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**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

November 18, 2022  
Conference Hosted:  
Multi-Purpose Room, Hard Rock Hotel and  
Casino, Catoosa, OK

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

John Sparks, Chairman  
Kendra McGeady, Vice-Chairwoman  
Richard Hull, Commissioner  
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Mikal Yahola, Executive Assistant  
Audra Imhoff, Audit Manager  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst  
Chelsey Collins, Special Projects Analyst

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance  
Paiten Qualls, CNB Legal  
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance  
Mitch Moren, CNB Audit  
Jennifer Province, CNE Marketing  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing  
Angelia Jobe, IT Manager  
Kimberly Pool, CNE HR  
Tim Branham, CNE IT

**VISITORS:**

Johnny Kidwell, CN Tribal Council  
Gregory Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

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MEETING MINUTES  
18 November 2022  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks  
Vice-Chairwoman McGeady  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner DeLozier

Absent: Commissioner O'Leary

Four (4) commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Sparks, the third item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hull Motions to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Sparks, the next item is the approval of the minutes.

As a point of order, the Chair pointed out that the Commission would be approving two separate meeting minutes. The first set of meeting minutes is from the last CNGC meeting on November 18, 2022 and the second set of minutes is from the CNGC meeting on July 29, 2022.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the minutes from the last

meeting dated November 18, 2022. Commissioner Hull Motioned to approve the minutes; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the amended minutes from the meeting on July 29, 2022. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the amended minutes; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. Motion carried.

#### **V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests.

Chairman Sparks asked all guests to stand and introduce themselves. Introductions were made by attendees from Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE), Cherokee Nation Business (CNB), Cherokee Nation (CN), and guests.

#### **VI. CNE REPORTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the CNE Reports. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at approximately 10:12 AM.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. COMPACTS
- E. NIGC
- F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., E., and F. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at

approximately 10:56 AM.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

Having no points under VII. Old Business, no action was taken and the Commission moved on to VIII. New Business.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sparks, We are on to item VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

### A. PERMITS & LICENSES – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the Permits & Licenses and requested they be approved the employee recommendations.

The following are the Individual Temporary Permits, Individual Suitability Determinations, Orders, and Renewals recommended for approval:

#### 1. EMPLOYEES

- Sixty (60) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Fifty-nine (59) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- One hundred forty-nine (149) Orders
- Sixty-four (64) Renewals

The approvals for employee permits and licenses were taken in three separate votes. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the sixty (60) Individual Temporary Permits as recommended by employees. Vice-Chair McGeady made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

The Chair then made a Motion to approve the fifty-nine (59) Individual Suitability Determinations and one hundred forty-nine (149) Orders. Vice Chair McGeady made the Motion to approve the Suitability Determinations and Orders; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

The Chair then entertained a Motion to approve the sixty-four (64) Individual Renewals. Commissioner McGeady made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

During questions on the Motion, Vice-Chair McGeady said she misspoke and there were only sixty-three (63) individuals up for renewals. The Chair entertained a Motion to exclude the CNGC individual “L.F.” from the list of renewals. Vice-Chair

McGeady made the Motion to amend the original Motion to exclude the CNGC individual from the list provided; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission returned to the original Motion to approve the renewals, which is now amended to exclude one (1) CNGC individual. The amended Motion carried.

The Commission approved the following:

#### EMPLOYEES

- Sixty (60) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Fifty-nine (59) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- One hundred forty-nine (149) Orders
- Sixty- three (63) Renewals

## 2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Director Purcell presented the Vendor and Vendor Representatives and recommended approval. The following are the Individual Orders, Company Renewals, and Individual Renewals recommended for approval.

- One (1) Company Order
- Eleven (11) Individual Orders
- Seven (7) Company Renewals
- Thirty-nine (39) Individual Renewals

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendation on the one (1) Company Order, eleven (11) Individual Orders, seven (7) Company Renewals, and thirty-nine (39) Individual Renewals. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

## B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks, recognized Tristan Trumbla to present item B. Game and System Approvals.

### 1. NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> EGM MEMO

T. Trumbla presented the November 18<sup>th</sup> EGM Memo to the Commission and recommended approval and affirmation of the Executive Director's prior approval as submitted; eighty-three (83) new game themes, three (3) new main programs/OS, four (4) new gaming cabinets, and one (1) Executive Director approved item.

New Electronic Game Themes

- 8 AGS
- 4 Novomatic
- 5 Aristocrat
- 36 Scientific Games
- 1 VGT
- 6 Sega Sammy Creation
- 1 Everi

New Main Program/OS

- 1 Novomatic
- 1 Everi
- 1 AGS

New Gaming Cabinet

- 1 IGT
- 1 Scientific Games
- 1 AGS
- 1 Aristocrat

Executive Director Approvals

- 1 Bluberi

Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to approve the eighty-three (83) new game themes, three (3) new main program/OS, four (4) new gaming cabinets, and one (1) Executive Director Approved item; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – C. COLLINS

Chairman Sparks recognized Chelsey Collins to present the SICS Memo to

the Commission. Ms. Collins presented item VIII.C. and requested approval for the revised SICS as presented in the memo. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the revised SICS as presented. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – C. COLLINS

Ms. Collins presented item VIII.D. to the Commission and requested approval of the employee recommendations.

CNGC staff requested affirmation of approval of the items that were previously approved by the Executive Director.

The Chair entertained a motion to affirm the approval of the two (2) Corporate promotions, five (5) Catoosa promotions, and two (2) Fort Gibson promotions. Commissioner Hull made the motion; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Motion carried.

E. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the IHP Transfer Request Memo to the Commission and recommended approval.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the In-House Progressive funds in the amount of \$12,736.19 be moved to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patrons. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

F. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS – J. PURCELL

The Chair recognized Executive Director Purcell to present item VIII.F. to the Commission.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the job description and license classification as described in the memo. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the job description; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

The Chair and Commissioners asked for clarification on reasoning for the Motion and Executive Director Purcell and Mr. Christensen explained the approval for the job description is to determine whether the position will need to be licensed or not.

The Motion carried. The Commission approved the job description for job title, Sr. VP CTO CNE, Job Code IT 1893.

G. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, AND HEARINGS

The Commissioner granted Continuances to all License Hearings scheduled until December 16, 2022 at December Commission Meeting.

**IX. Open Session:**

None.

**X. Adjournment:**

Commissioner Hull motioned to adjourn at 11:46 AM; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

  
CHAIRMAN SPARKS

  
DATE