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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

May 31, 2024
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Ok, 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Nicole Robinson, Gaming Licensing Agent
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Tim Branham, CNE – IT
Jason Barnes, CNE IT
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Martin Madewell, CNE Operations
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED
May 31, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:41 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

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

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

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 Birdwell. The Motion carried. The Chair requested if there was a Motion to Amend the Agenda. Commissioner Hull stated that he will make the Motion to Amend the Agenda for item 9: New Business, to make item E on the Agenda item F, and to replace item E – due to storm damage. Item E will have Emergency Executive Director Approvals: WRD Network and Application Transfer, Passport LUSH Kiosk – WSS BOH Testing, Emergency Request to Cash Out WRD Tickets at Hard Rock/Ramona/Grove, OTB Operations at Sallisaw/West Siloam Springs Closing Procedures, Request for Emergency Executive Director approval of CNE Marketing Plan for WRD guests. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Amended Agenda. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair stated, “as a point of clarification we are going to plug this in as a new item E with numerical subparts and conform the remainder numbering of the Agenda.” Any questions. Any debate. The Amendment passes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the May 3, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Chair asked for the introduction of guests. Martin Madewell, General Manager at Hard Rock, introduced himself to the Commissioners.

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 DeLozier made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:49 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 Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:20am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Seven (27) Temporary Permits, Thirty-Six (36) Suitability Determinations, and the Thirty-Five (35) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Five (25) Renewals for June 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. 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 Eleven (11) Individual Orders for May 31, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Nineteen (19) Individual Renewals for June 28, 2024, Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

A. Administrative Assistant

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

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

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

- 15 new electronic game themes (2 IGT, 4 Gaming Arts, 6 AGS, 2 Everi, and 1 Aristocrat)
- 2 new OS/main programs (2 Everi)
- 4 new gaming cabinets (1 AGS and 3 Eclipse),
- 5 Executive Director approved items (1 Bluberi, 1 VGT, and 3 IGT)

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

The Chair entertained Second Motion to Affirm the Five (5) Executive Director's Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion for Approval to Affirm the Four (4) Calendar Events and Promotions previously granted by the Executive Director and enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm One (1) approval previously provided by the Executive Director, as listed in the Memo. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

E.1. WRD Network and Application Transfer

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval by the Executive Director in response to the Will Rogers Downs Events, which was more fully discussed in the Memo provided in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes. The Chair requested the Executive Director to highlight on the WRD Network and Application Transfer. Executive Director Imhoff stated, “This is to affirm that they moved the network hardware from WRD to CNE Data Center.” Executive Director Imhoff asked Bear Christensen to explain in further detail. Mr. Christensen stated, “The Network and IT systems containing all gaming applications were moved to the Data Center on site. Also, for end of month reports, accounting needed to have access to the information.” The Chair asked if this was done successfully, and Mr. Christensen stated “yes”.

E.2. Passport LUSH Kiosk – WSS BOH Testing

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval by the Executive Director. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes. The Chair asked Mr. Christensen if he would like to provide information on this topic. Mr. Christensen stated, “The testing on Passport LUSH Kiosk was moved to West Siloam.”

E.3. Emergency Request to Cash Out WRD Tito Tickets at Hard Rock/Ramona/Grove

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval by the Executive Director. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes. The Chair asked Mr. Christensen if he would like to provide information on this topic. Mr. Christensen stated, “Due to the closure, there were outstanding tickets and we wanted the guests to have access to their money. We printed the lists of all outstanding tickets and had a manual process

for guests to pick up their tickets/earnings in three locations.” The Chair asked, “Do we have an idea of how many tickets that would be?” Mr. Christensen answered, “Its not a lot.” Executive Director Imhoff asked, “Is there an expiration date on how long you will cash those tickets out?” Mr. Christensen replied, “A possible two weeks, let me get back with you on that.”

E.4. OTB Operations at Sallisaw & West Siloam Springs Closing Procedures

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval by the Executive Director. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes. The Chair asked Mr. Christensen if he would like to address this topic. Mr. Christensen stated, “We have off track betting in Sallisaw/West Siloam Springs and in order to validate their tickets, WRD runs the reports. Since WRD is now out of commission, we’re having to call another vendor to make sure we do get those reports, so we can close out the tickets. Otherwise, we would not be able to have those offerings open at the other locations.”

E.5. CNE Marketing Plan for WRD guests

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval by the Executive Director. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes. Mr. Christensen stated, “if he would like to address this topic. Mr. Christensen stated, “Just like at our other CNE properties, we offer guests loyalty and promotions. Due to WRD out of commission we want to still offer those promotions to use with us. This basically allows us to run these promotions at other locations and to welcome these guests back with new loyalty cards.”

F. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11.01am.

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 12:20pm.

OPEN SESSION

Individual 1055150, Motion to grant conditional license with updates throughout probation period. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

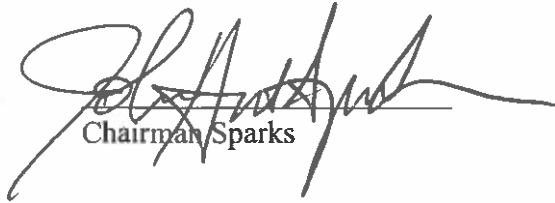
Individual 1054927, Motion to grant license without conditions. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Individual 1055090, Motion to deny applicant for license. Commissioner Hull; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier The Motion carried, and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:26pm.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks

July 26, 2024
Date