



## **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

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### **AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING**

*Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*4:00 P.M.*

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
  - a. Approval of Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting-Hearing
  - b. Approval of Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
  - c. Approval of Minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
- VIII. Current Items
  - a. Consideration and possible action regarding amending Election Commission Attorney's contract
  - b. Consideration and possible action regarding amending Election Commission Investigator's contract
  - c. Consideration and possible action regarding Election Forms
  - d. Consideration and possible action regarding Voter Registration
  - e. Consideration and possible action regarding Polling Locations
- IX. Executive Session
  - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
  - b. Personnel
  - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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Cherokee Nation Election Office  
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Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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#### **Special Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### **I. Call to order**

- The Special Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:00 P.M.

#### **II. Roll call**

- Election Commission Secretary Shawna Calico called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson  
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson  
Shawna Calico – Secretary  
Randy Campbell – Commissioner  
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

- Office staff present: Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.
- Election Commission Investigator Nick Goodwin was present.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

#### **IV. Administrator's Report**

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.  
(See Attachment)

#### **V. Election Director's Report**

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.  
(See Attachment)





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### **VI. Attorney's Report**

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the Attorney's Report.

### **VII. Old Business**

- Approval of Minutes from the February 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the February 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Approval of Minutes from the February 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting-Hearing. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting-Hearing minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
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- Approval of Minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the February 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting minutes. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

### **VIII. Current Items**

- Consideration and possible action regarding amending Election Commission Attorney's contract. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the Attorney's contract in the amount of \$24,000. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding amending Election Commission Investigator's contract. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the Attorney's contract in the amount of \$20,000. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding election forms. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to approve the voucher form with approved amendments. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding Voter Registration. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to request an Attorney General's Opinion. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding Polling Locations. No action taken.



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### **IX. Executive Session**

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to enter Executive Session at 4:53. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to exit Executive Session at 5:07. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

### **X. Action from Executive Session**

- None

### **XI. Announcements**

- Marcus Fears mentioned that the training video was complete and that he sent us the link to watch it. Connie Parnell reported on registered voter numbers at a few of the precincts.

### **XII. Adjourn**

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was second by Randy Campbell to adjourn at 5:28 P.M. The motion was approved by all Commissioners. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico





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March 14, 2023 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator  
fears-marcus@cherokee.org

### I. OFFICE:

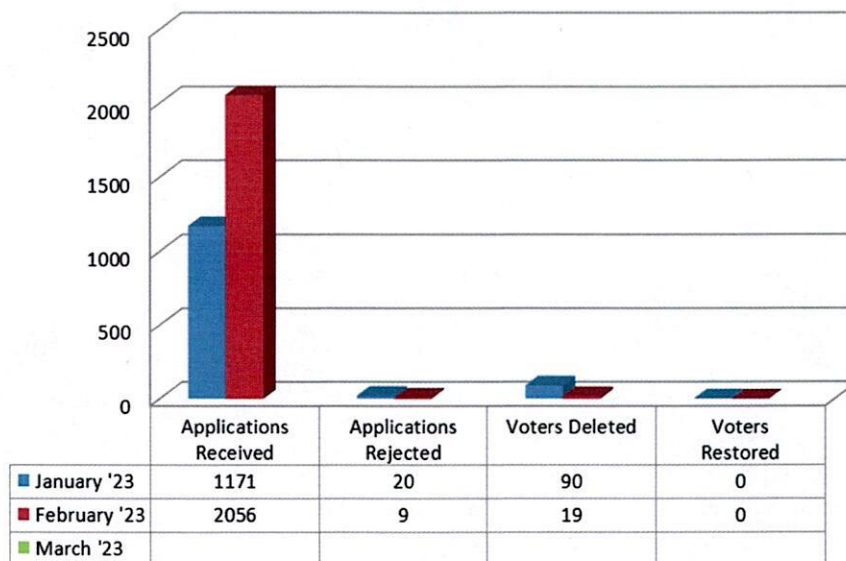
The office staff has been doing a great job keeping up with the influx of forms, calls and emails. We are receiving enough forms daily that they are nearly caught up by the end of each day so at the moment there is not a large back log forms to process. Candidate Financials are due by tomorrow. Of those submitted, I have a couple that had small errors that will require a notice for them to correct. There may be more after tomorrow. I have also been working on the Watcher Drawing for when that time comes. There will need to be drawings in each area this time. 4 Precincts will need a drawing, each day of Early Walk-In & Absentee Verification and Tabulation will all have drawings as well.

### II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 03/01/2023

**75,489** Total Registered Voters; **42,723** In-District; **32,766** At-Large

**Total Applications: 2,056; 848-Voter Registrations & 1208-Absentee Requests**

#### Voter Registration Statistics



#### A. Statistical Report:

\*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

### III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

FY23 is on track.

**Chronicle- Voter Registration by District and Precinct**

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<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 1 Hulbert	Hulbert	1,252
	Okay	283
	Tahlequah (1)	1,546
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,081</b>
Dist No. 2 Tahlequah	Briggs	282
	Lowrey	266
	Tahlequah (2)	2,457
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,005</b>
Dist No. 3 Tenkiller	Keys	938
	Tahlequah (3)	1,762
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,700</b>
Dist No. 4 Three Rivers	Ft. Gibson	1,056
	Muskogee	571
	Warner	741
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,368</b>
Dist No. 5 Redbird	Gore	401
	Sallisaw (5)	619
	Vian	1,175
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,195</b>
Dist No. 6 Sequoyah	Belfonte	119
	Marble City	164
	Muldrow	1,616
	Sallisaw (6)	1,620
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,519</b>
Dist No. 7 Flint	Cave Springs	291
	Chewey	103
	Stilwell (7)	2,525
	Westville (7)	683
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,602</b>
Dist No. 8 Goingsnake	Bell	269
	Stilwell (8)	1,066
	Westville (8)	477
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>1,812</b>
Dist No. 9 Saline	Jay (9)	702
	Kansas	1,415

**Chronicle-** Voter Registration by District and Precinct

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<b>District</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Voters</b>
Dist No. 9 Saline	Kenwood	178
	Salina (9)	529
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,824</b>
Dist No. 10 Delaware	Afton	602
	Grove	738
	Jay (10)	861
	Pryor (10)	540
	Salina (10)	201
	Spavinaw	183
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,125</b>
Dist No. 11 Cooweescoowee - North	S. Coffeyville	498
	Vinita	1,872
	Welch	139
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,509</b>
Dist No. 12 Cooweescoowee - West	Bartlesville	1,773
	Nowata	696
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,469</b>
Dist No. 13 Gadusi	Catoosa	370
	Collinsville	985
	Tulsa	1,890
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,245</b>
Dist No. 14 Cooweescoowee - Central	Chelsea	548
	Claremore (14)	2,534
	Oologah	442
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,524</b>
Dist No. 15 Cooweescoowee - South	Claremore (15)	865
	Locust Grove	902
	Pryor (15)	928
	Salina (15)	50
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,745</b>
At Large	At Large	32,766
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>32,766</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>75,489</b>

## 2023 February Directors Report:

### Election Preparation,

We have our contract workers, they finished assembling packets for the challenged ballots. They are all done. Posted the polling places on time.

Training the new worker on voter registration data entry and absentee data entry, that did not go so well and so we are not going to continue with data entry with the contract workers.

With all the voter registrations I am sending new or extended streets to CSA to process.

CSA has our maps and a search section to look up our addresses and where they are. [csa.ou.edu](http://csa.ou.edu) is the web site. On the left in the Data warehouse from the black go to tribal the drop down box is Cherokee and then maps. Anyone can go in and look at all of our district maps. If they want to purchase larger maps they can through the CSA office.

After checking mail and postages dates of turnaround time. We will be informing the voters in the press releases about the return of their absentees should be returned as soon as possible.

I would like to insert in the absentee packet asking the voter too properly vote their ballot, execute their affidavit, and put the absentee ballot back in the mail in order for it to be received here on time to be counted.



# CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

   REGULAR MEETING

   ☒ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 3/14/23 at 4:00 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

## Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present/Absent

Pamela Sellers Present/Absent

Shawna Calico Present/Absent

Randy Campbell Present/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒

CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin ☒

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

## Visitors:

Chad Hunter

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Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:00PM

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