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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

January 12, 2024
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Tristan Trumbula, Gaming System Analyst
Audra Imhoff, Gaming Audit Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

VISITORS:

Paiten Qualls, CN Office of the Attorney General
Chad Harsha, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

12 January, 2024

***AMENDED – Correction to note the Motion to abstain IX. New Business**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner Sparks
Commissioner Hull
Commission DeLozier

Absent: Commissioner O’Leary

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the December 15, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by DeLozier. No questions or debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Chair requested introduction of guests. Guests were introduced to the Commission.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Chair, next item is the 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 Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:43 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., B., C., D., E., and F. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner Hull motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:41 AM.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair stated, "I would like to break this up into two parts, due to the February Renewals changing from Forty-Nine (49) to Forty-Eight (48)." Chairman entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Six (26) Temporary Permits, Thirty-Six (36) Suitability Determinations, and Twenty-Six (26) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any opposed, hearing none. The Motion passes. All Permits, Orders, and Determinations are Approved. Chairman stated, "The next item is Renewals for February 2024." The Chair entertains a Motion to approve the Forty-Eight (48) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions, any debate. The Motion passes. The Chair recognized Commissioner Hull. Commissioner Hull stated, "Let the record show that I am abstaining from The Motion."

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Zero (0) Company Orders for January 12, 2024, Nine (9) Individual Orders for January 12, 2024, Two (2) Company Renewals for February 9, 2024, and Twenty-Eight (28) Individual Orders for

February 9, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. No questions on motion. Motion is Approved.

3. License Classifications

a. Financial Process Improvement Manager

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the new job description. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair requests Executive Director to clarify if the job descriptions in the packet are separate titles. Executive Directions stated, "They are separate Job Titles." The Chair confirms. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

b. Director Financial Technology and Process Improvement

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

The Chair stated, "I would like to break this up into two parts." The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the following items as listed in EGM Memo:

- 87 new electronic game themes (19 Aristocrat, 2 Velvix, 19 AGS, 22 Everi, 16 IGT, 3 LNW, 2 Incredible Technologies, 1 Gaming Arts, and 3 Konami).
- 4 new gaming cabinet (1 Aristocrat and 3 Everi)
- 4 new OS/main programs (2 Everi, 1 Incredible Technologies, and 1 LNW).
- 2 new gaming component (2 Everi).

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes. The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the Four (4) Executive Director's approvals previously granted.

- 4 Executive Director approved item (1 VGT and 3 Aristocrat).

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passed, the approvals were Affirmed.

2. OPTX Read Only Memo – T. Trumbla

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the OPTX Read Only Memo. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked Tristan Trumbla if he would like to explain the Memo. Tristan Trumbla stated, "On July 28, 2023 CNE received approval to implement OPTX in a training environment. This new OPTX Read Only is a step up from that, allowing players to use in a Read Only Memo. This is one of the items previously discussed in further detail during Executive Session." The Chair asked for any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Two (2) Executive Directors approvals which were previously provided on December 20, 2023 and December 21, 2023. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes.

B. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to Affirm the Three (3) Executive Directors approvals previously provided on December 14, 2023, and Two (2) on December 21, 2023. Commissioner Hull make the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes and the items are Affirmed.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

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

F. System of Internal Controls – K. Vann

The Chair entertains the Motion to approve the revision SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any question, no questions. The Motion passes.

- CAG208 E-Games Ticket Redemption (Revision)

G. 24-01 Surveillance FAR - A. Imhoff

The Chair asked A. Imhoff if this was a request to release. Ms. Imhoff stated, "That it is a request to release and there are no findings or issues to report." The Chair entertains the Motion to release the Final Audit Report. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any question or debate. The Motion passes.

H. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – J. Walters Purcell

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

The Chair recognizes Commissioner Hull for an announcement of the minutes. Commissioner Hull stated, "Individual 1052063 party appeared, and there was a request for a continuance to have council present. The hearing was rescheduled for March 8, 2024 in Tahlequah at their request. In regards to 1052023, Individual appeared and requested a continuance at their request for March 8, 2024 in Tahlequah. In regards to individual 38697, they requested a continuance..." Executive Director stated, "Thirty Days – February 9th." Commissioner Hull stated, "February 9, 2024 in Catoosa."

The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 12:22 pm.


X. OPEN SESSION

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner DeLozier makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks
Richard L. Hull - Acting Chair

03-08-2024
Date