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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION: 2 June 2023
Conference Hosted:
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino, Tahlequah
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok. 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Sparks, Chairman
Linda O’Leary, Commissioner
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

COMMISSION STAFF: Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Audra Imhoff, Audit Manager
Nicole Robinson, Gaming Agent
Indy Hicks, IT
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Officer
Thomas Maslen, Compliance Manager

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Gary Weddell, Casino Operations
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Paiten Qualls, CNB Legal
Monica Richards, CNE Finance
Reba Chambers, Compliance Manager
Angelia Jobe, IT Manager
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
David Ledford, CNE IT
Erica Martindale, CNB Assurance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Marketing
Julie Justice, CNE Compliance



Jon Warden, CNE Surveillance Tech PM

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
2 June 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Nicole Robinson called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
 Commissioner O'Leary
 Commissioner Hull
 Commissioner DeLozier

Absent: None

Four (4) commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Sparks, the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Agenda. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the motion to approve Minutes beginning with the Minutes from the 6 April 2023 meeting. Commissioner Hull made the motion to approve the Minutes from the 6 April, 2023 Meeting; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair recognized Commissioner Hull and asked if the Minutes accurately reflect what he made everyone aware of and if the corrected Minutes fully covers it, Hull agreed that the Minutes currently presented are correct. The Motion carried and 6 April, 2023 Minutes were approved.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the 5 May 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and 5 May 2023 Minutes were approved.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Chair, in interest of expediency, dispensed the full introduction. The Chair inquired if anyone would like to be recognized. No introductions were requested.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the CNE Reports. The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items A-E.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. REGULATORY
 - 1. NIGC
- E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., and E. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:34 AM.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sparks, We are on to item VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

A. PERMITS & LICENSES – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the Permits & Licenses and recommended approval. The following are the Individual Temporary Permits, Individual Suitability Determinations, Orders, and Renewals recommended for approval:

1. EMPLOYEES

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Fifty-six (56) Temporary Permits, Forty-five (45) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-nine (29) Orders, and Fifty-nine (59) Renewals. Commissioner Hull made the motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

The Chair recognized Executive Director Purcell who requested that Employee #39272 be removed from the Temporary Licensing List. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to approve the amended Permit & Licenses. Commissioner Hull seconded the motion. The motion as amended and passes with Fifty-five (55) Temporary Permits, Forty-five (45) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-nine (29) Orders, and Fifty-nine (59) Renewals and removes Employee #39272 from the Temporary Licensing List.

2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Nine (9) Individual Orders June 2, 2023 and Twenty-one (21) Individual Renewals June 30, 2023. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes.

- Nine (9) Individual Orders.
- Twenty-One (21) Individual Renewals.

3. License Classifications

The Chair entertains the motion to approve the job description of the Senior IT Security

Engineer, Job Code IT1901. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair recognizes Executive Director Purcell who defers to Mr. Christensen, CNE Compliance. Mr. Christensen states the employee is a new position and will have access to gaming systems and requests the position to be a licensed Key position. The Motion passes and the classification is approved.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks recognized Mr. Trumbula to present the EGM Memo.

1. EGM MEMO

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the following items for approval listed on the June 2, 2023:

- 51 new electronic games themes (27 Velvix, 2 VGT, 3 Novomatic, 9 Everi, & 10 AGS)
- 3 new OS/main programs (3 Velvix)
- 2 new gaming components (2 VGT)
- 5 new gaming cabinets (1 Everi, 1 Velvix, & 3 VGT)
- 12 Executive Director approved items (1 Gaming Arts, 3 Aristocrat, 2 Bluberi, 2 LNW Gaming, & 4 SG)

Commission O’Leary Motioned to approve the above listed items and affirm the twelve (12) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

2. DNA Fusion Upgrade

The Chair entertains the motion to affirm the Approval previously granted by the Executive Director of DNA Fusion Version upgrade to 8.1. Commissioner O’Leary makes the motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair recognizes Mr. Trumbula for any additional comments; Mr. Trumbula states the system is currently in use in CNE’s Security & Surveillance. The departments have supplied all the security documentation and approval for the software upgrade. The Motion passes and the Approval of the previously provided Executive Director approval is affirmed.

3. Milestone Upgrade

The Chair entertains the Motion for affirmation of the previously granted Executive Director Approval of the upgrade of the Milestone XProtect 2022 R3 version 22.3a. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The motion for the affirmation of Executive Director Approval passes.

4. Fielder's Choice Craps Felts & Rack Card

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the Fielder's Choice Crap Felts and Rack Card for the new Fielder's Choice wagers. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Trumbla for additional information; Mr. Trumbla states this will add a Fielder's Choice side bet for the Craps game. A policy will follow.

The motion passes.

C. Promotions – T. Maslen

The Chair entertains a Motion to Affirm the Executive Director Approval previously provided by the Executive Director as listed on the on June 2, 2023 Memo. Commissioner O'Leary makes the Motion; Seconded by Commission DeLozier. The motion to affirm passes.

D. IHP Transfer Request Memo-T. Maslen

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the In-House Progressive funds as listed in the IHP Memo dated June 2, 2023 be moved to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patron. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion for the transfer of IHP Funds; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the transfer of IHP Funds passes.

E. Bi-Annual Gaming Funds Verification – INFORMATION ONLY – A. Imhoff

The Chair recognizes A. Imhoff. Ms. Imhoff states no variances were noted for the cash vault, chip vault, cashier banks, table games, ticket redemption or automated teller machines for all locations. The information was provided and received. Consent from the Chair and the Commissioners that the report was presented and accepted by the Commission. No action was taken.

F. 23-04 AP Table Games & Tournaments FAR – A. Imhoff

The Chair entertains a Motion for release of the Final Audit Report for Table Games & Tournaments dated June 2, 2023. Commissioner O’Leary makes the motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion passes for the release of the Final Audit Report.

G. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, & HEARINGS

Motion to enter into Executive Session made and the Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 10:50am while the Attendees take a short break. After the Commissioners exited the Executive Session and the Commissioners return to Open Session at 11:05am, the Chair entertains a Motion to adopt the professional recommendation of the Staff as requested on the Tabs. Motion to Deny License to Employee No. 39272 on Tab one (1) for failure to appear at hearing. Commissioner Hull Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

IX. Open Session:

Chairman Sparks discussed the need for the change of location for the August 25, 2023 Commission Meeting from the Hard Rock Hotel due to an ESPN Boxing Match at the Hard Rock. Discussions included the locations of Roland Casino, West Siloam Springs Casino, or Tahlequah. Topic will be on June 30, 2023 Agenda and will be discussed at that time.

X. Adjournment:

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Approval of Minutes:



CHAIRMAN SPARKS
ACTING CHAIRMAN HULL

06-30-23
DATE