



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Draft RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Rex Jordan, Chair

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Monday, May 17, 2021

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - E. O. "JR." Smith; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Dobbins; Mike Shambaugh; Mary Baker Shaw; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Julia Coates; Keith Austin; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Wes Nofire and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the April minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Management Resources - David Moore

Mr. Moore reported they continue to sanitize. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about visiting the bison and having lunch during Tri-Council. Councilor Crittenden asked about the opening and hiring for the meat processing plant. Councilor Shaw inquired if the surface testing continues for COVID. Councilor Shambaugh if the meat processing plant would be open to just Cherokee citizens and what types of meat would be accepted. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the plant would be USDA certified.

Real Estate Services - Ginger Reeves

Ms. Reeves offered to answer questions from the report provided.

Environmental Programs - Tom Elkins

Mr. Harsha offered to answer questions from the report submitted. Councilor Legg inquired about any timber available for cutting on Cherokee owned land. He commented on the increased prices of lumber due to the pandemic and the need for handicapped ramps. Councilor Nofire requested a copy of the Forestry Management Plan for Delaware County be emailed. Councilor Shaw requested an update on the status of the temporary fishing license for At Large citizens. She also inquired about recycling here at the Cherokee Nation. She requested a copy of any recycling policy. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if metal has been considered as an alternative for the handicapped ramps.

Secretary of Natural Resources - Chad Harsha

Mr. Harsha reported on the Earth Week Event, the electric buses, hazardous waste events, the virtual environmental festival, annual tree giveaway, and the final mail out from the heirloom seed bank. Chair Smith inquired about the heirloom seeds going to different countries.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shambaugh moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 229 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*David Moore
Chad Harsha*

*Taralee Montgomery
Tina Glory Jordan*

*Todd Enlow
Ginger Reeves*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell