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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

February 7, 2025
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Ok 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner
Richard Hull, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Linda O'Leary

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Samantha Chopper, Special Projects Analyst
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Angelia Jobe, CNE IT
Brian Bork, CNE Marketing
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Paul Jarrell, CNE Corporate Hospitality
Zachary Nix, CNE Accounting
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9.39am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Samantha Chopper called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell
Commissioner Hull

Absent: Commissioner O'Leary

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the January 17, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Paul Jarrel; CNE Corporate VP Hospitality (Hotel, Food & Beverage)

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 Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:45 am.

- A. Financials
- 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 Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:10 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty (20) Temporary Permits, Twenty-Four (24) Suitability Determinations and Forty-Five (45) Orders. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes. Commissioner Hull stated, "This format seems helpful and beneficial. I very much appreciate it."

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the One Hundred and Thirteen (113) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. Vendor New Company:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve One (1) Company Orders, Nine (9) Individual Orders for February 7, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve One (1) Company Renewals and Twenty-Eight (28) Individual Renewals for March 7, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

5. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the previously provided approvals of job classifications from the Executive Director for 6 PMO & 2 Key Positions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Approvals – K. Vann

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

- 14 new electronic game themes
- 1 new OS/main programs
- 3 new gaming cabinets

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

2. Electronic Gaming Machine Affirmations – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Three (3) Executive Director's approvals previously granted as listed in EGM Memo:

- 2 new electronic game themes
- 1 new OS/main programs

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

2. CNE Data Lakehouse – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the CNE Data Lakehouse. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. Hard Rock - Mississippi Stud Felt – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval for the Mississippi Stud Felt. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Release The Requested Retired Progressive Funds to Promotions. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

D. Gaming and House Rules Modification Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the changes to the brochure document as illustrated. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate. Motion passes.

E. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the two previously approved Executive Director items for the Catoosa promotions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

F. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the World Series of Poker Circuit enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

G. SICS – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the Two (2) revised changes to the System Internal Control Standards as listed: RVA052 and EGM200. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

H. TICS Surveillance Report – Information Only – T. Forrest

The Chair stated the 2025 TICS Surveillance Report is for information purposes only.

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

OPEN SESSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:43am.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks

Richard C. Hull - Commissioner

03-07-2025
Date