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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

July 26, 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

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  
Jason Barnes, CNE IT  
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance  
Martin Madewell, CNE Operations  
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal  
Abby Gale Eckert, CNE  
Zachary Nix, CNE Finance

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General  
Jodie Phipps, CNE – IT

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2024**

**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 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 asked for a unanimous ruling on 4:A, 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:**

IV. A: May 31, 2024, Amended Minutes

The Chair stated, “The ruling of The Chair for item IV:A has already been addressed and no action was taken at that time. Asking for unanimous consent to affirm the ruling without objection. Let the minutes reflect the information was provided.”

IV. B: June 28, 2024, Minutes

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the June 28, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions, any debate. Motion passes.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

The Chair asked for the introduction of guests. Jodic Phipps, CNE - IT, introduced himself to the Commissioners.

**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 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-F and VII at 9:48 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 10:26am.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Eight (8) Temporary Permits, Forty-Two (42) Suitability Determinations, and the Twenty-Nine (29) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the One Hundred and Thirty-Six (136) Renewals for August 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## 2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives:

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Four (4) Individual Orders for July 26, 2024. Commissioner Hull 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-One (41) Individual Renewals for August 23, 2024, Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## 3. License Classifications

### 4. A. Executive Director of Accounting & Financial Reporting

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

### B. SVP Asset Management

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

## 5. Proposed Licensing Regulation

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the request for publication. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. 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:

- 53 new electronic game themes (8 Aruze, 17 AGS, 10 Aristocrat, 6 Everi, 2 IGT, 3 Gaming Arts, 1 Bluberi, 4 Ainsworth, and 2 VGT)
- 7 new OS/main programs (4 Aruze, 1 LNW, 1 Everi, and 1 VGT)
- 1 new gaming cabinet (1 Bluberi)
- 1 new gaming component (1 VGT)

Commissioner DeLozier 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 Three (3) Executive Director's Memo approvals previously granted.

- 3 Executive Director approved items (2 CHG and 1 IGT)

Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

## 2. Passport Technology – LUSH

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Passport Technology Products, as listed: The LUSH platform kiosk and management tool. Excluding MIRA. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## 3. Everi Compliance Upgrade

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the installation and implementation of the Everi compliance upgrade. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## 4. Role Based Access Control

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Role Based Access Control as fully discussed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

## C. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the approval previously provided by the Executive Director, as listed in the Memo. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

#### D. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion for Approval to Affirm the Two (2) Calendar Events and Promotions previously granted by the Executive Director and enclosed in the packet. Commissioner DeLozier 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 Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

#### F. System Internal Controls Memo

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the One (1) revision SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

- SEC450 Security Licensing (Revision)

#### G. 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 11.04am.

The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 12:46pm.

#### **X. OPEN SESSION**

Individual 32824, Motion to grant renewal license conditioned upon the individual returning on September 20, 2024, for a hearing and determination and final decision by the Commission. The individual will be allowed to continue working. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Individual 1032129, Motion to grant a continuance to August 23, 2024, at the Commission Meeting in Tahlequah. The suspension will remain in place until August 23, 2024. The continuance is to allow the individual to obtain counsel. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Individual 1042942, Motion to grant a continuance to August 23, 2024, at the Commission Meeting in Tahlequah. The individual will continue to work until that time. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Individual 9107, Motion to deny applicant for license. Commissioner Hull; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier The Motion carried, and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:53pm.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks



Date