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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

November 15, 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  
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Nicole Robinson, Licensing Agent  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst  
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT  
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager  
Shandie Hughes, Licensing Agent  
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager  
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager  
Samantha Chopper, Special Projects Officer  
Kandance Willyard, Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Gary Weddell, CNE

Angelica Jobe, CNE IT  
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing  
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing  
Tim Branham, CNE IT  
Monica Richards, CNE  
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance

VISITORS:

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

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:49 am.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Nicole Robinson called Roll.

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

Absent: None

Five (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. The Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A: October 16, 2024, Minutes

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the October 16, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner Hull stated he will abstain from the vote as he was absence during the October meeting. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**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 DeLozier.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:52 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 entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:20 am.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 2025 Proposed Schedule

The Chair entertained the Motion to adopt the April 4, 2025, meeting at Roland and the July 25, 2025, meeting at West Siloam Springs. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by O'Leary. No questions, no debate. Motion passes.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Permits & Licenses

- 1. Employees:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Sixteen (16) Temporary Permits, Thirty-Nine (39) Suitability Determinations, Eleven (11) Orders, and One Hundred and Sixty-Six (166) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. 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 Thirteen (13) Individual Orders. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate.

Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Six (6) Company Renewals and Fifty-Seven (57) Individual Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## 3. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the approval previously provided by the Executive Director regarding the new License Classifications. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. 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:

- 43 new electronic game themes (11 Everi, 2 VGT, 3 Bluberi, 14 Novomatic, 2 IGT, 10 AGS, 1 Gaming Arts), 8 new gaming components (5 VGT, 2 Gaming Arts, and 1 Ainsworth)
- 8 new OS/main programs (2 Aristocrat, 1 Everi, 2 Eclipse, 3 Novomatic) 1 new gaming cabinet (1 Aries)
- 5 new gaming cabinets (5 Novomatic)
- 7 Executive Director approved items (1 Konami, 1 Incredible Technologies, 3 AGS, and 4 Aristocrat)

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

#### C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Renew the Canned TBD CAN2410VGT and Customer Acquisition COR2410CUSTOMER effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, as listed in the Memo. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Approvals by the Executive Director. In reference to page 2 listed in the Memo. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

#### D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Approvals by the Executive Director. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

#### E. IHP Transfer Request Memo

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Transfer of the Retired In-House Progressive Funds. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

#### F. TICS YE Gaming Funds Verification - Information Only

The Chair requested unanimous consent to let the record reflect that the receipt of information was without objection and the order be reflected in the minutes. Any questions.

#### G. TICS Financial Transactions Review - Information Only

The Chair requested unanimous consent to let the record reflect that the receipt of information was without objection and the order be reflected in the minutes. Any questions.

#### H. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

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 Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:48am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:04.

Individual 27387, Motion is to grant conditional license based on the completion of the deferred sentence and all obligations and documents to be presented on May 2, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**X. OPEN SESSION**

None.

**XI. 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 11:07am.

Approval of Minutes:

  
Chairman Sparks

  
Date