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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

May 5, 2023  
Multi-Purpose Room  
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa  
777 Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman  
Richard Hull, Commissioner  
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner  
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Thomas Maslen, Compliance Manager  
Diane Abbott, Licensing Agent II  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst  
Audra Imhoff, Gaming Audit Manager  
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Officer

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Bear Christensen, Director of Compliance  
Paiten Qualls, CNB Finance  
Monica Richards, CNE Finance  
Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance  
Angelia Jobe, CNE IT  
Shari Paddlety-Dodd, CNB Assurance Services  
Todd Hembree, CNB

VISITORS:

Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Councilor  
Gregory Calvert, CN Attorney General Office  
John Young, CN Tribal Council attorney

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MEETING MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:43 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Diane Abbott called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner O'Leary  
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 entertains the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asks if there are any questions on the motion. The Chair recognizes Commissioner Hull. Commissioner Hull notes an error on the Permits & Licenses for April. Commissioner Hull was on the Renewal list, so the list was divided out by Temporary/Suit/Orders and Renewals. On the motion for renewals, Commissioner Hull abstained. The minutes do not reflect the separation.

The Chair confirms the first paragraph on 8A.1. Is the paragraph in question. The Executive Director verifies on page 3, Commissioner Hull abstained on the Renewals as his license was

on the list of licenses considered for renewal. Commissioner Hull confirms the Temporary, Suit, and Orders were voted together as one. The Renewals were voted separately and Commissioner Hull abstained. Commissioner DeLozier agreed with Commissioner Hull.

The Chair asks if a recording of the meeting is available. Executive Director states the meetings are recorded.

The Chair entertains to Table the Approval of the Minutes until the next meeting so the staff can delineate it properly. Commissioner Hull finds it appropriate. Commissioner DeLozier agrees. Commissioner O'Leary is agreeable to Table the approval of the Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion to Table the Minutes until the meeting; Commissioner Hull Seconds the Motion. The Chair states Motions to Table is non-amendable and non-debatable. The Motion passes.

#### V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests. The Chair, in interest of expediency, dispensed the full introduction. The Chair inquired if anyone else wished to be introduced, no other introductions were requested. The Chair recognized the Tribal Council Member present, Melvina Shotpouch.

#### 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 for the following sections A-F. Commissioner O'Leary Motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at 9:56 AM.

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

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., E., and F. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. The Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:38 AM.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sparks, Next is VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

### A. PERMITS & LICENSES - J. Purcell

Executive Director Purcell noted two applicants are scheduled for a hearing, and they are present.

Executive Director Purcell presented the Permits & Licenses to the Commission. The following are the Forty-nine (49) Temporary Permits, Twenty-nine (29) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-three (23) Orders and Ninety (90) Renewals. A Motion made by Commissioner Hull and Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes.

#### 1. EMPLOYEES

- a. Forty-nine (49) Individual Temporary Permits.
- b. Twenty-nine (29) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- c. Twenty-three (23) Orders.
- d. Ninety (90) Renewals.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations on the Forty-nine (49) Temporary Permits, Twenty-nine (29) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-three (23) Orders and Ninety (90) Renewals. A Motion made by Commissioner Hull and Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes.

#### 2. VENDORS

- a. Zero (0) Company Orders
- b. Zero (0) Individual Orders
- c. Zero (0) Company Renewals May 5, 2023
- d. Fourteen (14) Individual Renewals June 2, 2023

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations on the Fourteen (14) Individual Orders, dated June 2, 2023. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried.

### B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS - T. Trumbla

#### EGM Memo

The Chair entertained the motion to approve the 51 Gaming Themes, 4 new OS/main programs, and 2 gaming components (gaming cabinets). This motion includes an approval of 3 authorizations previously granted by the Executive Director. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion passes.

- Game Themes
  - 2 Aristocrat
  - 1 Bluberi

- 2 Novomatic
- 3 VGT
- 6 AGS
- 26 Everi
- 6 SG Gaming
- 2 LNW
- 3 IGT
- OS/main programs
  - 2 Everi
  - 1 VGT
  - 1 Aristocrat
- Gaming Components
  - 1 VGT
  - 1 AGS

The Chair entertained the requests and affirmation for to approval for three new Table Game felts for the Hard Rock as now fully described in memo. The progressive felts are additions to previously approved felt libraries. The Chair recognized T. Trumbler who had nothing to add. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

- Blazing 7s

#### C. PROMOTIONS – T. Maslen

The Chair entertained the Motion to affirm of the Executive Director’s previously provided approvals for promotions at Hard Rock and West Siloam Springs. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

#### D. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. Purcell

The Chair entertained a Motion to transfer the retired In-House Progressive funds to promotions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

#### E. TICS CAGE & CASINO INSTRUMENTS REVIEW – INFORMATION ONLY – A. Imhoff

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff. The audit performed by CNE Internal Audit and is for informational purposes only. CNB Audit identified a minor issue during testing of cancel

credits at Roland and Sallisaw. Both cancel credits did not have a Manager on Duty (MOD) or higher as a second verifier for amounts greater than \$5,000.00. The issue was discussed with management and all agreed on a go forward basis to obtain a second manager signature to satisfy the requirements. CNB has closed the issue. With no questions, the information was provided and received.

F. 23-05 AP Card Games & Tournaments FAR – A. Imhoff

The CNGC Audit Department, is requesting Approval to release the 23-05 Card Games & Tournaments Final Audit Report. There were no issues or findings to report during the course of this audit and all effective controls were in place. The Chair requests a motion to release the final audit. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The motion passes, the report is authorized to be released.

Next item is Investigations, Licensing, and Hearings. The Chair entertains the motion to move into Executive Session. Quick announcement, after Executive Session action will be taken as appropriate as discussed in Executive Session, then move to adjourn.

Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes to enter Executive Session.

Motion to exit Executive Session, motion passes.

Open Session resumes at 10:59 AM.

G. INVESTIGATION, LICENSES & HEARINGS

The Chair recognizes Commissioner Hull for action on employee # 1043838. Commissioner Hull recommends a conditional license be granted provided the applicant produces documentation showing the arrest in California is not a felony conviction. The applicant will have six months from this date May 5, 2023 to provide documentation. Motion was made by Commissioner Hull; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes, the license will issued on conditions stated.

The Chair entertains the Motion to grant an unconditional license to employee # 1044565. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes, license is granted unconditionally.

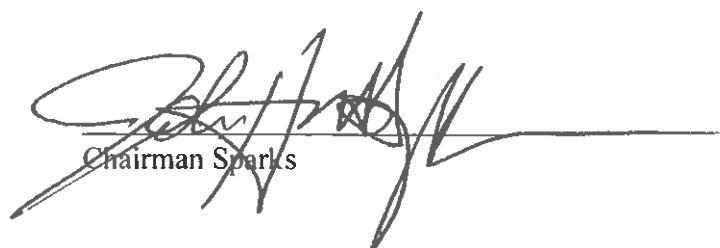
VIII. OPEN SESSION:

None.

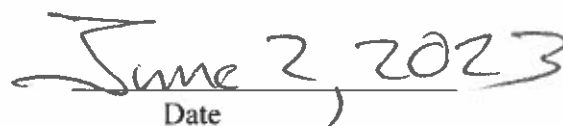
IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:13 PM.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks



Date