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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

December 15, 2023  
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

COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst  
Audra Imhoff, Gaming Audit Manager  
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  
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance  
Mitch Moren, CNB Audit  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing  
Tim Branham, CNE – IT  
Jason Barnes, CNE – IT  
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing  
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance  
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations  
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance  
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**15 December, 2023**

**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

Absent: None

Four (4) Commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. November 17, 2023: The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the November 17th, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Delozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by O’Leary. No questions on motion. Motion passes.

There are Minutes to correct. The Chair entertained a Motion to Table items IV. B and C. items tabled until recalled by Chair. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to Table Items IV4: B and C; Seconded by Commissioner Delozier.

B. September 23, 2022 Minutes to be Corrected:

C. September 23, 2022 Minutes for Correction:

**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 Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-G and VII at 9:48 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Project Fusion Updates
- D. Affirmation of Executive Director Approval
- E. Litigation
- F. Compacts
- G. NIGC

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

The reports under item VI.A-G 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 10:45am.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

The Chair entertains the Motion to Approve the 2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes and the 2024 Commission meeting schedule is adopted.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Thirty-Seven (37) Temporary Permits, Twenty-Six (26) Suitability Determinations, Twenty-Eight (28) Orders, and Two Hundred and Nineteen (219) Renewals. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to

Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Motion passes; staff recommendations are approved by the Commission.

## 2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Two (2) Company Orders for December 15, 2023, Thirty-Five (35) Individual Orders for December 15, 2023, Three (3) Company Renewals for January 12, 2023, and Thirty-Three (33) Individual Orders for January 12, 2023. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion passes.

## 3. License Classifications

None.

## B. Game & System Approvals

### 1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests (EGM) – Kelsey J. Vann

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

- 54 new electronic game themes (12 IGT, 13 LNW, 12 Konami, 1 Aristocrat, 4 Gaming Arts, 10 AGS)
- 3 new gaming cabinet (1 IGT, and 1 Aristocrat)
- 1 new OS/main programs (1 IGT)
- 2 new progressive features (2 Konami)
- 1 new gaming component (1 Gaming Arts)
- 6 Executive Director Approval item (2 IGT, 2 AGS, and 2 Aristocrat).

Commissioner O’Leary 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 Six (6) 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 passed, the approvals were affirmed.

## C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertains a Motion for Approval of Affirmation of the Seven (7) Calendar of Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertains a Motion to affirm the Six (6) Tournament Game Offerings in West Siloam and Catoosa. Commissioner Hull make the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The 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 O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. The Motion passes.

F. (SICS) Memo – K. Vann

Next item is approval of the changes/revisions to the System of Internal Controls (SICS) as listed below. The Chair entertains a Motion to Approve the revisions to the SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner Hull makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes.

- SEC316 Lost & Found Loyalty Program Cards (Revision)
- SEC100 Key Control (Revision)
- OP025 Employee Gaming (Revision)

G. Implementation Follow Up Memo (Q1) – Information Only - A. Imhoff

The Chair recognized A. Imhoff. Ms. Imhoff states the Implementation review is for informational purposes only and two (2) of the three (3) previously discussed issues has been completed. No action taken and the information received by the Commission.

H. 24-02 Player Tracking FAR - A. Imhoff

Next item is the Player Tracking Final Audit Review (FAR). The Chair asked if this was a request to release FAR. Ms. Imhoff states that it is. The Chair suggested a Motion to Release. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Ms. Imhoff stated all issues have been resolved. The Chair asked if any questions, no further questions; Motion to Release FAR passes and information for Audit is directed to be released.

Chairman Sparks will exercise his option to bring up the previously Tabled items from IV. B. and C. The Chair asked for clarification from Executive Director on the corrections. Executive Director deferred to Ms. Imhoff for explanation of the need for corrections. Ms. Imhoff stated the Original September 23, 2022 Minutes

had the incorrect date in the footer, therefore IV: B footer needs correction to the footer and IV C reflects the corrected date on the footer. The Chair entertains a Motion to Approve the corrected September 23, 2022 Minutes. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. The Motion passes. As a Point of Order the Chair stated the Minutes will reflect the Motion to Approve IV: C for correction to footer, and IV: B was included only for reference purposes y and did not require any action from the Commissioners.

**I. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – J. Walters Purcell**

The Chair entertained the Motion to Enter 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 O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:19am.

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 11:40am.

The Chair entertains a Motion for Licensing Action on Individual 18139. Motion to Grant a Conditional License to Individual 18139. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion and Commissioner Hull Seconded the Motion Granting a one (1) year Conditional Gaming License to Individual 18139 with the following conditions; granting one year conditional license; licensee shall provide The Commission with documentation from the Court that Individual 18139 has satisfied all conditions by the court in relation to her DUI Suspended Sentence and that Individual 18139 has not with no DUI charges for the term of the Conditional Gaming License..

**J. Gaming Facilities Licenses – J. Walters Purcell**

The Chair entertained the motion to approve Gaming Facility Licenses issued for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 on the following Cherokee Nation Gaming Facilities;: Catoosa Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Catoosa Outside Smoke Shop, Fort Gibson Casino, Grove Casino, Ramona Casino, Roland Travel Plaza, Roland Casino, South Coffeyville Casino, Sallisaw Casino, Tahlequah Casino, and West Siloam Springs Casino. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. The Chair would like to clarify that Catoosa and Roland have Catoosa Hard Rock Hotel, Catoosa Outside Smoke Shop, Roland Casino and Roland Travel Plaza. Motion passes. Point of Order Facility License must be signed today.

**X. OPEN SESSION**

The Chair asks if any statements or discussions in open session. No Statements or discussions

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O’Leary makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:51am.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks



Date