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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

April 5, 2024  
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
777 West Cherokee St.  
Catoosa, Ok, 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman  
Richard Hull, Commissioner  
Linda O'Leary, Commissioner  
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner  
Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Interim – Executive Director  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst  
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT  
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager  
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant  
Kandance Willyard, Gaming Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance  
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT  
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing  
Mitch Moren, CNB Audit  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing  
Tim Branham, CNE – IT  
Jason Barnes, CNE IT  
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance  
Brian Bork, CNE Marketing  
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations  
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**5 April 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner Sparks  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner O’Leary  
Commission DeLozier  
Commissioner Birdwell

Four (5) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the March 8, 2024, Minutes. Chairman Sparks stated that he abstains from the vote, as he was not present. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

The Chair asked for the introduction of guests. Jennifer Provence introduced Brian Bork from CNE Marketing.

**VI. CNE REPORTS:**

The Chair entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports and Executive Director’s report. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:49 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Project Fusion Updates
- D. Litigation
- E. Compacts
- F. NIGC

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The reports under item VI.A-F were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:53 am.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair stated he will separate into three parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the (49) Suitability Determinations. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Commissioner Birdwell requested the minutes to reflect that he will abstain from the vote. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Thirty-Five (35), Twenty-Nine (29) Licensing Orders. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Sixty-Seven (67) Renewals for May 2024. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives:

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve One (1) Company Orders for April 5, 2024, Sixteen (16) Individual Orders for April 5, 2024. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Six (6) Company Renewals for May 3, 2024, and Fifty (50) Individual Orders for May 3, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

### 3. License Classifications

#### A. Manager Project Management Office

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the approval previously granted Job description. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

#### B. Sr Director Finance Operations

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the approval previously granted Job description. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

### B. Game & System Approvals

#### 1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the following items as listed in EGM Memo:

- 50 new electronic game themes (3 Aristocrat, 5 VGT, 6 Gaming Arts, 1 Everi, 14 AGS, 1 Novomatic, 7 IGT, 9 LNW, and 4 Sega Sammy)
- 1 new game client (1 VGT)
- 4 new gaming components (1 VGT, 1 Gaming Arts, and 2 Sega Sammy)
- 5 new OS/main programs (4 AGS and 1 Sega Sammy)
- 1 new gaming cabinet (1 AGS)
- 2 Executive Director approved items (2 LNW)

Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Delozier. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes, the EGM items are approved.

The Chair entertained Second Motion to Affirm the Two (2) Executive Director’s Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertains a Motion for Approval or Affirmation of the Four (4) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertains a Motion to affirm the Executive Director Approvals; Three (3) Tournament Game Offerings in West Siloam Springs. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair will entertain a Motion to approve the request to transfer in retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

F. System of Internal Controls – K. Vann

The Chair entertains a Motion to approve the revisions SICS as recommended by the staff. Kelsey J Vann stated, “She would like to mention on the TGM425, CNE is requesting reactivation for it and seeking the Commission’s full approval.” The Chair inquired about the activation purpose and Jennifer Watkins responded. “Due to the popularity increase in the game. The company wants to reinstate it due to popular demand.” The Chair entertains a Motion to approve the reactivation and revised SICS. Commissioner O’Leary makes the Motion to amend one revision and one reactivation; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. Motion as amended passes.

- TGM425 Mississippi Stud (Reactivation)
- PRK020 Lowball (Revised)

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – K. Willyard

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:10am.

The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:55am.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chair asks if any statements or discussions in open session.

Motion to deny regarding Individual 1053135. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to approve regarding Individual 1053622. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:59am.

Approval of Minutes:

  
Chairman Sparks

  
Date