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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

August 23, 2024
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

John Sparks, Chairman

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
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Samantha Chopper, Specialist Projects Analyst
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Shandie Hughes, Gaming Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, Finance
Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
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
Chad Harsha, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Hull called the meeting to order at 9:41 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner Hull
Commissioner O'Leary
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell

Four (4) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established. Commissioner Sparks was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the July 26, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The Acting Chair Hull asked for the introduction of guests: Stephanie Righthouse, Marsha Dale, Samantha Chopper, and Timothy Forrest.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

The Acting Chair Hull 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 Birdwell.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:45 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 Acting Chair Hull entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:09am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Permits & Licenses – C. Quetone

- 1. Employees:

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the Sixteen (16) Temporary Permits, Eight (8) Suitability Determinations, Forty-Two (42) Orders and One Hundred and Thirty-One (131) Renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

- 2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives:

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve Sixteen (16) Individual Orders for August 23, 2024, Thirteen (13) Company Renewals for September 20, 2024, and One Hundred and Seven (107) Individual Renewals for September 20, 2024. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

A. EVP Strategy & Business Development

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to affirm the previously provided approval from the Executive Director. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. VP Data & Strategic Analytics

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to affirm the previously provided approval from the Executive Director. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – K. Vann

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

- 32 new electronic game themes (2 Aristocrat, 13 Castle Hill Gaming, 16 AGS, and 1 Everi)
- 4 new OS/main programs (1 Castle Hill Gaming and 3 AGS)
- 2 new gaming cabinets (2 AGS)
- 2 Executive Director approved items (1 LNW and 1 Konami).

Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions or debate. The Motion passes, the EGM items are approved.

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

2. Global LSK 2500 Kiosk Upgrade – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained a Motion to approve the Global LSK 2500 Kiosk Upgrade. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. IT Request for Variance – A. Imhoff

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the Request for IT Variance. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Acting Chair Hull asked K. Vann, “If the TICS require only Class 2 Variances?” K. Vann stated, “Yes. This is for the passwords. Instead of the 90-day requirements, it will be changed to 365 days annually. Also, the passwords are going to be at minimum 15 characters. I believe they are at 7 characters currently.” Any question; any debate. Motion Passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm Executive Director’s Approval of the Catoosa (3) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm Executive Director’s Approval of the Corporate (1) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm Executive Director’s Approval of the West Siloam Springs (4) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to Affirm Executive Director’s Approval for the West Siloam Springs Tournaments enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the request to transfer retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

F. FY24-25 Audit Plan – A. Imhoff

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to approve the FY24-25 Audit Plan. Commissioner O’Leary made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

G. 2024 TICS Financial Transactions Review – Information Only

The Acting Chair Hull requested unanimous consent to let the record reflect that the receipt of information was without objection and the order be reflected in the minutes.

H. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – A. Imhoff

The Acting Chair Hull entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner O’Leary made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:42am.

The Acting Chair Hull entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O’ Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:42am.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to grant license without conditions regarding Individual 1032129. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to continue on October 18, 2024, regarding Individual 1042942 by agreement with the individual that appeared for the license hearing. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to continue on November 15, 2024, regarding Individual 27387 by agreement with the individual that appeared for the license hearing. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to deny license regarding Individual 1056331 based upon criminal activity by other Commissions. Commissioner DeLozier; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Chair Hull entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:49am.

Approval of Minutes:

 Chairman Sparks  Date