



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final CULTURE COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Tehee called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Kidwell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Vazquez and Austin attended remotely.

Present 15 - Keith Austin; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Wes Nofire; Dora Patzkowski; Danny Callison; Mike Dobbins; Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Melvina Shotpouch; Candessa Tehee and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 2 - Shawn Crittenden and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the September minutes as submitted. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Smith inquired if the Dwight Mission locals would be included in the RFP and master plan. Councilor Deere requested an update on the Route 66 signs in front of the Hard Rock Casino. He also requested clarification on the art market. Councilor Callison requested an update on the Will Rogers birthplace. He also inquired about a marker on old 33 HWY where the Creek and Cherokee Nations meet.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired as to how to get our first language speakers more engaged. He inquired if there is a database to advertise when positions become available. Councilor Nofire inquired if there is housing assistance for our first language speakers.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch offered to answer questions from the report provided. He stated the weekly cultural presentations are on hold until the first of the year. Councilor Callison inquired if all of the cultural centers/community buildings within the reservation staffed on volunteer basis. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the request for community buildings not on our land to sign a twenty-five year lease. Councilor Shotpouch inquired when the community centers would be able to re-open. Councilor Kidwell suggested working together to create a flow-chart for those groups wanting to form an At Large Community Organization. He also inquired if any At Large groups who have filed for the \$1,000, per the 2019 executive order, and have not received those funds. He asked if there are any contingencies to get the funding. Councilor Nofire inquired of all of the community buildings how many are owned by the Cherokee Nation.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Frogg gave an overview of the report provided.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kidwell by request of former Councilor and his constituent Jack D. Baker read into the record a statement pertaining to the Council conduct during the meetings last month.

Councilor Callison requested prayers and gave condolences to the family of the passing of a Cherokee Nation citizen.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Legg made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:46 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Kevin Stretch
Corey Bunch*

*Howard Paden
Camerin Fite James*

*Betty Frogg
Taralee Montgomery*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Molly Jarvis
John Young

George Valliere

Teddye Snell