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## CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

January 13 2023  
Conference Hosted:  
Multi-Purpose Room, Hard Rock Hotel and  
Casino, Catoosa, OK

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Janice Walters Purcell, Executive Director  
Mikal Yahola, Executive Assistant  
Krystle Richey, Auditor  
Velma Coon-Santos, Auditor  
Chelsey Collins, Special Projects Analyst  
Kandance Willyard, Licensing Agent  
Ryne Spencer, Licensing Agent

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Gary Weddell, Casino Operations  
Bear Christensen, Sr. Director of Compliance  
Reba Chambers, CNE Compliance  
Jennifer Province, CNE Marketing  
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing  
Angelia Jobe, IT Manager  
Kimberly Pool, CNE HR

**VISITORS:**

Johnny Kidwell, CN Tribal Council  
Gregory Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General  
Melvina Shotpouch, CN Tribal Council

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MEETING MINUTES  
13 January 2023  
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Hard Rock Hotel and Casino,  
Catoosa, Oklahoma**

**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  
Commissioner Hull  
Commissioner DeLozier  
Commissioner O'Leary

Four (4) 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 O'Leary Motions to approve the Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hull. 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 from the meeting on December 16, 2022. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the minutes; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier.

**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. COMPACTS
- E. NIGC
- 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 O’Leary Motioned to exit Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion carried and the Commission exited Executive Session at approximately 11:39 AM.

Chairman Sparks recognized Commissioner Hull to speak before moving on to Old Business. As a point of order, Commissioner Hull pointed out that the Commission did not vote on item IV. Approval of the Minutes. The Commission voted on the Motion at approximately 11:48. The Motion carried and the Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **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 be approved the employee recommendations.

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

#### **1. EMPLOYEES**

- Fifty-one (51) Individual Temporary Permits.
- Sixty-four (64) Individual Suitability Determinations.
- Fifty-eight (58) Orders
- Eighty-four (84) Renewals

The Commission took up the Temporary Permits, Suitability Determinations, Orders, and Renewals in four (4) separate Motions.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve fifty-one (51) Individual Temporary Permits with the exception of employee number forty (40), who was not approved for a Temporary Permit. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the temporary permits with the exception of employee #40; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve sixty-four (64) Suitability Determinations, with the exception of employee number sixty (60), whose suitability for a license was not approved. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve the Suitability Determinations; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the fifty-eight (58) Orders as presented to the Commission. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve the Orders; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the seventy-four (74) Renewals with the exception of individuals three (3), four (4), and five (5) listed among the CNGC Individuals. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the renewal of individual number three (3), Commissioner Hull's gaming license. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion to approve Commissioner Hull's renewal; Seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. As a point of order, Commissioner Hull noted that he abstained from the vote. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the renewal of individual number five (5), Commissioner O'Leary's gaming license. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to approve Commissioner O'Leary's renewal; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. As a point of order, Commissioner O'Leary noted that she abstained from the vote. 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.

- Zero (0) Company Order
- Seven (7) Individual Orders
- One (1) Company Renewals
- Twenty-eight (28) Individual Renewals

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the staff recommendation on the seven (7) Individual Orders, one (1) Company Renewals, and twenty-eight (28) Individual Renewals. Commissioner O'Leary made the Motion to approve the vendor and vendor representatives as described; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

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

Chairman Sparks, recognized Executive Director Purcell for T. Trumbula to present item B. Game and System Approvals.

### 1. EGM MEMO

Executive Director Purcell presented the EGM Memo to the Commission and recommended approval and affirmation of the Executive Director's prior approval as submitted; twenty-three (23) new game themes and two (2)

Executive Director approved item.

New Electronic Game Themes

- 6 Aristocrat
- 4 VGT
- 11 AGS
- 1 Castle Hill Gaming
- 1 IGT

Executive Director Approvals

- 2 IGT

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the twenty-three (23) new electronic game themes as listed. Commissioner DeLozier Motioned to approve the twenty-three new electronic game themes; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

The Chair entertained a Motion to Affirm the two (2) prior approvals by the Executive Director as listed. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. 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 approval for the revised SICS as presented in the memo. The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the two (2) New SICS and two (2) Revised SICS as presented. Commissioner O’Leary made the Motion to approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion carried.

D. PROMOTIONS – C.COLLINS

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

CNGC staff requested affirmation of approval of the items that were previously approved by the Executive Director.

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Executive Director’s prior approval of the three (3) Corporate promotions, four (4) Catoosa promotions, and three (3) West Siloam Springs promotions. Commissioner DeLozier

made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – C. COLLINS

Ms. Collins presented the Tournaments Memo to the Commission and recommended affirmation of the Executive Directors prior approval as presented.

The Chair entertained a Motion to affirm the Executive Directors prior approval of four (4) Catoosa tournaments. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner O’Leary. The Motion carried.

F. IHP TRANSFER REQUEST MEMO – J. PURCELL

Executive Director Purcell presented the IHP Memo to the Commission and requested approval as presented.

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the In-House Progressive funds in the amount of \$17,870.15 be moved to promotional funds for the direct benefit of CNE patrons. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried.

G. TICS PLAYER TRACKING – INFORMATION ONLY – K. RICHEY

The Chair recognized Ms. Richey present item VIII. G. to the Commission. The information was presented to and received by the Commission. No action was taken.

H. IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOW-UP MEMO (Q1) – INFORMATION ONLY – K. RICHEY

Ms. Richey presented item VIII. H. to the Commission. The information was presented to and received by the Commission. No action was taken.

I. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSES, & HEARINGS

As there were no hearings or investigations, there was no action taken on this item.

**IX. Open Session:**

None.

**X. Adjournment:**

Commissioner O'Leary Motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.  
The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**



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**CHAIRMAN SPARKS**

02/10/2023

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**DATE**