



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 4th, 2024

4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the February 13th Regular Meeting
- IV. Old Business-None
- V. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding a Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question on a Constitution Convention and Setting a Special Election by Tribal Council
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election Timeline/Timeline Calendar
 - c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election Forms
 - d. Consideration and possible action on Press Releases
 - e. Consideration and possible action regarding FY2024 Budget Modification
 - f. Consideration and possible action on Hart Intercivic election day support for the 2024 Special Election
- VI. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VII. Action from Executive Session
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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March 1, 2024 by 4:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4th, 2024

I. Call to order

- The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:01 P.M.

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Vice Chairperson Pamela Sellers called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson

Shawna Calico – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

Cheryl Cooper - Commissioner

- Office staff present was: Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell.
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.
- Election Commission Investigator Nick Goodwin was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the February 13th, 2024 Regular Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2024 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Old Business

- None

V. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action regarding a Resolution Authorizing a Ballot Question on a Constitution Convention and Setting a Special Election by Tribal Council. No action taken.
- Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election Timeline/Timeline Calendar. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve with the changes suggested, to recommend to council. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.



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- Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election Forms. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Absentee Ballot Request form for the 2024 Special Election. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to table part of items C, all of items D, E and F. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

VI. Executive Session

- None

VII. Action from Executive Session

- None

VIII. Announcements

- None

IX. Adjourn

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to adjourn at 4:58 P.M. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico

2024 Special Election Timeline

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Mar-12</u> | Absentee Ballot Requests Accepted |
| <u>Mar-28</u> | Voter Registration Closes |
| <u>Apr-05</u> | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline |
| <u>Apr-22 & 23</u> | Mail Out Absentee Ballots |
| <u>June-8, 11, 12, 13</u> | Early Walk-In Voting; Absentee Drop Box Available 7am-7pm |
| <u>June 10-15</u> | Verify Absentee Ballots |
| <u>Jun-11</u> | Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot |
| <u>Jun-15</u> | Special Election ; Absentee Drop Box Available 7am-7pm |
| <u>Jun-19</u> | Recount Request Deadline |
| <u>Jun-21</u> | Recount |
| <u>Jun-24</u> | Election Appeals Deadline |
| <u>Jun-27</u> | CN Supreme Court Hearing |

Election Timeline Calendar

March-2024



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|--|-----------|---|-------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Regular Meeting Absentee Ballot Requests Accepted | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Voter Registration Deadline, S21 A2 | 29 Good Friday | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

Election Timeline Calendar



April-2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Special Election, S73 A

Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Special Election, S73 A

Regular Meeting

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline S73 A

Election Timeline Calendar



May-2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 Regular Meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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| 26 | 27 Memorial Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

Election Timeline Calendar



June-2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78 | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| | | Regular Meeting Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot, S80 A Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78 | Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78 | Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, S62 D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78 | | Special Election Absentee Ballot deadline to be received at Talliequah Post Office, 12pm noon, S78 AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, S78 | |
| 16 | 17 | Verify Absent Ballots, Scan & Process until complete | | | | | 22 |
| | | | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| | | | Recount Deadline, S93 C | | Recount, S93 F | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| | Election Appeal Deadline, S101 D | | | CN Supreme Court Appeal Hearing, S101 E | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | |

Cherokee Nation Request for Absentee Ballot

SPECIAL ELECTION

- I am requesting an Absentee Ballot for the **2024 Special Election**.
- The Special Election for a Referendum on Constitutional Convention is **June 15, 2024**.
- Absentee Ballots will be mailed on April 22 & 23, 2024.
- **The Absentee Ballot Request deadline is April 5, 2024.**

TRIBAL CITIZENSHIP REGISTRY NUMBER: _____

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME ADDRESS AS REGISTERED: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

I REQUEST MY BALLOT BE MAILED TO/MAILING:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

WARNING:

Any Absentee Ballot request signed by a person other than the Registered Voter shall be marked as invalid and shall be referred to the Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation for prosecution as applicable. An Absentee Ballot request application may not direct that the Absentee Ballot be mailed to any Candidate or address used by any Candidate or the Candidate's campaign, except for an individual Absentee Ballot requested by a Candidate or members of the Candidate's household...CNCA Title 26 § 72

VOTER'S HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE OR MARK: _____ DATE: _____

Witness required if a mark is used: _____

WARNING:

Forgery or unauthorized alteration on an Absentee Ballot request is a crime, punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment, per offense. CNCA Title 26 § 72

**FOR RECEIPT CONFIRMATION AND ABSENTEE INFORMATION CONTACT
THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

Phone: 1-800-353-2895 OR 918-458-5899

Email: election-commission@cherokee.org

Fax: 918-458-6101

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1188 Tahlequah, OK 74465-1188

FORMS CAN BE RETURNED BY: MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL, OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE.

OFFICE USE ONLY: DIST: _____ PRECINCT: _____ ACCEPT: _____ REJECT: _____

REJECTION REASON: _____

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 REGULAR MEETING X SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 3/4/23 at 4:01 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Shawna Calico Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent

Cheryl Cooper Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin **CNEC Investigator:** Nick Goodwin

Staff Present: Marcus Fears, Connie Parnell, Kendal Bishop, Charlene Keys

Visitors:




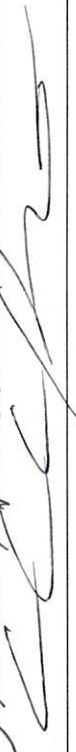
Candessa Teehee _____

Cody Poindexter _____

Lisa Hall _____

Chad Hunter _____

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Monday, March 4, 2024 4:00PM

| Print Name | Signature |
|----------------|--|
| Candessa Tenel |  |
| Cody Pindexter |  |
| Lisa Hall |  |
| Chad Hunter |  |
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