



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024

4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of Minutes from the May 14th Regular Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business-None
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding Acknowledgement and Voter ID Cards
 - b. Consideration and possible action on amending Commissioner Agreements
 - c. Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

POSTED
5/31/24 2:30 PM

May 31, 2024 by 4:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

I. Call to order

- The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 4:00 P.M.
- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve Commissioner Ballew to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

II. Roll call

- Election Commission Secretary Shawna Calico called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson
Pamela Sellers – Vice Chairperson
Shawna Calico – Secretary/Treasurer
Elizabeth Ballew – By phone
Cheryl Cooper - Commissioner

- Office staff present was: Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell.
- Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.
- Election Commission Investigator Nick Goodwin was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 Regular Meeting. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

(Attachment 1)



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V. Election Director's Report

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

(Attachment 2)

VI. Attorney's Report

- None

VII. Old Business

- None

VIII. Current Items

- Consideration and possible action regarding Acknowledgement and Voter ID Cards. Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper for the Policy Committee to draw up a policy and present it to the Commission. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action on amending Commissioner Agreements. Shawna Calico made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve amending Commissioners Sellers and Ballew's agreement by 15,600. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- Consideration and possible action regarding 2024 Special Election. No Action

IX. Executive Session

- None

X. Action from Executive Session

- None

XI. Announcements

- Early Voting will be Wednesday and Thursday and Election Day is Saturday June 15, 2024.

XII. Adjourn

- Pam Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 4:30 pm. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Shawna Calico, Secretary/Treasurer

Shawna Calico



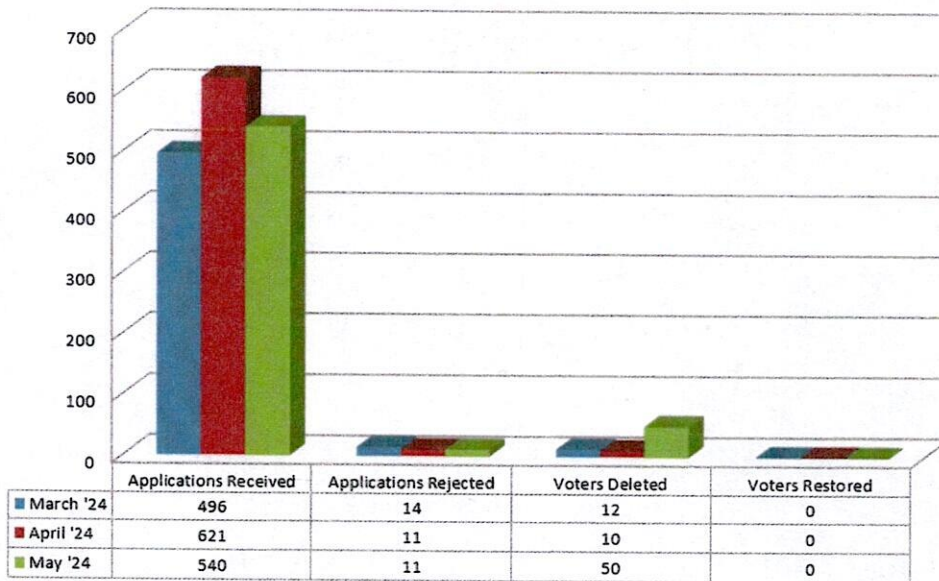
I. OFFICE:

In May the Budget Committee met a couple of times and presented the FY2025 budget to the Commission for approval in May's meeting. That was submitted to Budget Submittals prior to the deadline of May 20th. The Policies Committee met as well. We will continue to meet throughout the summer to work on items in polices that need updating.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 06/03/2024

77,703 Total Registered Voters; 43,382 In-District; 34,321 At-Large

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

12 Total Requisitions were submitted for the office in April.

2 – Supplies

2 – Mailing Cost

1 – Equipment <\$5K

1 – Contracts >\$5K

2 – Contracts <\$5K

4 – Food (Req's were done at the end of May in prep for June Election)

77 – Worker Agreements for May

| District | Precinct | Voters |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Dist No. 1 Hulbert | Hulbert | 1,352 |
| | Okay | 348 |
| | Tahlequah (1) | 1,704 |
| Total for District | | 3,404 |
| Dist No. 2 Tahlequah | Briggs | 277 |
| | Lowrey | 301 |
| | Tahlequah (2) | 2,445 |
| Total for District | | 3,023 |
| Dist No. 3 Tenkiller | Keys | 1,006 |
| | Tahlequah (3) | 1,871 |
| Total for District | | 2,877 |
| Dist No. 4 Three Rivers | Ft. Gibson | 992 |
| | Muskogee | 581 |
| | Warner | 698 |
| Total for District | | 2,271 |
| Dist No. 5 Redbird | Gore | 423 |
| | Sallisaw (5) | 630 |
| | Vian | 1,084 |
| Total for District | | 2,137 |
| Dist No. 6 Sequoyah | Belfonte | 123 |
| | Marble City | 150 |
| | Muldrow | 1,570 |
| | Sallisaw (6) | 1,660 |
| Total for District | | 3,503 |
| Dist No. 7 Flint | Cave Springs | 282 |
| | Chewey | 105 |
| | Stilwell (7) | 2,441 |
| | Westville (7) | 644 |
| Total for District | | 3,472 |
| Dist No. 8 Goingsnake | Bell | 310 |
| | Stilwell (8) | 1,152 |
| | Westville (8) | 525 |
| Total for District | | 1,987 |
| Dist No. 9 Saline | Jay (9) | 658 |
| | Kansas | 1,370 |

| District | Precinct | Voters |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Dist No. 9 Saline | Kenwood | 185 |
| | Salina (9) | 501 |
| Total for District | | 2,714 |
| Dist No. 10 Delaware | Afton | 586 |
| | Grove | 712 |
| | Jay (10) | 906 |
| | Pryor (10) | 535 |
| | Salina (10) | 206 |
| | Spavinaw | 198 |
| Total for District | | 3,143 |
| Dist No. 11 Cooweescoowee - North | S. Coffeyville | 488 |
| | Vinita | 1,946 |
| | Welch | 149 |
| Total for District | | 2,583 |
| Dist No. 12 Cooweescoowee - West | Bartlesville | 1,864 |
| | Nowata | 683 |
| Total for District | | 2,547 |
| Dist No. 13 Gadusi | Catoosa | 353 |
| | Collinsville | 622 |
| | Owasso | 401 |
| | Tulsa | 1,914 |
| Total for District | | 3,290 |
| Dist No. 14 Cooweescoowee - Central | Chelsea | 584 |
| | Claremore (14) | 2,593 |
| | Oologah | 458 |
| Total for District | | 3,635 |
| Dist No. 15 Cooweescoowee - South | Claremore (15) | 921 |
| | Locust Grove | 875 |
| | Pryor (15) | 948 |
| | Salina (15) | 52 |
| Total for District | | 2,796 |
| At Large | At Large | 34,321 |
| Total for District | | 34,321 |
| Grand Total | | 77,703 |



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May - 2024 Directors Report

Precinct official training is completed in May with only 3 to train on the day of election supply pickup. All is prepared for the election day the equipment is ready and election early walk in voting preparation is all done. The absentees in the nail will be processed on Thursday before the election date and scanned on election day. With so few it will not take much time to process them on Saturday.

Redistricting is being looked at and precincts and polling places are being considered once we have everything in place number-wise.

We are ready for the election process.

§22. Registration Process.

B. Cards. The Election Commission Office shall issue Voter Identification Cards to Registered Voters. ~~Whenever possible, the card should be in a picture ID format.~~ The card may be used as a convenient means of identification of person whose names appear on the Voters List.

Currently:

- The Election Commission mails an acknowledgement card to each voter, in district or At Large, once they have registered or updated their information in our system.
- Voter ID cards are mailed out to in district voters within the reservation after our voter registration deadline closes.
- We know by word of mouth that many times these Voter ID cards serve as a reminder to voters that an election is coming up.

Issues:

- The acknowledgement card typically causes confusion with At Large voters making them think they need to call and request an absentee ballot.
- The timeline we mail our Voter ID cards leaves no room to correct any errors on the card.
- We currently do not have the capability to print an updated card even if we correct an error.

Proposed:





- Cease mailing acknowledgement cards. They are not called for in the Election Law.
- Since we know the mailing of these cards serves as a reminder of an upcoming election and we know the Commission wants to continue to mail cards every Election Cycle, we propose to mail Voter ID cards to all Registered Voters including At Large voters. These cards would still be printed by Mid-West, with postage and mailing still being done in house.
- The mailing of these cards would be at the beginning of the Election Cycle and would not only allow for all citizens (not just in district voters) to be reminded of an upcoming election, but would allow the staff to make necessary updates to a voter's registration prior to the March deadline when no changes could take place.
- We would also have the software updates in place to be able to print a Voter ID card in house serving a twofold purpose. First, if the initial voter card mailed out at the beginning of the cycle had an error, we could fix, reprint and send a new one and secondly, anytime a voter submitted a voter registration we could mail them a Voter ID card with their updated information rather than an Acknowledgement Card.

In conclusion, this fulfills the requirements of the Election Law, allows us to eliminate a post card that had caused a great deal of confusion and gives us the ability to print and send our own Voter ID cards when an update is made. Further, we feel this new standard in mailing Voter ID cards to all Registered Voters will better serve all voters.

Cherokee Nation Election Commission

Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:00 PM

| Print Name | Signature |
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| Candessa Terree |  |
| Jessa Hall |  |
| Jordan Penderker |  |
| Sarah Beckler-Dwals |  |
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REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 6-11-24 at 4:00 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty Present / Absent

Pamela Sellers Present / Absent

Shawna Calico Present / Absent

Elizabeth Ballew Present / Absent

Cheryl Cooper Present / Absent

Quorum Established: YES / NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin

CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin

Staff Present: Marcus Fears, Connie Parnell, Kendal Bishop, Charlene Keys

Visitors:

Candessa Sehee _____

Risa Hall _____

Cadey Poindexter _____

Sasha Blackfox-Guallo _____