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# MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaker: William Lowe

Second Speaken: Robert Hufft

## MINUTES REGULAR SESSION

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Auditorium – Mound Building – Capital Complex February 25, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 9:28 a.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Vanessa VanCleave, Director of Frontier Missions

Roll Call: National Council Secretary Alicia Stroble

Roll call was taken with the following results being recorded: 15 present, 0 absent and 1 excused at time of roll call.

CREEK DISTRICT Patrick Freeman Jr Excused Joseph Hicks Present		Robert Hufft Present
MCINTOSH DISTRICT  Darrell Proctor	Nelson Harjo Sr Present	Charles McHenry Present
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT  Mary Crawford	Anna Marshall Present Thomasene Yahola Osborn . Present	he valid

A quorum was established; therefore, all business transacted will be valid.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Emergency Session	January 23, 2023
Planning Session	
Pre-Agenda/Quarterly Session	

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Approve the Minutes with any corrections**. Representative Joseph Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against.** 

VOTE BY DISTRICT		
CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT
Patrick Freeman Jr.	Randall HicksYes	Robert HufftYes
Joseph HicksYes	Sandra GoldenYes	Leonard Gouge Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT  Darrell Proctor		Charles McHenry Yes
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT  Mary CrawfordYes  Joyce C. DeereYes	Anna MarshallYes	

**MOTION CARRIED.** To approve the minutes and will be forwarded to Speaker for signature and will be entered into the Journal of the National Council.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

TR 23-021 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION (CTAS) PURPOSE AREA FOUR- TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (TJSIP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Sponsor: Leonard Gouge

Representative Leonard Gouge made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-021**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against**.

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **TR 23-021** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-022 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CONTRACT WITH B-V-P, LLC Sponsor: Charles McHenry

Representative Charles McHenry made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-022**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor, 0 against.** 

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **TR 23-022** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-023 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A GRANT NOTIFICATION LETTER AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS WITH THE NATIONAL POLICING INSTITUTE AND THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Mark Randolph

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to Adopt TR 23-023. Representative Charles McHenry seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: 14 in favor, 0 against.

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **TR 23-023** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-024 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, GRID DEPLOYMENT OFFICE, NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY, BIL – PREVENTING OUTAGES AND ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC GRID FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY Sponsor: Joseph Hicks

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-024**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against**.

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **TR 23-024** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-002 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FISCAL YEAR RECOVERY FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND CREATION OF A MVSKOKE LANGUAGE VIDEO GAME Sponsor: Galen Cloud; Co-Sponsor(s): Robert Hufft; Leonard Gouge (\$3,700,000.00)

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to Adopt NCA 23-002. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: With a tie vote (7 yes, 7 no), Speaker votes No on NCA 23-002, 7 in favor, 8 against.

VOTE BY DISTRICT		
CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT
Patrick Freeman Jr.	Randall HicksNo	Robert HufftYes
Joseph HicksNo		Leonard Gouge Yes
MCINTOSH DISTRICT	OKMULGEE DISTRICT	WAGONER DISTRICT
Darrell ProctorNo	Nelson Harjo Sr No	Charles McHenry Yes
Galen CloudYes		
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT	TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT	
Mary CrawfordYes	Anna Marshall No	
Joyce C. DeereNo		
MOTION FAILED. To Adopt	NCA 23-002.	

NCA 23-010 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING THE MUSCOGEE NATION RESOURCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND FOR

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# VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION RESOURCE CENTER OFFICE Sponsor: Mary Crawford

Representative Mary Crawford made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-010**. Representative Joyce C. Deere seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT Robert HufftYes
Patrick Freeman Jr		Leonard Gouge Yes
MCINTOSH DISTRICT	OKMULGEE DISTRICT	WAGONER DISTRICT
Darrell ProctorYes	Nelson Harjo Sr Yes	
Galen CloudYes	3	•
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT	TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT	
Mary CrawfordYes	Anna MarshallYes	
Joyce C. DeereYes		
MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt NCA 23-010 and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature		

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **NCA 23-010** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-011 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH- 988 TRIBAL RESPONSE PROJECT Sponsor: Leonard Gouge (\$825,000.00)

Representative Leonard Gouge made a motion to Adopt NCA 23-011. Representative Joseph Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: 14 in favor, 0 against.

VOTE BY DISTRICT CREEK DISTRICT Patrick Freeman Jr	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT Randall Hicks	Robert HufftYes
MCINTOSH DISTRICT  Darrell Proctor		Charles McHenry Yes
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT Mary Crawford	Anna MarshallYes	

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **NCA 23-011** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-012 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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# FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Sponsor: Galen Cloud (\$200,000.00)

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-012**. Representative Joseph Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT
Patrick Freeman Jr.	Randall HicksYes	Robert HufftYes
Joseph HicksYes	Sandra GoldenYes	Leonard Gouge Yes
MCINTOSH DISTRICT		WAGONER DISTRICT
Darrell ProctorYes	Nelson Harjo Sr Yes	Charles McHenry Yes
Galen CloudYes	William Lowe	Mark Randolph Yes
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT	TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT	
Mary CrawfordYes	Anna MarshallYes	
Joyce C. DeereYes	Thomasene Yahola OsbornYes	

**MOTION CARRIED.** To Adopt **NCA 23-012** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-013 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION RISK MANAGEMENT – ARBOR CARE SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2023 Sponsor: Galen Cloud (\$735,187.00)

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-013**. Representative Joseph Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to Amend NCA 23-013 by amending the amount from \$735,187.00 to \$748,445.00 throughout the legislation. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: 14 in favor, 0 against.

Return to the main motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: 13 in favor, 1 against.

VOTE BY DISTRICT CREEK DISTRICT Patrick Freeman Jr	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT Randall Hicks	Robert HufftYes
MCINTOSH DISTRICT  Darrell Proctor	Nelson Harjo Sr Yes	WAGONER DISTRICT Charles McHenry
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT  Mary CrawfordYes  Joyce C. DeereYes		

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# Funding Source was identified as Gaming.

NCA 23-014 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE NATIONAL POLICING INSTITUTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Mark Randolph (\$113,182.00)

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-014**. Representative Charles McHenry seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT	
Patrick Freeman Jr.		Robert HufftYes	
Joseph HicksYes	Sandra GoldenYes	Leonard Gouge Yes	
MCINTOSH DISTRICT	OKMULGEE DISTRICT	WAGONER DISTRICT	
Darrell ProctorYes	Nelson Harjo Sr Yes	Charles McHenry Yes	
Galen CloudYes	William Lowe	Mark Randolph Yes	
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT	TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT		
Mary CrawfordYes	Anna MarshallYes		
Joyce C. DeereYes	Thomasene Yahola OsbornYes		
<b>MOTION CARRIED.</b> To Adopt <b>NCA 23-014</b> and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.			
OTHER BUSINESS:			
ANNOUNCEMENTS:			

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adjourn.** Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor**, **0 against.** 

Representative Mary Crawford gave the Benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of sixteen members, with <u>Fourteen</u> members who approved and <u>One</u> who abstained this set of minutes on <u>March 25</u>, 2023.

Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

# **APPROVAL**

I, Speaker of the National Council, hereby affix my signature, certifying that the minutes of <u>February 25, 2023</u> Regular Session were approved on <u>March 25, 2023</u> during the Regular Session of the National Council.

William Lowe, Speaker

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