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**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

**December 13, 2024**  
**Chota Center, Cherokee Casino**  
**3307 Seven Clans Ave**  
**Tahlequah, Ok, 74464**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

**John Sparks, Chairman**  
**Linda O’Leary, Commissioner**  
**Frank DeLozier, Commissioner**  
**Dwight Birdwell, Commissioner**  
**Richard Hull, Commissioner**

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

**Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager**  
**Indy Hicks, CNGC IT**  
**Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager**  
**Amy Calico, Executive Assistant**  
**Nicole Robinson, CNGC Licensing**  
**Tim Forrest, Audit Manager**  
**Samantha Chopper, Specialist Projects Analyst**

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:** **Monica Richards, Finance**

**Angelica Jobe, CNE IT**  
**Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing**  
**Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance**  
**BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming**  
**Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing**  
**Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance**  
**Martin Madewell, CNE**  
**Jason Winbolt, CNE Data Analytics**  
**Brian Bork, CNE Marketing**  
**Gary Weddell, CNE Operations**  
**Bear Christenson, CNE Compliance**

**VISITORS:**

**Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General**  
**Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council**  
**Todd Hembree, CNB Legal**

**CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 13, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks  
Commissioner O’Leary  
Commission DeLozier  
Commissioner Birdwell  
Commissioner Hull

Four (5) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established.

**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 O’Leary. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the November 15, 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:**

Director of Corporate Gaming, BJ Harrington.

**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 O’Leary 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 9:38 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 O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:26 am.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Permits & Licenses**

**1. Employees:**

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Forty-Nine (49) Temporary Permits, Sixteen (16) Suitability Determinations and Thirty-Nine (39) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Seventy-Seven (77) Renewals. Commissioner O'Leary 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 Eight (8) Individual Orders for December 13, 2024. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Three (3) Company Renewals and Forty-Nine (49) Individual Renewals for January 10, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

### 3. License Classifications

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

## B. Game & System Approvals

### 1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – K. Vann

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

- 40 new electronic game themes (4 Bluberi, 4 Castle Hill Gaming, 1 Novomatic, 3 Aristocrat, 20 AGS, 2 IGT, 2 Ainsworth, and 4 Aruze)
- 5 new OS/main programs (2 Everi, 1 Novomatic, 1 AGS, and 1 Castle Hill Gaming)
- 2 new gaming cabinets (1 Castle Hill Gaming and 1 Aristocrat)
- 2 Executive Director approved items (2 Aristocrat).

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

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

### 2. Roland Mississippi Stud – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Roland Mississippi Stud. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. CNE Data Lakehouse – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the CNE Data Lakehouse. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Four (4) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

D. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the West Siloam Springs and Catoosa Tournaments enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

E. SICS – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the revision SICS as recommended by the staff. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions. Motion passes.

- PKR008 Player Seating (Revision)
- MMD001 Destruction of Playing Cards (Revision)

F. IHP Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair 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.

G. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

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

**H. Audit Implementation Review (Q1) – T. Forrest**

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

**I. 25-02AP Pari-Mutuel Wagering Final Audit Report – T. Forrest**

The Chair entertained the Motion to release the 25-02AP Pari-Mutual Wagering Final Audit Report. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**J. 2025 Facility License Renewals – K. Vann**

The Chair entertained the Motion to release the Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**K. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – A. Imhoff**

The Chair 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 Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 11:01am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:45am.

Motion to Approve Individual 32824, conditioned upon no further violations or reverse action of pending court dates. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

**OPEN SESSION**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks

Jan. 17, 2025

Date