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**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

26 August 2022  
Conference Hosted:  
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino, Tahlequah  
3307 Seven Clans Ave  
Tahlequah, Ok. 74464

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

John Sparks, Chairman  
Kendra McGeady, Vice-  
Chairwoman  
Richard Hull, Commissioner  
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Audra Imhoff, Audit Manager  
Mikal Yahola, Clerk  
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst  
Becky Seaton, Gaming Commission Agent

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Bear Christensen, Director of Compliance  
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal  
Kelly Forrest, CNE HR  
Monica Richards, CNE Finance  
Reba Chambers, Compliance Manager  
Angelia Jobe, IT Manager  
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing  
David Ledford, CNE IT  
Erica Martindale, CNB Audit Services  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing

**VISITORS:**

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General  
John Young, Office of the Attorney General

**Candessa Teehee, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council**

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MEETING MINUTES  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present:       Chairman Sparks  
                  Vice-Chairwoman McGeady  
                  Commissioner Hull  
                  Commissioner DeLozier

Absent:         Commissioner O'Leary

Four (4) commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Sparks, the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Agenda. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the Agenda; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Chair then made a Motion to amend the Agenda by changing item D.2. Executive Director's Report to item E. Executive Director's Report. The Chair requested this change be made to all following agendas. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The motion carried to amend the agenda. The Motion carried to approve the Amended Agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the approval of the Minutes. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve the Minutes; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Chair asked if there was any debate to the approval and Commissioner Hull was recognized to speak.

Commissioner Hull noted that there was an error in the minutes on page five (5), item 3, in the second paragraph. The line reads, "... Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier," when it should read, "Seconded by Commissioner Hull."

The Chair entertained a Motion to amend the Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to amend; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion to amend the Minutes as previously stated passed.

Returning to the previous Motion to approve the Minutes, now amended, the Chair called for questions or debate. The Motion to approve the Amended Minutes carried.

#### **V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests.

The Chair made a Motion to table the introduction of guests; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried.

#### **VI. CNE REPORTS:**

Chairman Sparks, next item is the CNE Reports. The Chair entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the CNE Reports. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at approximately 9:41 AM.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. REGULATORY
  - 1. NIGC
- E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., and E. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner McGeady Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 10:43 AM.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Sparks, We are on to item VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

### **A. PERMITS & LICENSES – J. PURCELL**

Executive Director Purcell presented the Permits & Licenses and recommended approval. The following are the Individual Temporary Permits, Individual Suitability Determinations, Orders, and Renewals recommended for approval:

#### **1. EMPLOYEES**

- Forty-nine (49) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Forty-nine (49) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- Forty-two (42) Orders; included two (2) CNGC individuals – Kandance Willyard and David Birdtail.
- One hundred and twenty-nine (129) Renewals; included one (1) CNGC individual – Chairman John Sparks.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Individual Temporary Permits, Individual Suitability Determinations, and Orders. Commissioner Hull made a Motion to approve the forty-nine (49) Individual Temporary Permits, forty-nine (49) Individual Suitability Determinations, and forty-two (42) orders (including CNGC individuals Kandance Willyard and David Birdtail); Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried.

Chairman Sparks abstained from the vote on the Renewals. The Chair recognized Vice-Chair McGeady to entertain a motion to approve the employee recommendations. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to

approve the one hundred and twenty-nine (129) Renewals (including one CNGC individual, Chairman John Sparks); Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

## 2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Director Purcell presented the Vendor and Vendor Representatives and recommended approval. The following are the Individual Orders, Company Renewals, and Individual Renewals as recommended for approval.

- Eight (8) Individual Orders.
- Six (6) Company Renewals.
- Forty-nine (49) Individual Renewals.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations. Commissioner Hull Motioned to approve the eight (8) Individual Orders, six (6) Company Renewals, and forty-nine (49) Individual Renewals; Seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

## B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks recognized Mr. Trumbra to present the EGM Memo.

### 1. EGM MEMO

T. Trumbra presented the EGM Memo to the Commission and recommended approval as submitted; eighteen (18) new electronic game themes, three (3) new main programs/OS, four (4) new gaming components, and two (2) Executive Director approved items.

#### New Electronic Game Themes

- 2 Aristocrat
- 4 Everi
- 1 Novomatic
- 2 Gaming Arts
- 5 AGS
- 1 Empire

- 1 Bluberi
- 2 VGT

New Main Program/OS

- 2 AGS
- 1 Empire

New Gaming Component

- 2 AGS
- 1 VGT
- 1 Bluberi

Executive Director Approved

- 2 Gaming Arts

Commission Hull Motioned to approve the eighteen (18) new electronic game themes, three (3) new main program/OS, four (4) new gaming components, and two (2) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – T.TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks, next item is VIII.C. SICS Memo.

The Chair entertained a motion to affirm the three (3) revised Executive Director approved SICS. The revised SICS were CAG307 Tips and Tip Drops, FNB014 Tip Handling and Reporting, and OP701 Tip Policy. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to approve the revised SICS; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

D. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, moving on to VIII.D. IHP Transfer Request.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the In-House Progressive funds in the amount of \$54,671.91 be moved to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patron. Vice-Chair McGeady made the Motion to approve the transfer of IHP Funds; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

E. 2022 TICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY – A. IMHOFF

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff to present the 2022 TICS Information Technology Report. The report was presented to and accepted by the Commission. No action was taken.

F. 22-06 AP GAMING PROMOTION / PROMOTIONAL BINGO FAR – A. IMHOFF

Chairman Sparks, moving on to VIII.F.

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff to present the FAR. Ms. Imhoff informed the Commission of the two (2) issues found in the audit, one regarding discrepancies on the equipment log, the other regarding a discrepancy of signatures on the bingo prize payout forms. Both issues have been addressed and corrected.

The Chair entertained a Motion to release the FAR dating August 22, 2022. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to release the FAR; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Motion carried.

As a point of order, the Chair asked the Executive Director if there were any reason why the last two points, G. and H., could not be switched and she replied no. The Chair then entertained a Motion to switch the final two points under VIII. From G. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings and H. License Classifications to G. License Classifications and H. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to switch the last two points; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Motion carried.

G. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the License Classifications to the Commission. The proposed changes were to job codes AA2572 and AA2573. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve changes to job code AA2573. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

Executive Director Purcell was recognized and pointed out there were two job codes to be approved. The Chair then amended the Motion to approve both. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the



purpose of considering item VIII.H. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at 11:11 AM.

Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at 11:30 AM.

H. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, & HEARINGS

In regard to Tab one (1), the Chair entertained a Motion to approve the licensure application. Vice-Chair McGeady made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

**IX. Open Session:**

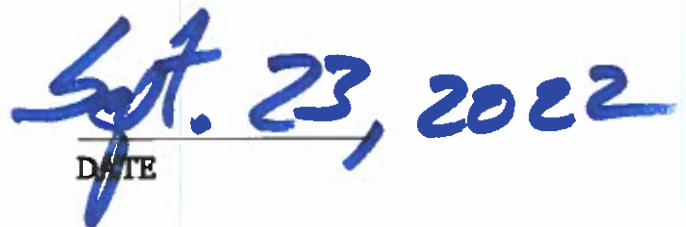
Chairman Sparks spoke about the NCLGS (National Council of Legislators from Gaming States) and suggested CNGC become a member of said organization. He also requested CNGC Commissioners attend the upcoming meeting in the winter.

**X. Adjournment:**

Commissioner Hull made the Motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

  
CHAIRMAN SPARKS

  
DATE