



## **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

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### **AGENDA REGULAR MEETING**

*Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*4:15 P.M.*

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the April 21<sup>st</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 April 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting
  - b. Approval of Minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting
- VIII. Current Items
  - a. Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioners contracts
  - b. Consideration and possible action on Owasso Precinct Watcher approval
  - c. Consideration and possible action on Election Commission website
  - d. Consideration and possible action on election forms
  - e. Consideration and possible action on Candidate financials
  - f. Consideration and possible action on election workers
- 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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Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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### **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

- The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:15 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/Treasurer  
Randy Campbell – Absent  
Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner

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

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

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

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

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

**(Attachment 1)**

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

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

**(Attachment 2)**



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

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Attorney's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

### **VII. Old Business**

- Approval of Minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Approval of Minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

### **VIII. Current Items**

- Consideration and possible action on amending Election Commissioners contracts. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve and amend the contract for Rick Doherty in the amounts of \$15,600.
- Consideration and possible action on Owasso Precinct Watcher approval. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to approve the Owasso Precinct Watcher.
- Consideration and possible action on Election Commission website. (No action taken.)
- Consideration and possible action on Election Forms. (No action taken.)
- Consideration and possible action on Candidate financials. Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Shawna Calico to approve that, due to the extenuating circumstances the Commission decided to waive the fine for Warren Murrey.
- Consideration and possible action on election workers. (Discussion Only)

### **IX. Executive Session**

- None

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

- None

### **XI. Announcements**

- None





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### **XII. Adjourn**

- Pam Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to adjourn at 4:52 P.M. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico



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May 09, 2023 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator  
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### I. OFFICE:

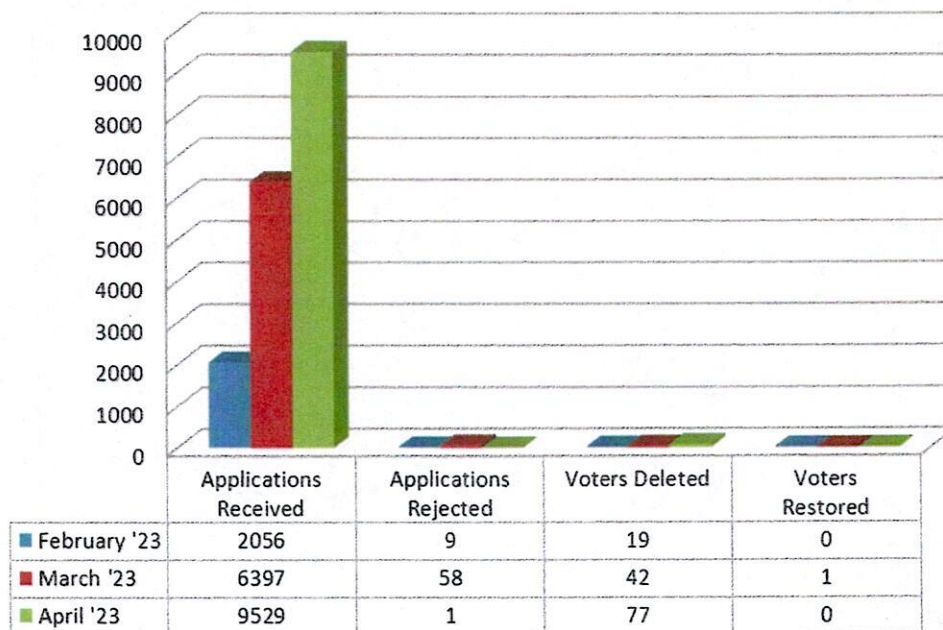
Again great job to all the staff and to all the help we had getting forms entered and ballots stuffed. This election cycle we processed record numbers. As you can see below, 6,397 total applications in March and 9,529 applications in April. In 2019 we processed 5,047 in March and 7,521 in April. In 2021 we processed 4,216 in March and 4,881 in April.

### II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 05/08/2023

**78,419** Total Registered Voters; **44,592** In-District; **33,827** At-Large

**Total Applications: 9,529; 2-Voter Registrations & 9,527-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	1,393
	Okay	364
	Tahlequah (1)	1,705
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,462</b>
Dist No. 2 Tahlequah	Briggs	291
	Lowrey	268
	Tahlequah (2)	2,490
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,049</b>
Dist No. 3 Tenkiller	Keys	1,016
	Tahlequah (3)	1,857
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,873</b>
Dist No. 4 Three Rivers	Ft. Gibson	1,074
	Muskogee	594
	Warner	766
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,434</b>
Dist No. 5 Redbird	Gore	431
	Sallisaw (5)	654
	Vian	1,178
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,263</b>
Dist No. 6 Sequoyah	Belfonte	126
	Marble City	170
	Muldrow	1,641
	Sallisaw (6)	1,697
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,634</b>
Dist No. 7 Flint	Cave Springs	294
	Chewey	103
	Stilwell (7)	2,513
	Westville (7)	672
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,582</b>
Dist No. 8 Goingsnake	Bell	309
	Stilwell (8)	1,153
	Westville (8)	530
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>1,992</b>
Dist No. 9 Saline	Jay (9)	727
	Kansas	1,427

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Dist No. 9 Saline	Kenwood	185
	Salina (9)	533
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,872</b>
Dist No. 10 Delaware	Afton	619
	Grove	752
	Jay (10)	892
	Pryor (10)	557
	Salina (10)	207
	Spavinaw	194
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,221</b>
Dist No. 11 Cooweescoowee - North	S. Coffeyville	517
	Vinita	1,960
	Welch	160
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,637</b>
Dist No. 12 Cooweescoowee - West	Bartlesville	1,898
	Nowata	714
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,612</b>
Dist No. 13 Gadusi	Catoosa	352
	Collinsville	652
	Owasso	393
	Tulsa	1,979
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,376</b>
Dist No. 14 Cooweescoowee - Central	Chelsea	598
	Claremore (14)	2,690
	Oologah	460
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>3,748</b>
Dist No. 15 Cooweescoowee - South	Claremore (15)	912
	Locust Grove	908
	Pryor (15)	963
	Salina (15)	54
	<b>Total for District</b>	<b>2,837</b>
At Large	At Large	33,827
<b>Total for District</b>		<b>33,827</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>78,419</b>

## 2023 April Directors Report:

I did not put out a March report, please accept my apology for not submitting that month it was a little busy.

So for April I was doing election work with training the precinct officials, working on the ballots and receiving them for testing and then we packed the ballots in one day setting. This worked great and will also work for the runoff election. Working on precinct officials still in April and that is a great challenge. But it is in a better place now. Started working the Absentee ballots returned undeliverable for corrections to the information on the locations.

Setting dates for the last of the precinct officials for training in May. The election is fast approaching and all the supplies have to be assembled and packed in their supplies, and pack the ballots in their transfer cases. Our strong men to carry in supplies for the election have not come forward or we have not reached out to some for election night return. It would be nice if we had some for Friday to carry out supplies to the inspectors cars. Just saying it would help the Commissioner to move forward to the next inspector. Options for locating strong hefty men, Lisa Trice Turtle Cherokee Nation Youth Council, Sequoyah High School, and Rita Bunch or through College Recourses as Community service as a no pay. Just want to discuss the direction we need to go.

All is going as planned.



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# CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

☒ REGULAR MEETING

☐ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 5-9-23 at 4:1 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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