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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

January 17, 2025
Chota Center, Cherokee Casino
3307 Seven Clans Ave
Tahlequah, Ok, 74464

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Linda O'Leary

COMMISSION STAFF:

Audra Imhoff, Executive Director
Cody Quetone, Licensing Manager
Indy Hicks, CNGC IT
Kelsey Vann, Compliance Manager
Amy Calico, Executive Assistant
Tim Forrest, Audit Manager
Susan McKenzie, CNGC Licensing

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Angelica Jobe, CNE IT
BJ Harrington, Corporate Gaming
Kyle Culver, CNE Marketing
Jennifer Watkins, CNE Compliance
Erica Martindale, Assurance Specialist
Jason Winbolt, CNE Data Analytics
Zachary Nix, Finance
Gary Weddell, CNE Operations
Bear Christenson, CNE Compliance

VISITORS:

Greg Calvert, CN Office of the Attorney General
Todd Hembree, CNB Legal
John Young, CN Tribal Council

CHEROKEE GAMING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sparks called the meeting to order at 9:46 am.

II. ROLL CALL:

Amy Calico called Roll.

Present: Chairman Sparks
Commission DeLozier
Commissioner Birdwell
Commissioner Hull

Absent: Commissioner O'Leary

Four (4) Commissioners were present, and a quorum was established.

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 December 15, 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:

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 Birdwell.

The Motion carried and the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss items VI.A-F and VII at 9:49 am.

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

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The reports under item VI.A-F 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 Birdwell. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 10:19 am.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Permits & Licenses

1. Employees - C. Quetone

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Twenty-Six (26) Temporary Permits, Forty-Seven (47) Suitability Determinations and Fourteen (14) Orders. Commissioner Hull made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve the Seventy-Six (76) Renewals. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion to Approve; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes. The Chair requested the minutes to reflect Commissioner Hull abstained from the vote.

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives - C. Quetone

The Chair stated this will be divided into two parts. The Chair entertained the Motion to approve Five (5) Individual Orders for January 10, 2025. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull.

The Chair entertained the Motion to approve One (1) Company Renewals and Fourteen (14) Individual Renewals for February 7, 2025. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

3. License Classifications

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

B. Game & System Approvals

1. Electronic Gaming Machine Requests – K. Vann

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

- 38 new electronic game themes (2 Ainsworth, 1 Gaming Arts, 12 Eclipse, 10 Aristocrat, 12 AGS, and 1 Interblock)
- 5 new OS/main programs (1 Eclipse, 2 Gaming Arts, 1 Aristocrat, and 1 AGS)
- 1 new gaming cabinet (1 Aristocrat)
- 3 Executive Director approved items (1 Aristocrat and 2 Everi)

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 Three (3) Executive Director's Memo approvals previously granted. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Chair asked for any question, no questions. The Motion passes, the approvals were affirmed.

2. IGT Avento Software Approval Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained a Motion to approve the requested IGT Avento Software. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

C. IHP Removal Transfer Request Memo – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Release The Requested Retired Progressive Funds to Promotions. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

D. Promotions – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Four (4) Calendar Events and Promotions enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Motion passes.

E. Tournaments – K. Vann

The Chair entertained the Motion to Approve the previously provided Executive Director Approval for the Catoosa Tournaments enclosed in the packet. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. Motion passes.

F. TICS Player Tracking Report – 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. Any questions.

G. 25-01AP Audit of Revenue Final Audit Report – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to release the 25-01AP Audit of Revenue Final Report. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

H. 25-03AP Accounting Audit Final Report – T. Forrest

The Chair entertained the Motion to release the 25-03AP Accounting Audit Final Report. Commissioner Birdwell made the Motion; Seconded by Hull. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

I. Investigations, Licenses, & Hearings – C. Quetone

The Chair entertained the Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving the Investigations, Licenses, and Hearings. Commissioner Birdwell made the motion to enter into Executive Session; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission entered Executive Session at approximately 10:45am.

The Chair entertained the Motion to exit Executive Session. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner DeLozier. The Motion passes to exit Executive Session and Enter Open Session at 11:17 am.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to Conditionally Approve Individual 32824, conditioned upon successful resolution of the Motion to Amend the judgement that was entered on January 7, 2025. Upon successful change of the scriveners error, license will be considered for unconditional approval for the balance of the year of the license . If unable to resolve issue, Individual 32824 will appear on March 7, 2025, to discuss further action. Commissioner Hull made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Birdwell. Any questions; any debate. Motion passes.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair entertained the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner DeLozier made the Motion; Seconded by Commissioner Hull. The Motion carried and the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:23am.

Approval of Minutes:


Chairman Sparks


Date