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**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION**

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

15 October 2021  
Conference Hosted:  
Multi-Purpose Room, Hard Rock Hotel &  
Casino, Catoosa, Ok.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner  
(Absent)

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Tiffany Cochran, Compliance Manager  
Audra Imhoff, Audit Manager  
Samantha Phillips, Gaming Agent  
Heather Cain, Licensing Agent  
Florence Northington, Licensing Agent

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance  
Jennifer Provence, VP of Corp. Casino Marketing  
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal  
Donald Childers, VP Surveillance and Loss Prevention  
Joshua Anderson, Director of Surveillance and Technology  
Mitch Moren, Sr. Audit Manager  
Reba Chambers, Compliance Manager

**VISITORS:**

Greg Calvert, Office of the Attorney General

**CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**15 October 2021**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman John Sparks called the meeting to order at approximately 9:53 A.M.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Present:     Chairman Sparks  
              Commissioner Hull  
              Commissioner McGeady  
              Commissioner DeLozier

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Absent:       Commissioner O'Leary

A quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Sparks stated, the next item on the Agenda is the Approval of the Agenda.”  
Commissioner McGeady motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hull.  
Motion carried.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve the 29 September 2021 Gaming Commission meeting Minutes; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Introductions were made by attendees from the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE), Cherokee Nation Businesses (CNB), Cherokee Nation (CN), and guests.

## **VI. CNE REPORTS**

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Commissioner McGeady motioned to enter into Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. to discuss items VI. A-D. The motion was seconded by Commission DeLozier. Motion carried.

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT
- B. FACILITIES REPORT
- C. LITIGATION
- D. REGULATORY

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Commissioner Hull motioned to exit the Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

Chairman Sparks stated the Commissioners will take a (14) minute break and the meeting will resume at 10:55 a.m.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PERMITS & LICENSES – F. Northington

Florence Northington presented the following individual temporary permits, individual suitability determinations, license orders, individual renewals and recommended approval

### 1. Employees

- Fifty-one (51) Individual(s) for Temporary Permits
- Thirty-seven (37) Individual(s) for Suitability Determinations
- Forty-one (41) License Order
- One hundred fifty-three (153) Renewals including three (3) CNGC individuals – Stacy Abad, Krystle Richey, Janice Waters-Purcell

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to approve as submitted temporary permits, suitability determinations, license orders and renewals; Seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

## 2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

Florence Northington presented the following vendor company orders, Individual orders, company renewals, individual renewals and recommended approval

- Four (4) Company orders for 15 October 2021
- Fifty (50) Individuals orders for 15 October 2021
- Four (4) Company Renewals 12 November 2021
- Thirty-eight (38) Individual Renewals 12 November 2021

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve as submitted Company orders, Individual orders, Company Renewals and Individual Renewals: seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

## B. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. COCHRAN

### 1. EGM Memo- T. Cochran

Tiffany Cochran presented the EGM Memo; 4 new electronic game themes and 5 items that received Executive Director Approval SG Gaming 3 items approved by Executive Director on 9 October 2021, Konami 1 theme approved by Executive Director on 16 October 2021 and 1 IGT theme approved by Executive Director 1 October 2021 and recommended approval

#### Electronic Game Themes

- Gaming Arts 1
- Ainsworth 3

#### Platforms

- Empire 1

#### Executive Director Approved Items

- Scientific Games 3
- Konami 1
- IGT 1

Commissioner McGeady motioned to approve listed items; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

## 2. WSS Poker Felt - T. Cochran

Tiffany Cochran presented the WSS Poker Felt and recommended approval. Tiffany stated Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) has requested approval for new felt for the West Siloam Springs (WSS) property.

Question by Chairman Sparks asking Tiffany to explain details of the Poker felt. Tiffany stated that WSS has requested approval for a new felt. The felt will be provided by Avalon Gaming, a class A CNGC licensed vendor. The new gray felt will be utilized in the WSS Poker room. Chairman Sparks ask if it is a design change. Tiffany stated it is a color change only, no design change. Chairman Sparks ask if it's easier to see what is accruing from surveillance. Tiffany states it's about the same but you are able to see the poker chips better.

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to approve WSS Poker Felt; seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

## 3. AnyVision Security Software (E.D. Approval 7/16/2021) – J. Purcell

Janice Purcell presented the AnyVision Security Software and recommended Affirmation of Approval of Executive Director Approval granted on July 16, 2021.

Commissioner McGeady motioned to affirm the Executive Director Approval of the AnyVision Security Software; seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

## C. SICS MEMO – T. Cochran

Tiffany Cochran presented the SICS memo; stating there are three (3) new SICS, eleven (11) revised SICS and recommended approval. No action needed for the six (6) deactivations, it is for information only. Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) is moving the Players Club functions to the Cage, which will now be known as Players Services and will be more efficient. Players Club will be non-existent as the functions are now with Players Services effective as of October 1. The efficiency of function of Players Services is consistent with operations, industry standards of operations, and the TICS.

Commissioner Hull motioned to approve the three (3) new SICS and eleven (11) revised SICS submissions; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

#### D. Promotions Memo– T. Cochran

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Tiffany Cochran presented the Promotions memo and recommended approval for items as listed. CNE requested approval for a language change in all previously approved GCRs that are currently being executed and/or canned templates that have been previously approved. Due to the policy change and the Players Club being combined with the Cage, CNE would like the word “Players Club” changed to “Players Services” in all currently approved GCRs and moving forward any new GCRs submitted for approval will have the language “Players Service”.

Tiffany recommended approval for one (1) new corporate GCR and Affirmation of Approval for seven (7) Executive Director approved GCRs.

Commissioner McGeady motioned to approve as listed the promotions memo; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

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#### E. Tournaments Memo- T. Cochran

Tiffany Cochran presented the Tournaments memo and recommended approval for items as listed.

Commissioner McGeady motioned to approve the Tournaments memo approval; seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

#### F. IHP Transfer Request Memo – T. Cochran

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 DeLozier motioned the IHP Transfer Request memo approval; seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

#### G. 2021 TICS Card and Tournaments- A. Imhoff

Commissioner Hull motioned to receive the 2021 TICS Card and Tournaments; seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

Audra Imhoff presented 2021 TICS Card and Tournaments for information only. The 2021 TICS Card Tournaments audit was conducted by the Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) Audit Department. The design and implementation of controls was satisfactory to aid in the compliance with regulatory requirements. No action required from the Commissioners.



#### H. 2021 TICS Financial Transaction Report- A. Imhoff

Commissioner Hull motioned to receive the 2021 TICS Financial Transaction Report; Seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

Audra Imhoff presented the 2021 TICS Financial Transaction Report for information only. The 2021 TICS Financial Transaction Report audit was conducted by the Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) Audit Department. The design and implementation of controls was satisfactory to aid in the compliance with regulatory requirements. No action required from the Commissioners

#### I. 2021 TICS information Technology- A. Imhoff

Commissioner McGeady motioned to receive the 2021 TICS Information Technology; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

Audra Imhoff presented the 2021 TICS Information Technology for information only; The 2021 TICS Information Technology audit was conducted by the Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE) Audit Department. The design and implementation of controls was satisfactory to aid in the compliance with regulatory requirements. No action required from the Commissioners

#### J. 21-07AP Drop and Count FAR- A. Imhoff

Audra Imhoff presented the 21-07AP Drop and Count Final Audit Report (FAR) and requested approval to release to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC); there were no findings during this audit.

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to release the 21-07AP Drop and Count FAR; seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

#### K. Investigations, License Actions & Hearings (Executive Session Requested- CNCA § 108A.)

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to enter into Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner McGeady. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGeady motioned to exit Executive Session at 11:54 a.m.; seconded by DeLozier. Motion carried.



L. OTB Tickets Consideration- J. Walters Purcell

Commissioner Hull motioned to table item (VIII) (L) OTB Tickets Consideration until the next Commission Meeting in November 2021; seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Motion carried.

**IX. Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Janice Purcell stated the Executive Directors Report was sent out to the Commissioners.

**X. Open Session:**

Commissioner Hull wanted to recognize that on October 12, 2021, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. signed an official proclamation declaring October 15, 2021 as "Sequoyah Day." It would be "Sequoyah Day" every October 15<sup>th</sup> and wanted to applaud the Chief for making that proclamation.

Executive Director Janice Purcell wanted the Commissioner to consider changing the dates for the 2021 November and December Commission Meetings.

**XI. Adjournment:**

Commissioner DeLozier motioned to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

  
CHAIRMAN SPARKS

Nov. 18, 2021  
DATE