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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

October 16, 2024
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Richard Hull, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Nicole Robinson, CNGC Licensing
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Samantha Chopper, Specialist Projects Analyst

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Rob Thomas, CNE IT
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance
Jason Barnes, CNE IT
Jason Winbolt, CNE Data Analytics
Brian Bork, CNE Marketing
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commissioner O'Leary
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell

Absent: Commissioner Hull

Four (4) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established. Commissioner Hull was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the September 20, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes. Commissioner O'Leary was absent during the September Meeting and abstained from the vote.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

None.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Chair entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports and Executive Director's report. Commissioner O'Leary made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:43 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Project Fusion Updates
- D. Litigation
- E. Compacts
- F. NIGC

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item VI.A-F were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:05 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Executive Directors – Request for Approval

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Five (5) bulletin items. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the request for Secretary of State to give emergency. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Thirty-Nine (39) Temporary Permits, Eleven (11) Suitability Determinations, Sixteen (16) Orders and Two Hundred and Fifteen (215) Renewals. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives:

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve One (1) Company Order and Fourteen (14) Individual Orders for October 16, 2024. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Five (5) Company Renewals and Fifty-Three (53) Individual Renewals for November 15, 2024. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the previously provided approval from the Executive Director. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the following items as listed in EGM Memo:

- 76 new electronic game themes (3 Gaming Arts, 6 Everi, 3 Incredible Technologies, 6 Aristocrat, 9 IGT, 22 LNW, 3 Konami, 14 AGS, 6 Castle Hill Gaming, 2 Ainsworth, and 2 Velvix)
- 10 new OS/main programs (1 Gaming Arts, 1 AGS, 2 Velvix, and 6 Aristocrat)
- 1 new gaming cabinets (1 Aristocrat)
- 7 Executive Director approved items (4 IGT, 2 Sega Sammy, and 1 Konami).

Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes, the EGM items are approved.

The Chair entertained Second Motion to Affirm the Seven (7) Executive Director’s Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

2. Prize Claim E-Form – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Prize Claim E-Form. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. OPTX-Player Development with Sync and Paperless Comps – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the OPTX Player Development. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

4. Data Archiving – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Data Archiving. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

D. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Catoosa (1) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

E. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the West Siloam Springs Tournaments enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

F. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the request to transfer retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

G. 2025 Proposed Commission Meeting Schedule – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule. Commissioner O’Leary; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

H. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner O’Leary made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:24am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:03am.

Motion to Affirm Individual 1032935, license expired without adverse action, therefore no action will be taken. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to Renew Individual 1042942, without restrictions. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to Affirm non-suitable revocation, regarding Individual 1054457. Commissioner O’Leary; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

OPEN SESSION

The Chair asked if anyone would like to speak. Kelsey J. Vann stated, “I just received an email from Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Association. They will be having their Spring Conference at the Hard Rock on May 6th to May 8th and would like one of the Commissioner to speak at the Conference.” The Chair responded that he would be available.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:08am.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date