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## CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

### MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

08 April 2022

Conference Hosted:

Multi-Purpose Room, Hard Rock Hotel and  
Casino, Catoosa, OK

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman

Richard Hull, Commissioner

Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Kendra McGeady, Vice-Chairwoman

### COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director

Samantha Phillips, Gaming Systems Analyst

Tiffany Cochran, Compliance Manager

Mikal Yahola, Clerk

Florence Northington, Licensing Agent

Velma Coon-Santos, Gaming Auditor

Krystle Richey, Gaming Auditor

Chelsey Collins, Special Projects Analyst

### CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Monica Richards, VP of Finance

Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance

Kimberly Pool, Director of Human Resource

Angelia Jobe, Sr. Manager of IT Governance and  
Technology

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations

Paiten Qualls, CNB Legal

Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

### VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General

Johnny Kidwell, 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 9:47 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present:     Chairman Sparks  
              Commissioner Hull  
              Commissioner O'Leary  
              Commissioner DeLozier

Absent:       Vice-Chairwoman McGeady

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Sparks, the first item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda.  
Commissioner Hull motions to approve the agenda; seconded by  
Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.  
Commissioner O'Leary exited the meeting after the approval of agenda.  
Quorum was still maintained.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Sparks, the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Minutes  
as they've been distributed.  
Commissioner Hull motions to approve the Minutes; Seconded by  
Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

## V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the introduction of guests.

Chairman Sparks asked all guests to stand and introduce themselves. Introductions were made by attendees from Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation (CN), Cherokee Nation Business (CNB), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) and guests.

## VI. CNE REPORTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is 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 9:51 A.M.

### A. FINANCIAL REPORT

### B. FACILITIES REPORT

### C. LITIGATION

### D. REGULATORY

#### 1. NIGC

#### 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., and D. were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. Commissioner Hull motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at 10:20 A.M.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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Chairman Sparks, Next item is the New Business, in particular A. Permits and Licenses.

### A. PERMITS & LICENSES – F. NORTHINGTON

Florence Northington presented the Permits & Licenses. To start, she offered a correction to the meeting packet and stated there were one hundred thirty-six (136) Employee Renewals for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, not six (6) as was previously distributed. Following the correction, she recommended approval of the employee permits and licenses.

#### 1. EMPLOYEES

- Fifty (50) Individual Temporary Permits
- Twenty-eight (28) Individual Suitability Determinations
- Twenty (20) Orders
- One hundred thirty-six (136) Renewals; including six (6) CNGC individuals; Jeannie Bunch, Heather Cain, Margarita Hernandez, Patricia Knecht, Rhonda Starr, and Erica Waeltz-Carter

Commissioner Hull made a motion to approve the fifty (50) individual temporary permits, twenty-eight (28) suitability determinations, twenty (20) orders, and one hundred thirty-six (136) renewals as submitted; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion Carried.

#### 2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

Florence Northington presented the Vendor and Vendor Representatives and recommended approval. The following are the individual vendor orders, company renewals, and individual renewals.

- Ten (10) Individual Orders
- Five (5) Company Renewals
- Thirty-four (34) Individual Renewals

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to approve the ten (10) individual orders, five (5) company renewals, and thirty-four (34) individual renewals; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. COCHRAN

Chairman Sparks, let's move on to VIII. B. Game & System Approvals, in particular the EGM Memo. Tiffany Cochran presented the EGM Memo to the commission and recommended approval.

1. EGM MEMO

Tiffany Cochran presented the EGM Memo and recommended approval as submitted; seventeen (17) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, one (1) new gaming cabinet modification, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and one (1) Executive Director approved items for Affirmation of Executive Director's approval.

Electronic Game Themes

- 1 IGT
- 6 Scientific Games
- 2 Aristocrat
- 2 Gaming Arts
- 3 AGS
- 3 Bluberi

New Main Program/OS

- 1 Bluberi

New Gaming Cabinet Modification

- 1 VGT

New Gaming Cabinet

- 2 Bluberi

Executive Director Approvals

- 1 Scientific Games

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve the seventeen (17) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program, one (1) new gaming cabinet modification, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and Affirmation of one (1) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – T. COCHRAN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to C. SICS Memo.

Based upon CNGC review, CNGC Compliance recommended approval for six (6) revised SICS as listed in the memo. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion to approve the SICS Memo; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – AFFIRMATION OF APPROVAL MEMO – T. COCHRAN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to the promotions.

Tiffany Cochran presented the Promotions Memo. CNGC recommended Affirmation of Executive Director's approval of the two (2) new Catoosa promotions, one (1) revised Catoosa promotions, one (1) new Corporate promotion, and one (1) canned/revised Corporate promotion.

Motion to affirm the Executive Directors prior approval of items as listed in the memo was made by Commissioner DeLozier; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

E. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – T. COCHRAN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to item E. IHP Transfer Request Memo.

Tiffany Cochran presented and recommended approval for the transfer of retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds for the direct benefit of E-Games patrons.

Commissioner Hull made the motion to approve the transfer of IHP funds; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

F. 2022 TICS PARI-MUTUEL REPORT – VELMA COON-SANTOS

Chairman Sparks, on to F. the TICS Pari-Mutuel Report.

Velma Coon-Santos presented the Report to the Commission. The information was provided to and received by the Commission. No action was

taken; information only.

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G. 22-03 AP COMPLIMENTARIES FAR – VELMA COON-SANTOS

Chairman Sparks, next item is G.

Velma Coon-Santos presented the 22-03 AP Complimentaries FAR to the Commission. Coon-Santos requested approval to release the findings in the FAR. Commissioner Hull made the motion to approve the release of the 22-03 AP Complimentaries FAR to the NIGC and Cherokee Nation; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion Carried.

H. 22-04 AP CAGE AND CASINO INSTRUMENTS FAR – KRYSTLE RICHEY

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Chairman Sparks, Now on to H. 22-04 AP Cage and Casino Instruments FAR. Krystle Richey presented the Cage and Casino Instruments FAR and requested approval of the release of the FAR. Commissioner DeLozier made the motion approve the release of the 22-04 AP Cage and Casino Instruments FAR to the NIGC and Cherokee Nation; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

I. IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOW-UP MEMO (Q2) – KRYSTLE RICHEY

Chairman Sparks, We are now on to I. Implementation Follow-Up Memo. Krystle Richey presented the memo to the Commission. Executive Director Purcell asked for clarification on the process. Krystal proceeded to explain the follow-up process for implementation. She noted that the green highlighted issues are complete and all others have not been completed. The other issues are waiting on a memo from the Attorney General's office to complete.

The information was received by the commission and no action was taken.

J. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, AND HEARINGS

Chairman Sparks, Next item is J. Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Hull motioned to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at 10:55 AM.

Commissioner Hull motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner

