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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

August 25, 2023
Tahlequah Casino
Chota Center
3307 Seven Clans Ave.
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Anthony Forrest, Gaming Licensing Manager
Nicole Robinson, Gaming Agent
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Audra Imhoff, Gaming Audit Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Officer

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Elisa Perryman, CNE Sr. Director Ops Acct.
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Paiten Taylor-Qualls, CNB Legal
Mitch Moren, CNE Audit
Rob Zunt, CNB Director of Assurance
Bear Christenson, CNE Compliance
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Angelia Jobe, CNE IT
Kelly Forrest, CNE Human Resource

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
David Hall, CN Office of the Attorney General
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council
John C. Young, Attorney for the Tribal Council

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
25 August, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting at 9:39 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Nicole Robinson called Roll.

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

Absent: None.

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; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Individual Minutes as listed on the Agenda. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve June 30, 2023 Minutes. The Chair take the minutes as on the Agenda:

A. June 30, 2023 Minutes; Commissioner Hull stated A. He thinks those Minutes (June 30, 2023) were previously approved. Motion to Approve the Chair sees none, fails as lack of Motion.

B. June 30, 2023 revised Minutes; Motion to Approve the June 30, 2023 Revised Minutes. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Commissioner Hull stated B. Action would only be on revised minutes. Executive Director stated, The Chair asked they be signed at this meeting after revisions were made to the June 30, 2023 minutes. The Chair asked for any questions, The Chair asked Executive Director to refresh her memory on what was revised or if Commissioner Hull remembered. Commissioner Hull stated after coming out of Executive session on Licensing hearing there was a motion made by Commissioner DeLozier and Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary in regards to be actions taken on second paragraph, under I. Investigations, page six and page seven. The Chair asked more any more questions,

no questions; the Motion passes. June 30, 2023 as revised approved. So the original minutes are not approved but the revised minutes are approved by the Commission.

C. July 28, 2023 Minutes; Motion to Approve the July 28, 2023. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commission Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions; the Motion passed.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Chair requested introduction of guests. The guests introduced themselves. Special recognition for Tribal Council Woman Melvina Shotpouch.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Chair, next item is the CNE Reports. The Chair entertained the motion to move 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-E and VII. at 9:47 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Litigation
- D. Compacts
- E. NIGC

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI.A. B., C., D., E., and VII. 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 10:54 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Permits & Licenses
 - 1. Employees – A. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve staff recommendation for new licenses suitability, orders, and renewals for the Forty-five (45) Temporary Permits, Fifty-four (54) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-seven (27) Orders, and Ninety-five (95) Renewals as indicated in summary. Commissioner Hull made the motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passes. The Chair states next Item is the Vendor licenses.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve One (1) Company Order, Fifty-four (54) Individual Orders, One hundred twenty-nine (129) Individual Renewals, and Fourteen (14) Company Renewals all contained in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

None.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. EGM Memo – T. Trumbla

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

- 33 new electronic game themes (17 AGS, 2 LNW, 2 Gaming Arts, 5 Empire, 2 Novomatic, and 2 Incredible Technologies)
- 1 new AGS gaming components
- 4 new AGS gaming cabinet
- 3 new main program (1 AGS and 2 Everi)

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The motion passed, the items were approved.

The Chair entertained Second Motion to affirm the One (1) Executive Director's Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The motion passed, the approvals were affirmed.

2. HALo Interfaces – Affirmation of Approval – T. Trumbla

The Chair entertained the Motion to affirm the Affirmation of Approval from the Executive Director Approval of the HALo Interfaces in production environment as recommended by staff. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any questions and if T. Trumbla had anything to add. T. Trumbla stated none at this time. The Chair asked for any other questions, no further questions; the Motion passed.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair stated there two (2) parts that need to be vote on as. The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the promotions for the Cherokee Casino as listed in the memo in the packet. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion addresses both the CAN promotions and CORPORATE promotions effective October 1, 2023. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm three (3) Executive Director's previous approvals for Gaming Commission Reports, (GCR) previously approved two (2) on July 17, 2023 and one (1) July 21, 2023. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for questions, no questions; the Motion to affirm passed.

D. Tournaments

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm Executive Director's approvals for submitted tournaments, previously approved on July 21, 2023. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for questions, no questions; the Motion to affirm passed.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo

The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the transfer of IHP funds to Promotions. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commission DeLozier. The Chair asked for questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

F. SIC Memo

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the revised SICS, System of Internal Control Standards. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for clarification from the Executive Director there are four, the fact the table was broken to roll over to the next page, there is no substantive difference items between pages 1 versus page 2. Ms. Vann

stated there is none. The Chair asked for any other questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

G. TICS Gaming Systems Review – Information Only – A. Imhoff

The Chair recognized A. Imhoff. Ms. Imhoff stated this audit is from CNB Internal Audit Services and is for informational purposes only. Each scope and assessment showed that the effective controls are in place and that management's controls were satisfactory to aid in compliance with regulatory requirements. No action taken and the information had been received.

H. 23-06AP Key & Access Control FAR

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff and asked any Action on the item. Ms. Imhoff asked for approval to release the 23-06AP Key & Access Control Audit. The Chair entertained a Motion to release the 23-06AP Key & Access Control Audit. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair asked for questions, The Chair asked we are releasing this audit to whom? Ms. Imhoff stated to the NIGC. The Chair asked for further question, no further questions; the Motion passed.

I. FY 23-24 Audit Plan

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff for report of FY 23-24 Audit Plan. Ms. Imhoff requested approval for the next year audit cycle. Ms. Imhoff stated they discussed the plan with CNB Internal Audit and made sure all audit requirements would be made in the next fiscal year. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve FY23-24 Audit Plan. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any questions, no question; the Motion passed.

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

The Chair, next item is the Investigation, License, & Hearing. The Chair entertained a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Individual Licenses hearing. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at 11:09 AM.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to regular session resumes at 11:46 AM.

The Chair states the Commission will grant motion to grant conditional license for #1047966. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

- #1047966 – Applicant is granted conditional license pending
 - 1) resubmitting completed application with all criminal details.
 - 2) Obtaining and submitting to CNGC court documentation from Van Buren, Arkansas memorializing final disposition of the arrest.

Commission adopts the action, Conditional License approved, with the above conditions.

X. OPEN SESSION

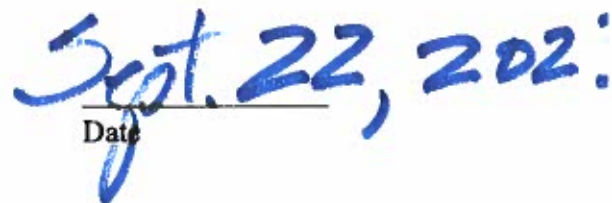
The Chair asks if any statements or discussions in open session. No discussions or statements.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date