# AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 9:30 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the December 5th Regular Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business-N/A
- VIII. Current Items
  - a. Consideration and possible action on redistricting
  - b. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General 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

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By December 23, 2024, 9:30 AM Cherokee Nation Election Office 17763 S. Muskogee Ave Tahlequah, OK 74464 Chairperson, Rick Doherty

Posted by:

#### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 9:30am

#### I. Call to order

a. The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:30am

## II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary

- a. Sherry Reynolds made a motion which was seconded by Elizabeth Ballew to allow Commissioner Cheryl Cooper to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty - Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson by phone

Pamela Sellers - Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew - Commissioner

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

Office Staff - Connie Parnell

#### III. Approval of Minutes

a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

#### IV. Administrator's Report

a. Marcus was out on leave and Commissioner Doherty read the Administrators Report. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. (Attachment 1)

### V. <u>Election Director's Report</u>

a. Connie reported on new voting locations and getting the new voter ID cards in the mail. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. (Attachment 2)

### VI. Attorney's Report

a. N/A

#### VII. Old Business

a. None

#### VIII. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on redistricting.
  - i. No Action
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
  - i. Connie reported that the Precinct Official Training schedule is ready and the computers in the back office are set up for data entry workers. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to table the forms handed out to allow Commissioners to review them. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

#### IX. <u>Executive Session</u>

a. None

### X. Action from Executive Session

a. N/A

#### XI. Announcements

a. Marcus will be back in the office Monday.

#### XII. Adjourn

a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to adjourn at 9:47am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Marcus Fears Administrator fears-marcus@cherokee.org

#### I. OFFICE:

At the start of December, we began preparing Candidate Packets. They were made available for in-person pick-up or by mail on December 6<sup>th</sup> and contain the necessary information and forms required for a Candidate to file for office. Filing will be February 3, 4, 5 & 6 to from 8am to 5pm here at the Election Commission and as a reminder, Candidates must file in-person. December 7<sup>th</sup> is the date that Candidates can begin accepting Contributions. When reviewing Candidate Financial reports, no contributions or expenditures can come before this date.

### II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 12/27/2024

79,149 Total Registered Voters; 42,164 In-District; 36,985 At-Large

#### **Voter Registration Statistics** 500 450 400 350 300 250 200 150 100 50 0 Applications Applications Voters Deleted Voters Restored Received Rejected October '24 493 13 141 0 November '24 297 4 124 0 December '24 28 23 7

#### A. Statistical Report:

\*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

#### III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

1 Total Requisition in December.

| District                  | Precinct                        | V-01-0-10 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Dist No. 1                | Hulbert D-1                     | Voter:    |
|                           | Okay D-1                        | 1,69      |
|                           | Tahlequah B D-1 Seq. Cafeteria  | 33        |
| <b>Total for District</b> | Tantoquali B B 1 Seq. Caleteria | 1,40      |
| Dist No. 2                | Till                            | 3,430     |
| 2.00.1101 2               | Tahlequah A D-2 west Comm Bldg  | 1,53      |
| Total for District        | Tahlequah B D-2 Seq Cafeteria   | 1,16      |
|                           |                                 | 2,692     |
| Dist No. 3                | Keys D-3                        | 1,016     |
|                           | Marble City D-3                 | 1,402     |
|                           | Tahlequah B D-3 Seq Cafeteria   | 852       |
| Total for District        |                                 | 3,270     |
| Dist No. 4                | Et Cibson D 4                   | 5/2/0     |
|                           | Ft. Gibson D-4<br>Vian D-4      | 1,396     |
|                           | Warner D-4                      | 779       |
| Total for District        | waiter D-4                      | 854       |
|                           |                                 | 3,029     |
| Dist No. 5                | Owasso D-5                      | 509       |
|                           | Tulsa D-5                       | 1,049     |
| Total for District        |                                 | 1,558     |
| Dist No. 6                | Muldrow D-6                     | 1,048     |
|                           | Roland D-6                      | 372       |
|                           | Sallisaw D-6                    | 1,488     |
| Total for District        |                                 | 2,908     |
| Dist No. 7                | Belfonte D-7                    |           |
|                           | Dahlonegah D-7                  | 309       |
|                           | Stilwell D-7                    | 643       |
| Total for District        |                                 | 3,125     |
| Dist No. 8                |                                 | 4,077     |
| DIST NO. 8                | Briggs D-8                      | 1,462     |
|                           | Kansas D-8                      | 687       |
| Total for District        | Westville D-8                   | 1,098     |
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| Dist No. 9                | Adair D-9                       | 973       |
|                           | Jay D-9                         | 617       |
|                           | Kenwood D-9                     | 1,572     |
| Total for District        |                                 | 3,162     |

| District                               | Precinct                 | Voters |
|--|--------------------------|--------|
| Dist No. 10                            | Afton D-10               | 581    |
|  | Grove D-10               | 699    |
|  | Jay D-10                 | 905    |
|  | West Siloam Springs D-10 | 257    |
| Total for District                     |                          | 2,442  |
| Dist No. 11                            | Nowata D-11              | 2/772  |
|  |                          | 927    |
|  | S. Coffeyville D-11      | 627    |
|  | Vinita D-11              | 1,293  |
| Total for District                     | Welch D-11               | 164    |
| Total for District                     |                          | 3,011  |
| Dist No. 12                            | Bartlesville D-12        | 1.654  |
|  | Collinsville D12         | 1,654  |
| Total for District                     |                          | 358    |
| Dist No. 13                            | 0.1                      | 2,012  |
| 5.5c No. 15                            | Catoosa D-13             | 464    |
|  | Claremore D-13           | 56     |
| Total for District                     | Owasso D-13              | 2,169  |
| otal for District                      |                          | 2,689  |
| Dist No. 14                            | Chelsea D-14             | 567    |
|  | Claremore D-14           | 1,727  |
| Total for District                     |                          | 2,294  |
| Dist No. 15                            | Justus Tiawah D-15       |        |
|  | Locust Grove D-15        | 465    |
|  | Pryor D-15               | 764    |
| otal for District                      |                          | 1,108  |
| t Large                                |                          | 2,337  |
| Total for District                     | At Large                 | 36,985 |
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| rand Total                             |                          | 79,149 |



## Cherokee Nation Election Commission

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### December - 2024 Directors Report

Finished working on the unassigned address and filled out a spread sheet for CSA to add all the new streets and extend the current streets to assign the voters total amount is 3 85. Put the books together for the Commission, which contains dates of trainings. Included names and numbers of past workers and notations of those that are not working out at the precincts.

Getting ready to send out the letters to the 07 and U-25 voters voting in district that their polling location has changed or was deleted. This will allow them 90 days to send the letter back with their choice. We are receiving responses from the voters. Also receiving undeliverable returned to the Election Commission. They are being processed and continuing to reach out to them for their response. Some are deceased.

Took the files to Sapulpa on December 18 to produce the mass of voter ID cards to mail out to all the voters.

# **CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING** 

\_\_\_SPECIAL MEETING

| ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED                              | BY: Rick Doherty                         |
|---|--|
| MEETING DATE: Jan. at_                                    | 2 AMPM at the CNEC Office                |
| Commission Member: Present/Abs                            | ent                                      |
| Rick Doherty  | Present/Absent                           |
| Pamela Sellers  | Present Absent                           |
| Elizabeth Ballew  | Present/Absent                           |
| Cheryl Cooper   | Present/Absent By Phone                  |
| Sherry Reynolds   | Present/Absent                           |
| Quorum Established:                                       | YES NO                                   |
| CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin                             |  |
| Staff Present: ☐ Marcus Fears, ☐ Conn<br>☐ Allison George | ie Parnell, Kendal Bishop, Charlene Keys |
|   |  |
| Visitors:   |  |
| None  |  |
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