



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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Tuesday, July 13, 2021

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Mike Dobbins

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Legg made a motion to approve the May regular session minutes.
Councilor Shaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Taylor inquired if having the art shows online along with in person has opened a new avenue for the artist. Councilor Shaw inquired about the proper storage of our historic artifacts. Councilor Byrd requested drawing or renderings of the downtown Tahlequah cultural walkway. Chair Vazquez inquired about the masking protocol for visitors at the museums.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden reported on the Immersion school graduation recently held for both this year's class and last year. He gave an overview of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Nofire inquired about first language speakers who want to teach and have been told they were too skilled. He also inquired about creating jobs for our first language speakers who are at retirement age. Councilor Crittenden inquired if someone completes the Master Apprentice Program are they guaranteed a job. Councilor Legg inquired if a study has been performed on the first graduates of the Immersion School to see the amount of information retained. Councilor Byrd commented at one time our language was essential and now and now to retain it you have to have a passion for the language.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch announced this Saturday at noon The TsaLaGi Wherever You Are Series will continue with a focus on Cherokee women. The online cultural series will not be held in August to allow preparation for the virtual CCO Conference. They are in discussions with Administration in regard to having in reservation and At Large cultural activities. He gave an overview of the volunteer program and commented they would revamp the report provided. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired why they are unable to host outdoor events when others are able too.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Frogg gave an overview from the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired how to go about nominating a National Treasure.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:01 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Nick Hammons</i>
<i>Donetta Johnson</i>	<i>Betty Frogg</i>	<i>Wyman Kirk</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>		

Remote:
Donna Tinnin

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell *Molly Jarvis*

Remote:
Tim Brown