CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION: 29 March 2019
Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission
Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Sparks, Chairman
Steven Barrick, Vice Chairman
Janice Walters-Purcell, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF: Jamie Hummingbird, Director
Tammy Dry, Executive Assistant
Rhonda Trumbla, Special Projects Officer
Tracy Christie, Gaming Systems Analyst
Kelly Myers, Licensing Manager
Jeannie Bunch, Compliance Officer
Shannon Vahdatipour, Compliance Supervisor

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Bear Christensen, Compliance
Monica Richards, Finance
Rcba Chambers, Compliance
Tim Baker, CNB Legal
Kyle Culver, Marketing
Jennifer Bryant, Human Resources
David Ledford, Technology
Timothy Mannon, Gaming
Dustin Dye, CNB Audit
Justin Blaylock, Marketing
Jennifer Watkins, Compliance
Sammye Walton, IT
Belinda Fuller, Audit
Donald Childers, Surveillance & Loss Prevention

VISITORS: Chrissi Nimmo, Office of the Attorney General
Taylor Edwards, Office of the Attorney General
David Rowley, Cherokee Phoenix
CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:   Chairman Sparks  
           Vice Chairman Barrick  
           Commissioner Purcell  

Absent: Commissioner Goins  

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Purcell.

Jamie requested to amend the agenda by adding Item J titled Tahlequah Complimentaries Matrix Revision.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve the 1 March 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried. Chairman Sparks abstained.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

After the Hearings, introductions were made by attendees from the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE), Cherokee Nation Businesses (CNB), Cherokee Nation (CN), and guests.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to enter into executive session at 9:44 a.m. for the CNE reports; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.
CNE REPORTS:

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

B. FACILITIES REPORT

Commissioner Purcell motioned to exit executive session at 10:34 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

No action taken

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. PERMITS & LICENSES – K. MYERS

Kelly presented the following and requested approval.

1. Employees

➢ One hundred and seventy (170) individual(s) for temporary permits
➢ Eighty-five (85) individual(s) for suitability determination
➢ Eighty-seven (87) Orders
➢ Zero Renewals – Approved 1 March 2019

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

➢ Three (3) new company orders for 29 March 2019
➢ Twenty-six (26) individual orders for 29 March 2019
➢ Zero company renewals – Approved on 1 March 2019
➢ Zero individual renewals – Approved on 1 March 2019

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

B. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS – K. MYERS
None to present

C. Game & System Approvals – T. Trumbla

Jamie presented the following and requested approval.

1. Electronic Game Themes
   - IGT 18
   - Everi 11
   - AGS 12
   - Konami 8
   - Ainsworth 1
   - VGT 1

OS/Main Programs
   - IGT 2
   - AGS 4
   - Aruze 1

New Gaming Components
   - Everi 1
   - VGT 1

Director Approved Items
   - Konami 3
   - IGT 3

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as listed; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

2. Table & Card Games

Jamie presented a modification to Trilux Felt and Blackjack to move some unnecessary language that was left over from previous rules. He recommended the commission affirm the Director’s approval.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

3. Systems

None to present
D. PROMOTIONS & CALENDAR OF EVENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie reported that the Tahlequah and Fort Gibson promotions listed as new should be listed as cancellations on the bottom of the second page. She presented the report and requested approval.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Purcell.

Chairman Sparks entertained a motion to amend from new to cancellations for the Tahlequah and Fort Gibson promotions. Chairman Barrick made the motion to approve as amended; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion passed.

Roland/Sallisaw Addendum
Jeannie presented an addendum as one new promotion combined for both properties and recommended approval.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as distributed; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie made the presentation and requested approval.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as distributed; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

F. IN-HOUSE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFERS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie presented and recommended approval for the transfer of retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds for the direct benefit of e-games patrons.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

G. SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES – WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED REGULATION – J. HUMMINGBIRD

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Purcell.

Jamie reported that the Commission authorized the publication on the proposed Schedule of Civil Penalties in December 2015. With the amount of time passed since publication, Jamie recommended that it be formerly withdrawn. Once withdrawn, it will be posted on the Cherokee Nation Website.
All were in favor to withdraw as recommended. Motion passed.

H. CNGC 2018 & 2019 Audit Cycle Update – T. Asher

Jamie reported that CNB Audit provided a Card Games and Tournaments Review and offered up CNB attendees for questioning. There were no questions. Traci reported that there was a Revenue Audit Review, Table Games, and Off Track Betting Audits in the review process. They should be presented at the next meeting. A Player Tracking Audit was received after the packet went out and will be presented at the next meeting.

Item J was taken up at this time. See respective item below.

I. Investigations, License Actions & Hearings (Executive Session Requested) – K. Myers

Commissioner Purcell motioned to enter into executive session at 11:17 a.m. for briefings on the hearings and/or investigations and hear each individual as scheduled; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

Chairman Purcell motioned to exit executive session at 1:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried

No action was taken during executive session.

Kelly made the following recommendations and requested approval:

Tabs 1 - Present
Action: Found suitable. Issue notice of reprimand and re-do application correctly.

Tab 2 - Present
Action: License denial

Tab 3 – Present
Action: License revocation

Tab 4 - Present
Action: Reconsideration denied. Application will not be considered until January 2020.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as recommended; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

The meeting proceeded to the order of agenda beginning with the Director’s Report.
J. Complimentary Matrix Revision for the Tahlequah Casino Steakhouse – J. Hummingbird

Jamie reported that CNE is requesting to modify the Tahlequah Complimentary Matrix to add the White Wolf Steakhouse venue. The other locations within the facility that process compliments will remain the same. The addition is in line with compliments matrices used at other locations and the authorities/permissions are in line with other casinos. Jamie recommended that the commission authorize the revision.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

*Item 1 was taken up at this time. See respective item above.*

Directors Report - J. Hummingbird

Jamie let his report stand and offered to answer any questions. There were no questions.

Open Session:

Chairman Sparks entertained a motion to change the April meeting location from Catoosa to Tahlequah. All were in favor of the change.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Purcell motioned to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

[Signature]

Chairman Sparks

April 26, 2019