzkowski

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve the October regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report provided included the Cherokee Heritage Center transition. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the outdoor stage at the Heritage Center. Chair Vazquez requested additional information on the Saline exhibit and the sale of the artist's work. Councilor Legg inquired if the Eastern Band of Cherokees get free admission to our museums and the Heritage Center when they visit. Councilor Smith commented he would help in anyway with Dwight Mission. Councilor Byrd announced we host Tri-Council this year and there will be a celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Syllabary. He also inquired about the transition of the employees from the Heritage Center. He commented the Cultural Tourism on their efforts toward Dwight Mission in

Sequoyah County. Ms. Jarvis inquired about the dates for Tri-Council.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden reported on the three grants they have received and the Language Departments assistance with getting the Speakers vaccinated. He announced Booker T. Washington School wants a Cherokee Language class. The Cherokee Language Class II will be on RSU TV for college credit. Councilor Taylor inquired about the number of speakers we currently have and the number lost during the pandemic to date. She inquired if the number included Easter Band Cherokees. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the total number of Cherokee speakers who live outside of the reservation. He also requested an update on the Cherokee language teacher certifications with the State. Councilor Crittenden commented incentives are needed to get the young to become speakers.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch reported they have been having weekly cultural zoom meetings on the CCO webpage. They are performing monthly COTTA training. He provided an update on their COVID relief funding projects. They have initialized their virtual event format revamp to be able to reach additional citizens. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Frogg reported there have been eight National Treasures confirmed to participate in the mentorship program. The annual holiday luncheon for the Treasures was cancelled due to the pandemic. Cherokee National Treasures will be featured at the newly opened Saline Courthouse Museum on a rotating system. The Cherokee National Treasures staff were able to assist the Cherokee Nation in efforts to ensure all National Treasures were able to receive the COVID vaccine.

Historical Society - Paul Buckner

Ms. Jarvis presented during the Cultural Tourism report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 12:02 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Enlow
Bryan Warner*

Taralee Montgomery

Alex Hefner

*Remote:
Howard Paden*

Kevin Stretch

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

*Remote:
Betty Frogg*

Molly Jarvis