

**Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Special Meeting
Election Services Meeting Room
September 27, 2013**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Special Meeting of the Election Commission was called to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. In attendance were:

Commission - Bill W. Horton – Chairman
Martha Calico – Secretary/Treasurer
Shawna Calico – Commissioner
Carolyn Allen - Commissioner
Teresa Hart – Commissioner

Office Staff - Geneva Scott
Joyce Gourd
Wanda Beaver
Connie Parnell

Guests - Harvey Chaffin –EC Attorney
Roger Graham
Dianne Barker Harrold
Jami Custer
Marvin Allen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

N/A

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Discussion was held regarding the Cherokee Nation Attorney General's opinion on the rejected absentee ballot request forms. Mr. Chaffin stated that there are always two sides to an opinion given by an attorney. Although he felt like his interpretation of the Law was correct when advising the Commission, his suggestion was to honor the Attorney General's opinion. Carolyn Allen, Shawna Calico and Teresa Hart agreed that their previous decision to vote against accepting the absentee ballot request forms was in accordance with the Election Law however; they would accept the Attorney General's opinion under the advice of their attorney, Mr. Chaffin. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to accept the Attorney General's opinion and to

mail absentee ballots to the 114 voters who submitted a request form without a CO number (Citizenship number) and the 8 voters with an incorrect CO number. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton

Martha Calico Yes

Shawna Calico Yes

Carolyn Allen Yes

Teresa Hart Yes

A motion was made by Shawna Calico to adjourn at 4:29 p.m.

Martha Calico
Martha Calico, Secretary/Treasurer