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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION: September 22, 2023
Tahlequah Casino
Chota Center
3307 Seven Clans Ave.
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Sparks, Chairman
Linda O’Leary, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Richard Hull, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF: Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Anthony Forrest, Gaming Licensing Manager
Nicole Robinson, Gaming Licensing Agent
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Audra Imhoff, Gaming Audit Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Shandie Hughes, Gaming Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Bear Christenson, CNE Compliance
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Angelia Jobe, CNE IT
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance
Jenn Provence, CNE Marketing
Erica Martindale, CNB Audit

VISITORS: Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
22 September, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting at 9:44 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Nicole Robinson called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commissioner O’Leary
Commission DeLozier

Absent: Commissioner Hull

Three (3) Commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the August 25, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and August 25, 2023 Minutes were approved.

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 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 O’Leary. 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 DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:58 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees – A. Forrest

The Chair stated the screens facing the Commissioners were turned off. The Chair recognized Executive Director. Executive Director stated the front monitors were turned off. Ms. Imhoff stated the CNE IT would be need to be called to turn the screens back on. The Chair stated the employee licenses will be heard into two parts.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve staff recommendation for new licenses suitability, orders, and renewals for the Ninety-two (92) Temporary Permits, Twenty-six (26) Suitability Determinations, and Forty-eight (48) Orders. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve staff recommendation for Twenty-two (22) Renewals for September and October 2023. Commissioner O'Leary made the motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve staff recommendation for Zero (0) Company Order, Thirty-one (31) Individual Orders for September 22, 2023. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve staff recommendation for Seven (7) Company Renewals and Sixty-seven (67) Individual Renewals for October 20, 2023 all contained in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

3. License Classifications

The Chair recognized Executive Director. Executive Director stated the job title, Product Manager, is a new license classification, which is an exempt position and reports to Sr. Director Enterprise Architecture and Delivery. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the new job title of Product Manager. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. EGM Memo – T. Trumbla

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

- 23 new electronic game themes (17 AGS, 2 Gaming Arts, 1 Velvix, 2 Ainsworth, and 1 Everi)
- 2 new main program (1 AGS and 1 Everi)

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

The Chair entertained the Motion to affirm the Six (6) Executive Director’s Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The motion passed, the approvals were affirmed.

2. Pavilion Payments Kiosk and Server Upgrades – T. Trumbla

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the request from the Executive Director for the Pavilion Payments Kiosk and Server Upgrades.

Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any other questions, no further questions; the Motion passed.

C. Promotions

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm Executive Director’s previous approvals. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed for calendar of events and promotions listed in the memo from Kelsey J. Vann.

D. Tournaments

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm Executive Director’s previously granted approvals for submitted tournaments listed on memo submitted. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. 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 requested 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 O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for any other questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

G. 23-07AP Drop & Count FAR – A. Imhoff

The Chair recognized A. Imhoff. Ms. Imhoff asked for approval to release the Drop and Count Final Audit Report. The Chair entertained a Motion to release Drop and Count Final Audit Report. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

H. Implementation Follow Up (Q4) – Information Only

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff. Ms. Imhoff stated the Implementation Follow Up report is for informational purposes only. Three issues still left to close out from the Table Games audit from a few months ago and still working with CNE to clean up those issues. Should be finished soon and have a clean report. The Chair asked for any questions; Commissioner DeLozier asked how often the Audit Department follow-up on pending issues does? Ms. Imhoff replied they are required to follow-up every six months but they follow-up every quarter. No action taken and the information had been received by unanimous consent.

I. 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 11:29 AM.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to regular session resumes at 11:50 AM.

The Chair entertained the Motion to take no action for #1039134. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any questions, no questions; the Motion passed.

X. OPEN SESSION

The Chair asks if any statements or discussions in open session. The Chair recognized Executive Director. Executive Director stated she had spoken to Commissioner Hull, one of the items in October would be the new Gaming Commission meetings schedule for the next year, (2024). Commissioner Hull requested one of the meetings be at West Siloam Springs. Executive Director asked for any vacation or plans that would affect the dates that need to be considered. The Chair states he would be out on Fridays for traveling in the fall so he would not be able to make it to West Siloam Springs. Executive Director stated West Siloam Springs meeting will be in the summer. The Chair asked for any more questions; no questions.

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 11:56 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Sparks

Date