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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

11 March 2022
Conference Hosted:
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino, Tahlequah
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok. 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Richard Hull, Commissioner
Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director
Samantha Phillips, Gaming Systems Analyst
Mikal Yahola, Clerk
Kyle Sourjohn, Compliance Agent
Florence Northington, Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT: (telephonically)

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations
Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance
Monica Richards, VP of Finances

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General
Paiten Qualls, CNB Legal
Candessa Teehee, 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 9:57 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commissioner Hull
Commissioner DeLozier

Absent: Commissioner O'Leary
Commissioner McGeady

Three (3) 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 DeLozier. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Sparks, the next item is the approval of the Minutes as previously 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), and guests.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the CNE Reports. Commissioner DeLozier motions to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at 10:00 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 10:29 A.M.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sparks, Now on item VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

- A. PERMITS & LICENSES – F. NORTHINGTON

Florence Northington presented the Permits & Licenses and recommended approval.

1. EMPLOYEES

- Fifty-three (53) Individual Temporary Permits
- Twenty-one (21) Individual Suitability Determinations
- Forty (40) Orders
- One hundred twenty-nine (129) Renewals; included two (2) CNGC employees; Audra Imhoff and Brenda Mock.

Commissioner DeLozier made a motion to approve the fifty-three (53) individual temporary permits, twenty-one (21) suitability determinations, forty (40) orders, and one hundred twenty-nine (129) renewals as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Hull. 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.

Chairman Sparks requested Commissioner Hull to assume Chair duties for this presentation and Commissioner requested information on the matter from Licensing Agent Northington.

- Two (2) Company Orders
- Thirty (30) Individual Orders
- Eleven (11) Company Renewals
- Seventy-nine (79) Individual Renewals

Chairman Sparks motioned to approve the two (2) company orders, thirty (30) individual orders, eleven (11) company renewals, and seventy-nine (79) individual renewals; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

Chairman Sparks reassumed the Chairmanship.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – K. SOURJOHN

Chairman Sparks, we're now on to VIII. B. Game & System Approvals, in particular the EGM Memo. Kyle Sourjohn presented the EGM Memo to the commission and recommended approval.

1. EGM MEMO – K. SOURJOHN

Kyle Sourjohn presented the EGM Memo and recommended approval as submitted; twenty-nine (29) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program, one (1) new game client, three (3) new gaming component, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and six (6) Executive Director approved items for affirmation of Executive Director's approval.

Electronic Game Themes

- 5 IGT
- 2 Scientific Games
- 2 Aristocrat
- 2 Empire
- 3 Gaming Arts
- 3 VGT
- 2 Ainsworth
- 4 Everi
- 3 AGS
- 1 Novomatic
- 2 Konami

New Main Program/OS

- 1 Gaming Arts

New Game Client

- 1 VGT

New Gaming Component

- 2 Gaming Arts
- 1 VGT

New Gaming Cabinet

- 1 Ainsworth
- 1 Scientific Gaming

Executive Director Approvals

- 5 Aristocrat
- 1 Scientific Games

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve the twenty-nine (29) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program, one (1) new game client, three (3) new gaming component, two (2) new gaming cabinets, and affirmation of six (6) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried.

2 WSS FOOD HALL MOMENTO CHIPS – AFFIRMATION

Chairman Sparks, Next is VIII. B. 2. The food hall momento chips affirmation. Present for Ms. Cochran is Kyle Sourjohn. The Chair entertained a motion to affirm the Executive Directors prior approval. Commissioner Hull made the motion to affirm said approval; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The motion carried.

The Chair posed a request for more information from Mr. Sourjohn who presented a quick overview of the promotion. To commemorate the opening of the new West Siloam Springs (WSS) Food Hall, Marketing will be offering “promotional chips” in framed cases to VIP guests at the time of the event. Mr. Sourjohn noted this promotion has been previously approved and the chip itself cannot be used for gaming and has no cash value.

Mr. Sourjohn presented examples of the Food Hall Momento chips.

C. SICS MEMO – K. SOURJOHN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to VIII. C. SICS Memo.

Based upon CNGC review, CNGC Compliance recommended approval for one (1) new SICS and four (4) 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 MEMO – K. SOURJOHN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to item D. Promotions Memo and the items contained therein.

Kyle Sourjohn presented the Promotions Memo for Ms. Cochran. CNGC recommended affirmation of the one (1) new Catoosa promotion, three (3) revised Catoosa promotions, and three (3) new corporate promotions as

previously approved by the Executive Director.

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

E. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO - K. SOURJOHN

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

Kyle Sourjohn 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 TABLE GAMES REPORT – J. PURCELL

Chairman Sparks, now on to VIII. F. the Table Games Report. Chairman noted Ms. Imhoff absent. Executive Director Purcell for Ms. Imhoff stated the Table Games Report to the Commission was for informational purposes only, there was not a finding. The information was provided to and received by the Commission and no action was taken.

G. PRIZE CLAIM INVESTIGATION HEARING – K. SOURJOHN

Chairman Sparks, On to G. There is a prize claim investigation hearing. Executive session was requested and the Chair entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier and the commission entered Executive Session at 10:49 A.M. to hear evidence and testimony on the Claimant's Petition. The Commission exited Executive Session at 11:30AM. The motion to exit Executive session was made by Commissioner DeLozier; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

The investigation hearing of Item G, Tab 1, being completed, there was a Motion made to Deny the Individual Petition to Reverse the Denial of the Prize Claim which found that the Claimant did not have a bad beat by Commissioner DeLozier; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The motion carried.

IX. Open Session:

None

X. Adjournment:

Commissioner Hull motioned to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.
The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

Approval of Minutes:



CHAIRMAN SPARKS



DATE