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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

September 20, 2024
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Ok, 74015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Samantha Chopper, Special Projects Officer

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Gary Weddell, CNE

Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Tim Branham, CNE IT
Monica Richards, CNE
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Brian Bork, CNE Marketing

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:48 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner Sparks
Commissioner Hull
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell

Absent: Commissioner O'Leary

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

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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A: August 23, 2024, Minutes

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the August 23, 2024, Minutes. The Chair stated he will abstain from the vote as he was absent during the August meeting. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

VI. 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 9:52 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 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 10:22 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Individual Licensing Process and Standards Revisions – Information Only

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Permits & Licenses

- 1. Employees:

- The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Eleven (11) Temporary Permits, Sixteen (16) Suitability Determinations, and the Eight (8) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

- The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Ninety (90) Renewals for October 2024. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes. The Chair stated, "Let the record reflect that Chairman Sparks will abstain from the vote Commissioner O'Leary."

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives:

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Four (19) Individual Orders for September 20, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate.

Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Five (5) Company Renewals and Forty-Two (42) Individual Renewals for October 18, 2024, Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the approval previously provided by the Executive Director regarding the new License Classifications. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

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

- 39 new electronic game themes (5 Everi, 2 Aruze, 4 Gaming Arts, 16 AGS, 2 VGT, 3 Aries, and 7 Aristocrat)
- 8 new gaming components (5 VGT, 2 Gaming Arts, and 1 Ainsworth)
- 5 new OS/main programs (1 Gaming Arts, 1 Ainsworth, 1 VGT, and 2 Aries)
- 1 new gaming cabinet (1 Aries)

- 7 Executive Director approved items (5 Konami and 2 Sega Sammy)

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

The Chair entertained Second Motion to Affirm the Seven (7) Executive Director's approvals previously granted. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

2. Hard Rock Dice Order Request

The Chair entertained a Motion to Approve the request for the new Hard Rock Dice Order. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Chair asked Kelsey Vann to explain in further detail what exactly is the Hard Rock Dice Order Request. Kelsey Vann stated, "After five years, table games wanted to change the color of the dice. They are still identical in size and shape. The only change request is the color." The Chair asked, "If we vote yes, how soon before they make it on the floor?" Kelsey Vann responded, "October 1st. I believe they're running low of the old inventory. They are implementing these new dice as soon as possible." Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the upcoming Promotions effective October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, as listed in the Memo. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Approvals by the Executive Director. In reference to pages 2 and 3 listed in the Memo. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided Approvals by the Executive Director. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

E. IHP Transfer Request Memo

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Transfer of the Retired In-House Progressive Funds. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

F. System Internal Controls Memo

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Four (4) revised SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

- IT739 Password Control (Revision)
- TGM120 Three Card Poker (Revision)
- TGM415 Blackjack Rules (Revision)
- TGM420 Game Rules All Table Games (Revision)

G. Audit Implementation Review (Q4) - Information Only

The Chair asked Tim Forrest if there was anything he would like to further explain in regard to the Audit Review. Tim Forrest stated, "We were able to close out several of the outstanding issues, and we now only have one issue that is currently outstanding." The Chair asked what the last issue is. Tim Forrest responded, "It is that CNE Marketing and Gaming Commission are working together on updating the SICS for completing the marketing plan and GCR." The Chair requested that the Minutes reflect the information was received.

H. 24-07 Gaming Systems Final Audit Report

The Chair entertained the Motion to authorize release of the 24-07 Gaming Systems Final Audit Report. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

I. 2025 Proposed Commission Meeting Schedule

The Chair stated, "I noticed there is an absence for Catoosa on here." Executive Director Imhoff responded, "Yes. Catoosa is very booked up next year." Commissioner DeLozier commented, "Is there anywhere else we can, have it?" Executive Director Imhoff asked Bear Christenson, "Is there a meeting space at Roland that would be large enough?" Bear Christenson responded, "There is a hotel and meeting spaces, yes." The Chair asked if there were any objections to target April 4th for that location in Roland, and July 25th for Siloam Springs. No objections were announced. The Chair and Commissioner Hull both stated they would be absent from the October 18th meeting. The Chair stated, "We will finish discussing the schedule at a later time." Any questions.

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11.09am.

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 11:34.

Individual 32824, Motion to continue on December 13th meeting in Tahlequah and that was by agreement with the individual. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

X. OPEN SESSION

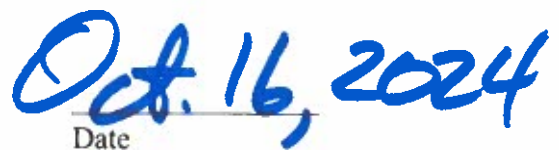
None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried, and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:46am.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date