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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

March 8, 2024
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

John Sparks, Chairman

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Tristan Trumbler, Gaming System Analyst
Velma Coon-Santos, CNGC Audit
Diane Abbott, CNGC Licensing
Kandance Willyard, CNGC Licensing
Shandie Hughes, CNGC Licensing
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal
Tim Branham, CNE IT
Brandi Summers, CNE IT
Jason Barnes, CNE IT

VISITORS:

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

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
8 March 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Acting Chair Hull called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner O’Leary
Commissioner Birdwell
Commissioner Hull
Commission DeLozier

Absent: Chairman Sparks

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 12, 2024 Amended Minutes:

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the January 12th, 2024 Amended Minutes. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by DeLozier. No questions or debate. Motion passes.

B. February 9, 2024 Minutes:

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the February 9th, 2024 Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by O'Leary. No questions or debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Acting Chair Hull requested introduction of guests. Guests were introduced to the Commission.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Acting Chair Hull, next item is the CNE Reports. The Acting Chair Hull 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 DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-G and VII at 9:40 am.

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

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., E., F and G. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner O'Leary motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:32 AM.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Acting Chair Hull stated, "I would like to break this up into two parts." Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Nine (29) Temporary Permits. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Acting Chair Hull stated, "Let the record state that Commissioner Birdwell will abstain from the first portion of 9.A.1." Any opposed, hearing none. The Motion passes. Temporary Permits are Approved.

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the Thirty-One (31) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-Four (24) Orders, and Sixty-Nine (69) Renewals for April 2024. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by O'Leary. Any questions, any debate. The Motion passes.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve Zero (0) Company Orders for March 8, 2024, Nineteen (19) Individual Orders for March 8, 2024, Zero (0) Company Renewals for April 5, 2024, and Thirty-Three (33) Individual Orders for April 5, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. No questions on motion. Motion is Approved.

3. License Classifications

a. Manager Compliance Tribal Gaming

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval of job description Manager Compliance Tribal Gaming. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion passes.

b. Manager Regulatory Compliance Process and Training

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval of job description Manager Regulatory Compliance Process and Training. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

c. Security Safety Manager

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval for job description Security Safety Manager. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions. Motion passes.

d. SVP Human Resources

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval for job description SVP Human Resources. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

e. Credit Analyst

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval for job description Credit Analyst. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

f. Sr Manager Collections

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval for job description Sr Manager Collections. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

g. Director Credit and Cage Operations

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a motion for affirmation of approval for job description Director Credit and Cage Operations. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “I would like to break this up into two parts.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the following items as listed in EGM Memo:

- 46 new electronic game themes (5 Ainsworth, 1 Everi, 8 AGS, 3 Aristocrat, 5 Bluberi, 11 IGT, and 13 LNW).
- 3 new gaming cabinet (1 Ainsworth, 1 Sega Sammy, and 1 LNW).
- 14 new OS/main programs (2 Bluberi, 10 Eclipse, 1 Ainsworth, and 1 Sega Sammy).

Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. The Motion passes. The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm the Four (4) Executive Director’s approvals previously granted.

- 4 Executive Director approved item (1 Aristocrat and 3 IGT).

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Acting Chair Hull asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were Affirmed.

2. Mississippi Stud Felt and Rack Card Approval Memo – T. Trumbla

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to approve the Mississippi Stud – Felt and Rack Card recommended by staff. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. Motion passes.

3. Axon Evidence – Tristan Trumbla

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion for Affirmation of approval for Axon Evidence. The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Would you like to add anything?” Tristan Trumbla responded, “Only that we received the 90-day approval, and everything seemed beneficial.” Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion. Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions. Motion passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm the Three (3) Executive Directors approvals for Catoosa (Hard Rock Marketing Plan, What’s in the Bag) and West Siloam Springs (Friday & Saturday Poker Heat Seats) which were previously provided on February 6, February 14, and February 15, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions. The Motion passes.

B. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm the One (1) Executive Directors approval previously provided on February 15, 2024. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions. The Motion passes and the item is Affirmed.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the request to transfer in retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by O’Leary. Any questions. The Motion passes.

F. System of Internal Controls – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the revision SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any question. The Motion passes.

- EGM102 Bill Validator Testing (Revision)

G. 2024 CNE TICS Accounting Review – Velma Coon-Santos

The Acting Chair Hull asked Velma Coon-Santos if this was for Information only, and Velma Coon-Santos stated, “it is for assurance services and information only.” The Acting Chair Hull stated, “let the record reflect the information was received.”

H. 2024 CNE TICS Auditing Revenue – Velma Coon-Santos

The Acting Chair Hull asked Velma Coon-Santos if this was for Information only, and Velma Coon-Santos stated, “it is for assurance services and information only.” The Acting Chair Hull stated, “let the record reflect the information was received.”

I. Implementation Follow Up Memo (Q2) – Velma Coon-Santos

The Acting Chair Hull asked Velma Coon-Santos if this was for Information only, and Velma Coon-Santos stated, “it is for information only and to update on past issues that we are following up on.” The Acting Chair Hull stated, “let the record reflect the information was received without objection.”

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Delozier made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:11am.

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 12:31 pm.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 1052692 – Notice was given and did not appear.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Deny. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 1052023 – The Commission is granting a conditional License that is conditioned upon the applicant making successful completion of the sentence and providing proof of completion of the sentence,

along with any costs or fees incurred.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Approve. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 1053052 – The recommendation is granting a full License.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Approve. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 40205 – The Commission is granting a conditional License that is conditioned upon the applicant making successful completion of the sentence and providing proof of completion of the sentence, along with any costs or fees incurred.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Approve. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 103934 – The record reflect that the applicant disclosed assault and battery, that no charges were filed, and that the prosecution attorney denied to file charges. The recommendation is granting a full License.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Approve. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull stated, “Individual 27387 – The applicant appeared, but because there is a pending case, it is recommended his hearing be moved to Tahlequah on May 3, 2024.” The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to Approve. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion, Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

X. OPEN SESSION

The Acting Chair Hull asked if any statements or discussions in open session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Chair Hull 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 12:49pm.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks

Date April 5, 2024