



Cherokee Casino & Hotel West Siloam Springs
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John Sparks, Chairman
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Cody Bearhill, Gaming Agent Supervisor
Samantha Chopper, Project Analyst
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BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming
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Dalton Lessley, CNE Compliance
Erica Bonaparte, CNB Audit
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Paiten Qualls, CN Office of the Attorney General
Madison Foster, CN Office of the Attorney General
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council
Clifton Hughes, Incoming CN Tribal Council

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:44 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Samantha Chopper called Roll.

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

Four (5) 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 O'Leary. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the June 27, 2025, Minutes. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Commissioner Hull abstained from the Motion. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Clifton Hughes, District 9 Incoming CN Tribal Council.
Madison Foster, CN Office of Attorney General.

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 Birdwell made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-E and VII at 9:50 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Marketing Project Updates
- D. Litigation
- E. Compacts

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item VI.A-E and VII. A-B 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 O'Leary. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:27am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses-

1. Employees Temporary:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Five (25) Temporary Permits, Ten (10) Suitability Determinations and Twenty (20) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

2. Employees Renewal:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the One Hundred and Three (103) Renewals. Commissioner O'Leary 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 Six (6) Individual Orders for July 25, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

4. Vendor Renewals:

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve Three (3) Company Renewals and Thirty-Eight (38) Individual Renewals for August 22, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

5. 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 Hull. 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:

- 106 new electronic game themes
- 5 new OS/main programs
- 3 new gaming cabinets

Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

2. Electronic Gaming Machine Affirmations – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Seven (7) Executive Director's approvals previously granted as listed in EGM Memo:

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

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

C. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

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

D. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the request to renew Corporate Promotions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

E. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Tournament enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

F. Genesys – OPTX Connection - A. Imhoff

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Genesys OPTX Connection. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

G. E-Prize Claim Form – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Tournament enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

H. Proposed Charitable Gaming Regulation – G. Calvert

The Chair entertained the Motion to Publish the Proposed Charitable Gaming Regulations. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes. Greg Calvert stated, “There is one piece of initial information that needs to be clarified on page 8 of the Proposed Regulations. There has not yet been an assertion of some facilities fees. Five Hundred per year for Charitable is a suggestion.”

Commissioner Hull asked if there is a suggestion for the Renewal fee as well.” Greg Calvert responded, “It is the same amount for a new License and a renewal License.” The Chair asked, “Is the renewal period defined?” Greg Calvert responded, “Yes, Two years.”

The Chair entertained a Motion to Amend to Strike XXX.XX in Section 2. 9 (C) i & ii, to replace XXX.XX with \$500.00. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion as Amended is Approved.

I. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – C. Quetone

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 Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:06am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 1:37pm.

OPEN SESSION

20973 Motion to Deny License. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any debate. Motion Passes.

1059713 Motion to Grant License. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion Passes.

1059226 Motion to Grant License. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Sparks. Any debate. Motion Passes.

101539 Motion to continue on 8/22/2025. Commissioner Birdwell requested recusal from Motion. Commissioner Sparks made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Sparks. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:43pm.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date