

CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
ELECTION SERVICES MEETING ROOM
JUNE 11, 2015 – MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.

THE MEETING OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:17 PM. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

COMMISSION: BILL HORTON, CHAIRMAN
TERESA HART, VICE CHAIRPERSON
MARTHA CALICO, SECRETARY/TREASURER
SHAWNA CALICO, COMMISSIONER
CAROLYN ALLEN, COMMISSIONER

OFFICE STAFF: KEELI DUNCAN

ATTORNEY: HARVEY CHAFFIN

DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING ELEVEN (11) CHEROKEE CITIZENS THAT REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM OR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. SIX (6) INDIVIDUALS WERE NOT REGISTRATED TO VOTE AND FIVE (5) WERE REGISTRATED TO VOTE. THE ABSENTEE REQUEST PERIOD CLOSED MAY 8, 2015. THE FIVE TRIBAL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE OFFICE STAFF AND SOME ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR THESE 5 INDIVIDUALS TO VOTE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO AND SECONDED BY SHAWNA CALICO TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIED.

BILL HORTON _____
TERESA HART _____ MS. HART LEFT THE MEETING FOR A FAMILY ISSUE
MARTHA CALICO ___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO ___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN ___ YES

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING A REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION. THE COMMISSION STATED "PERSONAL INFORMATION" CONCERNING A VOTER CANNOT BE GIVEN OUT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO AND SECONDED BY SHAWNA CALICO TO DISAPPROVE THIS REQUEST. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR OUR SYSTEM TO GENERATE A REPORT THAT WOULD REFLECT THE INFORMATION REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED.

BILL HORTON _____
TERESA HART _____
MARTHA CALICO ___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO ___ YES

CAROLYN ALLEN___ YES

MUCH DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT MAILING REQUESTS. VOTERS REQUESTED A NEW OUTER MAILING ENVELOPE, SOME VOTERS WANTED TO PICKUP THEIR BALLOT THAT HAD BEEN RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, SOME VOTERS WANTED A SECOND BALLOT PACKET, SOME VOTERS WANTED BALLOTS BY OVERNIGHT MAIL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY SHAWNA CALICO THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN ONLY BE MAILED THROUGH THE U. S. POSTAL DEPARTMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

BILL HORTON_____
TERESA HART_____
MARTHA CALICO___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN___ YES

DISCUSSION OF ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINE. MS. DUNCAN INFORMED MEMBERS THE OLD ABSENTEE REQUEST FORM HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF OUR WEBSITE AND THE NEW ONE FOR AN ABSENTEE FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE WEBSITE. MS. DUNCAN FURTHER STATED THAT LETTERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AND/OR A REQUEST FORM MAILED FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION TO ALL THE LATE REQUESTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO AND SECONDED BY SHAWNA CALICO FOR A SHORT BREAK. MOTION CARRIED

BILL HORTON_____
TERESA HART_____
MARTHA CALICO___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN___ YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN AND SECONDED BY MARTHA CALICO TO RECONVENE THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED

BILL HORTON_____
TERESA HART_____
MARTHA CALICO___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN___ YES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHAWNA CALICO AND SECONDED BY MARTHA CALICO TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:25 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

BILL HORTON_____
TERESA HART_____
MARTHA CALICO___ YES

SHAWNA CALICO ___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN ___ NO

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARTHA CALICO AND SECONDED BY CAROLYN ALLEN TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AT 6:40 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

BILL HORTON _____
TERESA HART _____
MARTHA CALICO ___ YES
SHAWNA CALICO ___ YES
CAROLYN ALLEN ___ YES

CHAIRMAN HORTON STATED THAT NO ACTION WAS NEEDED FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS CONDUCTED A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAROLYN ALLEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:41 PM.



MARTHA CALICO, SECRETARY-TREASURER