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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

6 May 2022  
Conference Hosted:  
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino, Tahlequah  
3307 Seven Clans Ave  
Tahlequah, Ok. 74464

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

John Sparks, Chairman  
Kendra McGeady, Vice-Chairwoman  
Richard Hull, Commissioner  
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner  
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Samantha Phillips, Gaming Systems Analyst  
Mikal Yahola, Clerk  
Florence Northington, Interim Licensing  
Manager  
Calvin Christie, Licensing Agent  
Velma Coon-Santos, Gaming Auditor  
Tristan Trumbla, Compliance Gaming Systems  
Analyst

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Monica Richards, VP of Finance  
Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance  
Kelly Forrest, Human Resources  
Angelia Jobe, Sr. Manager of IT Governance and  
Technology  
Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Erica Martindale, CNB Audit Services

**VISITORS:**

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General  
Candessa Tehee, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
06 May 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks  
Vice-Chairwoman McGeady  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner O'Leary  
Commissioner DeLozier

Five (5) commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Sparks, the first item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Commissioner McGeady motions to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Sparks, the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Minutes as they've been distributed.

Commissioner Hull motions to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests.

Chairman Sparks asked all guests to stand and introduce themselves. Introductions were made by attendees from Cherokee Nation Gaming

Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation (CN), Cherokee Nation Business (CNB), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) and guests.

**VI. CNE REPORTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is 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 9:44 A.M.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. REGULATORY
  - 1. NIGC
  - 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., and D. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner DeLozier motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at 10:38 A.M.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

The Chair asked if anyone would like to be recognized for anything pertaining to Old Business. Executive Director Purcell asked and was recognized. She then stated that the Vendor Licensing Regulation is posted today (06 May 2022) and that there will be a thirty (30) day comment period. The commission received the information and no action was taken.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Sparks, Moving on to New Business, in particular A. Permits and

Licenses.

A. PERMITS & LICENSES – F. NORTHINGTON

Florence Northington presented the Permits & Licenses to the Commission and recommended approval as presented in the memo.

1. EMPLOYEES

- Forty-four (44) Individual Temporary Permits; including one (1) CNGC individual; Chelsey Collins
- Fifty-seven (57) Individual Suitability Determinations; including one (1) CNGC individual; Chelsey Collins
- Forty-four (44) Orders
- One hundred sixty-five (165) Renewals; including five (5) CNGC individuals; Stephanie Choate, Tiffany Cochran, Janetta Drain, Letecia Flynn, and Melynda Smith.

Commissioner O’Leary made a motion to approve the forty-four (44) individual temporary permits, fifty-seven (57) suitability determinations, forty-four (44) orders, and one hundred sixty-five (165) renewals as submitted; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion Carried.

2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

Florence Northington presented the Vendor and Vendor Representatives and recommended approval. The following are the individual vendor orders, company renewals, and individual renewals.

- Fifteen (15) Individual Orders
- Seven (7) Company Renewals
- Forty-six (46) Individual Renewals

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve the fifteen (15) individual orders, seven (7) company renewals, and forty-six (46) individual renewals; Seconded by Vice Chairwoman McGeady. Motion carried.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks, let's move on to VIII. B. Game & System Approvals, starting with the EGM Memo. Tristan Trumbla presented the EGM Memo to the commission and recommended approval.

1. EGM MEMO

Tristan Trumbla presented the EGM Memo and recommended approval as submitted; thirteen (13) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, one (1) new gaming component, and three (3) Executive Director approved items for Affirmation of Executive Director's approval.

Electronic Game Themes

- 2 Everi
- 7 AGS
- 1 Aristocrat
- 1 Gaming Arts
- 2 Ainsworth

New Main Program/OS

- 1 AGS

New Gaming Component

- 1 AGS

Executive Director Approvals

- 2 IGT
- 1 Aristocrat

Commissioner O'Leary motioned to approve the thirteen (13) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program, one (1) new gaming component, and Affirmation of three (3) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

2. PLAYER MANAGEMENT & GLOBAL LIMITS CHANGE REQUEST

Chairman Sparks, Next item is VIII.B.2.

Executive Director Purcell presented B.2. Player Management & Global Limits Change Request to the Commission. The Chair entertained a motion

to approve the staff recommendations on the CNE request for changes as well as the affirmation of the Executive Director approval granted on April 24, 2022.

Commissioner DeLozier made the motion as expressed by the Chair; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, moving on to C. SICS Memo.

Executive Director Purcell presented the SICS memo and recommended affirmation of the Executive Directors approval.

Based upon CNGC review, CNGC Compliance recommended approval for one (1) new SICS as listed in the memo. Vice Chairwoman McGeady made the motion to affirm the approval the SICS Memo; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – AFFIRMATION OF APPROVAL MEMO – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, moving on to the promotions.

Executive Director Purcell presented the Promotions Memo. CNGC recommended Affirmation of Executive Director's approval of the two (2) new Catoosa promotions, two (2) new Corporate promotions, one (1) canned/new Corporate promotion, and two (2) new Sallisaw promotions.

Motion to Affirm the Executive Directors prior approval of items as listed in the memo was made by Commissioner O'Leary; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – AFFIRMATION OF APPROVAL – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, Moving on the E.

Executive Director Purcell presented the Tournaments Memo to the Commission. The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the Executive Director's Approval of the Tournaments as surmised in the Memo in the packet.

Commissioner Hull made the motion as stated by the chair; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

F. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, moving on to item E. IHP Transfer Request Memo.

Executive Director Purcell 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 DeLozier made the motion to approve the transfer of IHP funds; Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman McGeady. Motion carried.

G. 2022 CNE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES Q2 – VELMA COON-SANTOS

Chairman Sparks, Next is item G. the 2022 CNE On-Going Activities Report for the second quarter.

Velma Coon-Santos presented the Report to the Commission. The information was provided to and received by the Commission. No action was taken; information only.

H. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, AND HEARINGS

There were no items under point H. Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. The Commission did not enter Executive Session.


**IX. Open Session:**


None

**X. Adjournment:**

Commissioner O'Leary motioned to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:11 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes:**

  
CHAIRMAN SPARKS

  
DATE