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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION: 10 February 2023
Conference Hosted:
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino, Tahlequah
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Richard Hull, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF: Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Thomas Maslen, Compliance Manager
Mikal Yahola, Executive Assistant
Chelsey Collins, Special Projects Analyst
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Krystle Richey, Auditor

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Bear Christensen, Director of Compliance
Paiten Qualls, CNB Legal
Monica Richards, CNE Finance
Gary Weddell, Casino Operations
Jennifer Province, CNE Marketing

VISITORS: Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General
John Young, Office of the Attorney General

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:44 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commissioner O'Leary
Commissioner DeLozier

Not Present: Commissioner Hull

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Sparks, the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Agenda. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair then entertained a Motion to Amend the Minutes by striking item VIII.H. License Classifications from the Agenda and then reorder accordingly. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Amend the Minutes as stated; Commissioner O'Leary seconded the Motion. The Motion carried.

The Commission returned to the Approval of the Agenda as Amended. The Motion carried and the Amended Agenda was Approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the Approval of the Minutes.

The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the Minutes. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to Approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests. The Chair then 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. The Chair entertained a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports. Commissioner O'Leary Motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at approximately 9:50 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 O'Leary Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:35 AM.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

1. EMPLOYEES

- Forty-eight (48) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Fifty-one (51) Individual Suitability Determinations; including one CNGC individual – Ryne Spencer.
- Sixty-three (63) Orders; including one CNGC individual – Bobby Gassaway.
- Seventy-five (75) Renewals.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations on the forty-eight (48) Temporary Permits, fifty-one (51) Suitability Determinations, including one CNGC individual – Ryne Spencer, sixty-three (63) Orders, including one CNGC individual – Bobby Gassaway, and seventy-five (75) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the staff recommendations as stated; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried.

2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

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

- Zero (0) Company Orders
- Zero (0) Individual Orders.
- Two (2) Company Renewals.
- Twenty-nine (29) Individual Renewals.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations on the two (2) Company Renewals, and twenty-nine (29) Individual Renewals dated February 10, 2023. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve the staff recommendations; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

3. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS

Chairman Sparks, next item is A.3. License Classifications for February 10, 2023. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the new and updated license classifications as recommended. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks recognized Mr. Trumbla to present the EGM Memo.

1. EGM MEMO

T. Trumbla presented the EGM Memo to the Commission and recommended approval as submitted; eighteen (18) new electronic game themes, three (3) new gaming components, four (4) new main programs/OS, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and affirmation of four (4) Executive Director approved items.

New Electronic Game Themes

- 4 Incredible Technologies
- 1 Gaming Arts
- 2 IGT
- 10 AGS
- 1 VGT

New Gaming Components

- 3 VGT

New Main Program/OS

- 2 AGS
- 1 Everi
- 1 Gaming Arts

New Gaming Cabinets

- 1 VGT
- 1 Empire

Executive Director Approved

- 2 Aristocrat
- 1 Castle Hill
- 1 IGT

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the eighteen (18) new electronic game themes, three (3) new gaming components, four (4) new main program/OS, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and affirmation of the four (4) Executive Director approvals. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve the EGM Memo as presented; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – C. COLLINS

Ms. Collins presented the SICS memo to the Commission. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the one (1) new SICs numbered CAG802 Contaminated Materials presented to the Commission. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – C. COLLINS

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Executive Director’s prior approval of three (3) Corporate promotions and three (3) Catoosa promotions. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director’s prior approval; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – C. COLLINS

Chairman Sparks, moving on to VIII.E. Tournaments. The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Executive Director's prior approval of one (1) Catoosa tournament. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Affirm the Executive Director's Approval; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried.

F. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, moving on to item VIII.F. IHP Transfer Request Memo. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the request to transfer the retired In-House Progressive funds in the amount of \$11,155.83 to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patrons. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried.

G. TICS SURVEILLANCE – INFORMATION ONLY – K. RICHEY

The Chair recognized Ms. Richey to present item VIII.G.. The information was presented to and received by the Commission. No action was taken.

H. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, & HEARINGS – J. PURCELL

The Chair entertained a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of one Vendor license hearing. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to enter Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:03 AM.

The Chair entertained a Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 11:13 AM.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve a license to the Vendor at issue which is subject to a six (6) month review of the outstanding questions related to adverse actions taken against their licenses in other jurisdictions. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the license was approved with the noted requirements.

IX. Open Session:

None.

X. Adjournment:

The Chair entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:18 AM.

Approval of Minutes:



CHAIRMAN SPARKS

03/10/2023

DATE