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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

May 3, 2024
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tablequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Interim – Executive Director
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming System Analyst
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Kandance Willyard, Gaming Licensing Agent
Velma Coon-Santos, CNGC Audit
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Shandie Hughes, Gaming Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: Monica Richards, Finance

Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
Jennifer Provence, CNE Marketing
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance
Mitch Moren, CNB Audit
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Tim Branham, CNE – IT
Jason Barnes, CNE IT
Bear Christensen, CNE Compliance
Brian Bork, CNE Marketing
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Chad Harsha, CN Office of the Attorney General

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Commissioner Sparks
Commissioner Hull
Commissioner O'Leary
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell

Four (4) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established. Commissioner O'Leary arrived during Executive Director Reports.

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 DeLozier. The Motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the April 5, 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:

The Chair asked for the introduction of guests. Audra Imhoff introduced Cody Quetone as new Licensing Manager. Attorney General Chad Harsha was also introduced.

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 Hull 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-G and VII at 9:43 am.

- A. Financial
- B. Facilities
- C. Project Fusion Updates
- D. Modern Data Warehouse
- E. Litigation
- F. Compacts
- G. NIGC

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item VI.A-G were received in Executive Session and no action was taken. The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:17am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees:

The Chair stated he will separate into three parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Thirty-Four (34) Temporary Permits and Thirty-Five (35) Suitability Determinations. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Forty-Nine (49) Orders. Commissioner Birdwell stated that he will be abstaining from the vote. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the One Hundred and Thirty-Three (133) Renewals for June 2024. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. 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 Six (6) Individual Orders for May 3, 2024. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate.

Motion passes. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve One (1) Company Renewals for May 31, 2024, and the Fourteen (14) Individual Renewals for May 31, 2024. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

A. End User Computing Analyst

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

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – T. Trumbla

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

- 42 new electronic game themes (9 VGT, 5 Aristocrat, 7 Everi, 2 Gaming Arts, 5 AGS, 10 IGT, and 4 LNW)
- 3 new OS/main programs (1 LNW and 2 Eclipse)
- 12 Executive Director approved items (3 Aristocrat, 1 IGT, and 8 VGT)

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

The Chair entertained Second Motion to Affirm the Twelve (12) Executive Director’s Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

2. Lowball Poker- Rack Card – Tristan Trumbla

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the Lowball Poker Rack Card. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes. The Chair asked Tristan Trumbla if this game was new or a revised game. Tristan Trumbla stated that it is new.

3. Passport Technology – Tristan Trumbla

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any question; any debate. Motion Passes.

4. Roland – Blazing 7s Felt – Tristan Trumbla

The Chair entertained the Motion to Affirm the previously provided approval. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion for Approval or Affirmation of the Two (2) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion passes.

D. 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 DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

E. System of Internal Controls – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Two (2) revisions SICS as recommended by the staff. The Chair entertains a Motion to approve the revised SICS. Commissioner O’Leary makes the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. Motion passes.

- CAG175 Cage Access Log (Revision)
- CAG208 Bad Ticket Log (Revision)

F. 24-04AP Cage & Casino Instruments FAR - V. Coon-Santos

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Audit for release. Commissioner O’Leary; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

G. 2024 CNE TICS Mid-Year Gaming Funds Verification – Information Only

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.

H. 2024 CNE TICS Pari-Mutuel Wagering – Information Only

The Chair requested unanimous consent to reflect that the information was provided and received without objection.

I. 2024 CNE TICS Table Games Review - Information Only

The Chair requested unanimous consent to reflect that the information was provided and received without objection.

J. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – K. Willyard

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 10:46am.

The Chair entertains the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 12:07pm.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to deny regarding Individual 1029271. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to grant license regarding Individual 27387. License based on certain conditions and reset for hearing on August 23, 2024. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motion to deny regarding Individual 25750. Commissioner DeLozier; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

Motin to grant license regarding Individual 1053907. License conditioned upon no further offenses. Commissioner Hull; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertains the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:12pm.

Approval of Minutes:



Chairman Sparks

May 31, 2024
Date