



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, May 26, 2022

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vazquez called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Co Chair Tehee gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 12 - Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Victoria Vazquez; Candessa Tehee; Danny Callison; Julia Coates; Mike Dobbins; E. O. "JR." Smith and Melvina Shotpouch
Absent 5 - Joe Deere; Wes Nofire; Johnny Kidwell ; Joshua Sam and Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan made a motion to approve the March regular session minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Cultural Tourism - Molly Jarvis

Mr. Travis Owens reported in the absence of Ms. Jarvis. He gave highlights from the report and then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Legg inquired about the plans for the outdoor amphitheater at the Heritage Center. Councilor Smith inquired about the timeline for Dwight Mission.

Cherokee Nation Language Department - Howard Paden

Mr. Paden gave highlights from the report. Councilor Callison inquired if a first language speaker should come to the language department for services or go to the program administering the service. Councilor Coates gave appreciation to the expansion of services to the At Large. She requested written information to be able to

provide answers to citizens. Councilor Crittenden commended the Speaker Services Program. He requested an update on the Greasy Immersion School. Councilor Shotpouch commented on her attendance at the First Speakers Meeting recently held. Councilor Tehee inquired about the naming of the Greasy Immersion School.

Community & Cultural Outreach - Kevin Stretch

Mr. Stretch announced the CCO Annual Conference would be held August 6th virtually. They have 750 pieces of Cherokee artwork to give away to the organizational leaders. He provided additional highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Tehee inquired if they work a lot with the non-profits and if resources are offered. Chair Vazquez inquired about artist coming to the communities for workshops or presentations. Councilor Dobbins inquired if they are able to assist with driveways that have washed out.

Cherokee National Treasures Advisory Committee - Betty Frogg / Donetta Johnson

Ms. Frogg gave highlights from the report and then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Tehee requested a website where all Cherokee National Treasures are listed. Councilor Legg suggested the placement of a Treasures emblem or the Cherokee Nation seal on all of the headstones of National Treasures who have passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 11:53 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Betty Frogg</i>	<i>Howard Paden</i>	<i>Kevin Stretch</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Travis Owens</i>
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