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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

September 23, 2022

Conference Hosted:

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman

Kendra McGeady, Vice-Chairwoman

Richard Hull, Commissioner

Frank DeLozier, Commissioner

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director

Mikal Yahola, Clerk

Audra Imhoff, Audit Manager

Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst

Chelsey Collins, Special Projects Analyst

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations

Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance

Paiten Taylor-Qualls, CNB Legal

Elisa Perryman, Direct Operations Accounting

Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance

Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance

Mitch Moren, CNB Audit

VISITORS:

Johnny Kidwell, CN Tribal Council

Gregory Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:53 AM.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mikal Yahola called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Vice-Chairwoman McGeady
Commissioner Hull
Commissioner DeLozier
Commissioner O'Leary

All five (5) commissioners were present and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Sparks, the third item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hull motions to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Sparks, the next item is the approval of the Minutes. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner DeLozier motioned to approve the minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. 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 Entertainment (CNE), Cherokee Nation Business (CNB), Cherokee Nation (CN), and guests.

VI. CNE REPORTS:

Chairman Sparks, next item is the CNE Reports. Commissioner O'Leary motions to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session at approximately 9:59 AM.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. REGULATORY
 - 1. NIGC
- E. COMPACTS
- F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The reports under item VI. A., B., C., D., E., and F. 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 approximately 10:45 AM.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Having no points under VII. Old Business, no action was taken and the Commission moved on to VIII. New Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sparks, We are on to item VIII. A. Permits and Licenses.

A. PERMITS & LICENSES – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the Permits & Licenses and requested they all be taken up together. Executive Director Purcell also noted that there is a request for an Affirmation of Executive Director approval on two (of the three) license renewals.

The following are the Individual Temporary Permits, Individual Suitability Determinations, Orders, and Renewals recommended for approval:

1. EMPLOYEES

- One hundred thirty-six (136) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Four (4) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- Seventy-four (74) Orders
- Three (3) Renewals

The approvals for employee permits and licenses were taken in two votes.

The Chair entertained a Motion for the Affirmation of Executive Director Approval of two (2) CNE employee renewals. Vice-Chairwoman McGeady made the Motion to approve the Affirmation of Approval for two (2) Renewals; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair recognized Mr. Christensen to give more details on the Executive Director Approved renewals. There were no further questions or debate. The Motion carried.

The Chair then entertained a motion to approve the one hundred thirty-six (136) Temporary Permits, four (4) Suitability Determinations, seventy-four (74) Orders, and one (1) Renewal. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion Carried.

2. VENDOR AND VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Director Purcell presented the Vendor and Vendor Representatives and recommended approval. The following are the Individual Orders, Company Renewals, and Individual Renewals recommended for approval.

- Eight (8) Individual Orders
- Sixteen (16) Company Renewals
- Eighty-six (86) Individual Renewals

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve one hundred and five (105) companies and eight hundred and seven (807) individuals. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

Executive Director Purcell was recognized and asked the Motion be changed to approve eight (8) individual orders, sixteen (16) company renewals, and eighty-six (86) individual renewals. As a point of order, Chairman Sparks requested the Commissioners withdraw their first Motion. The Motion was withdrawn without objection.

The Chair then entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendations on the eight (8) individual orders, sixteen (16) company renewals, and eighty-six (86) individual renewals. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary.

The Chair posed a question to clarify the difference between the eight (8) Class A individual vendors and the eighty-six (86) Class A individual vendors. Executive Director Purcell confirmed that the eight (8) Class A individual vendors are requesting new licenses and the eighty-six (86) Class A individual vendors are requesting license renewals.

There were no following questions or debate. The Motion carried.

B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Chairman Sparks, recognized Tristan Trumbla to present item B. Game and System Approvals.

1. AUGUST 26TH EGM MEMO (AFFIRMATION OF APPROVAL)

T. Trumbla presented the August 26th EGM Memo to the Commission and recommended affirmation of the Executive Director's prior approval as submitted; twelve (12) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, one (1) new gaming component, one (1) gaming cabinet, and nine (9) Executive Director approved items for affirmation of the Executive Director's approval.

New Electronic Game Themes

- 5 AGS
- 1 Novomatic
- 2 Gaming Arts
- 2 Everi
- 1 Bluberi
- 1 Aruze

New Main Program/OS

- 1 Aruze

New Gaming Component

- 1 AGS

New Gaming Cabinet

- 1 Aruze

Executive Director Approvals

- 5 VGT
- 1 IGT
- 1 Aristocrat
- 2 Konami

Commissioner Hull Motioned to approve the twelve (12) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, one (1) new gaming components, one (1) new gaming cabinet, and nine (9) Executive Director approved items; Seconded by Vice-Chairwoman McGeady.

The Chair recognized Mr. Trumbula to speak. He commented that the EGM Memo that was voted on last month was incorrect and that this is the correct memo that should have been voted on at the August 26th, 2022 CNGC meeting. The memo in question has been entirely Executive Director approved and the employees request the Commission give affirmation of that prior approval.

The Chair then asked that the previous Motion be withdrawn and Commissioner Hull withdrew it.

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the Executive Directors Approval of the schedule of products on the memo dated August 26, 2022.

Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion as stated; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

2. EGM MEMO

T. Trumbla presented the EGM Memo dated September 23, 2022 to the Commission and recommended approval as submitted; twenty-nine (29) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, two (2) new gaming components, one (1) new gaming cabinet, and affirm seven (7) Executive Director approved items.

New Electronic Game Themes

- 4 Novomatic
- 1 Everi
- 21 AGS
- 3 Ainsworth

New Main Program/OS

- 1 Everi

New Gaming Component

- 2 AGS

New Gaming Cabinet

- 1 Novomatic

Executive Director Approvals

- 1 Scientific Games
- 6 IGT

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the twenty-nine (29) new electronic game themes, one (1) new main program/OS, two (2) new gaming components, one (1) new gaming cabinet, and affirm seven (7) Executive Director approved items. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried.

3. PEOPLESOFT FINANCIALS 9.2/TOOLS 8.59/PUM 43 UPGRADE (AFFIRMATION OF APPROVAL)

T. Trumbla presented Item VIII.B.3. to the Commission and requested the item receive affirmation of the Executive Director's approval.

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the prior approval of item VIII.B.3. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

The Chair posed a question to Mr. Trumbla regarding the details of the upgrade. M. Trumbla reported there were no further details to expand on beyond what was given in the meeting packets.

There were no further questions or debate. The Motion carried.

C. SICS MEMO – C. COLLINS

Chairman Sparks recognized Chelsey Collins to present the SICS Memo to the Commission. Ms. Collins presented item VIII.C. and requested affirmation of prior approval of the Executive Director of the CNE System of Internal Controls as listed. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion as stated; Seconded by Vice-Chair McGeady. The Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – C. COLLINS

Ms. Collins presented item VIII.D. to the Commission and requested approval of the employee recommendation.

CNGC requested approval of the items listed under Cherokee Casinos as well as affirmation of items that were previously approved by the Executive Director.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the recommended promotions and affirm the Executive Directors approval. Commissioner Hull made the motion; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – C. COLLINS

Ms. Collins was recognized to present item VIII.E. Tournaments. CNGC employees recommended affirmation of the Executive Director's prior approval.

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Executive Director's prior approval. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

F. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J.PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the IHP Transfer Request Memo to the Commission and recommended approval.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the In-House Progressive funds in the amount of \$29,308.06 be moved to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patrons. Vice-Chair McGeady made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

G. 2022 TICS DROP AND COUNT REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY

The Chair recognized Audra Imhoff to present item VIII.G. to the Commission. The report was informational only. The report was received by the Commission and no action was taken regarding the item.

H. 22-07 AP GAMING SYSTEMS FAR

The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff to present item VIII.H. to the Commission. CNGC employees requested approval to release the 22-07 AP Gaming Systems FAR. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the release of the Gaming Systems FAR dated September 23rd, 2022. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

I. 2022-2023 AUDIT PLAN

Chairman Sparks, moving on to item VIII.I. The Chair recognized Ms. Imhoff to present the item. CNGC employees presented and requested approval for the 2022-2023 Audit Plan.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the 2022=2023 Audit Plan as summarized in the memo included in the meeting packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried.

J. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, AND HEARINGS

None.

IX. Open Session:

None.

X. Adjournment:

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to adjourn at 11:40 AM; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:



CHAIRMAN PARKS



DATE