



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

9:15 A.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Old Business
 - a. None
- IV. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on new postage meter lease
 - b. Discussion and possible action on records request
- V. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- VI. Action from Executive Session
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjourn

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November 6, 2024 by 9:15 AM
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Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 07, 2024, 9:15am

I. Call to order

- a. The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:15am.

II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary

- a. Cheryl Cooper made a motion which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to allow Commissioner Ballew to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner by phone

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

Office Staff – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin by phone

III. Old Business

- a. None

IV. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on new postage meter lease.
 - i. Marcus discussed that the postage meter lease was ending. He presented the new lease and mentioned new machine will meet the new IMI compliance standards set by the USPS. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the new postage meter lease. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- b. Discussion and possible action on records request.
 - i. Marcus gave an update on records requests that are awaiting information from the new district boundaries. He and Connie



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mentioned that the system will place voters in the district based on the address that is on file at the Election Commission. If a voter needs to update their information, they will simply submit a new voter registration form. No action was taken.

V. Executive Session

- a. None

VI. Action from Executive Session

- a. N/A

VII. Announcements

- a. None

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Cheryl Cooper made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 9:27am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers

Marcus Fears

From: Elizabeth Morrow <elizabeth@omecorp.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Marcus Fears
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Paperwork to Refresh the Postage Machine
Attachments: CHEROKEE NATION-WhyWaitAgreement-241021-092455.pdf; CHEROKEE NATION-Lease-241021-092455.pdf; Benefits of IMI Technology.pdf; iX-7-series-Neostats-and-Neoship-ver-06-12-2020 (2022_02_11 21_41_41 UTC).pdf

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IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE SENDER OR WERE NOT EXPECTING THIS EMAIL,
DO NOT OPEN ANY EMAIL ATTACHMENTS AND DELETE THIS MESSAGE.
Thank you: The Cherokee Nation - Information Technology Department

Hi Marcus,

I have attached the paperwork that would authorize us to refresh your postage machine with the IMI compliant version of what you have today. The machine you have has the IBI meter, which is decertified by USPS. They have asked that all meters be transitioned to the new IMI compliant meter. I attached some additional information to show what machine you would receive, as well as some information about the new IMI technology and how it benefits you as a customer. The lease includes the machine, meter rental, service agreement, installation, training, and a new ink cartridge. We will also return the existing machine at no additional cost.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding either the equipment or paperwork. I am happy to assist you!

Thank you, and we appreciate your business.

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4 Benefits of USPS' Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI)

Did you know that once you download postage onto your meter it becomes the property of the USPS? The Postal Service is dedicated to helping you get the most out of your postage meter.

To improve customer service, ensure mail flow is more efficient and cost-effective as well as data secure, the USPS is now requiring the use of the next generation mailing indicia – the Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI) – as new mailing systems are introduced into the marketplace.

The Old Standard

Since 2000, the USPS utilized an Information Based Indicia (IBI) on metered mail. The Information4-Based Indicia is a 2-dimensional barcode plus human-readable information. The barcode data contains information such as the amount of postage, origin zip code, destination, mail class, weight, and confirmation/tracking numbers:



Old IBI indicia image

While this was state-of-the-art in its day, IBI technology is no longer adequate. One of its weaknesses is that when a mail machine user enters a specific postage amount, the Service Class is removed, which hampers the USPS from efficiently managing the movement of mail.

In addition, postage meters were required to connect with the USPS servers to download usage information every 90 days. This made it difficult for the USPS to effectively manage mail flow and identify mailing trends in a timely or effective manner.

The New Standard

The next generation of metered technology was introduced into the marketplace in 2015 – the Intelligent Mail Indicia (IMI). However, it has not been required to date, but will be with all new mailing equipment developed. The IMI indicia:



New IMI Indicia

Captures significantly more data – in addition to information captured with the IBI indicia, the new IMI indicia also includes the type of mailing system and mail service used.

Gives the Post Office more real-time data on which to manage their logistics, identify mailing trends and optimize the movement of mail through the system.

Ensures correct postage is used – Service Classes are required when using the IMI indicia.

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 REGULAR MEETING

 X SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 11/7/24 at 9:15 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent *phone*

Cheryl Cooper Present/Absent

Sherry Reynolds Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒ *phone* CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin ☐

Staff Present: ☒ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Kendal Bishop, ☐ Charlene Keys,
☐ Allison George

Visitors:
