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## MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaker: William Lowe

Second Speaken: Robert Hufft

# MINUTES PLANNING SESSION

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Auditorium – Mound Building – Capital Complex May 16, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Representative Sandra Golden

Roll Call: National Council Secretary Alicia Stroble

Roll call was taken with the following being recorded: 14 present, 0 absent, 2 excused at the time of roll call.

Patrick Freeman Jr Present		TULSA DISTRICT Robert Hufft
Darrell ProctorPresent		WAGONER DISTRICT Charles McHenry
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT  Mary Crawford	Anna Marshall Present	

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

#### **SPEAKER'S REPORT:**

May 1	Tax Commission Meeting regarding Veterans Tags via phone
May 2	Attended the Okmulgee JOM Banquet – Guest Speaker
May 7-12	Attended the "Leading People & Investing to Build Sustainable Communities" at the
	Harvard Business School- an NAFOA program
May 9	Attended the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee Meeting
	virtually
May 10	Attended Health, Education & Welfare Committee Meeting virtually
May 11	Attended the Emergency Session and Business, Finance & Justice Committee Meeting
	virtually
May 16	Attended a Health Work Session
	Golf Suites Call

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#### Met with Morris High School Athletic Director Attended the HEW/LNC and HEW/BFJ Joint Committee Meetings

#### SECOND SPEAKER'S REPORT:

Second Speaker attended the Mvskoke Loan Fund 10 Year Anniversary Dinner and the College of the Muscogee Nation Legislative Day.

#### **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:**

#### Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board

Representative Randall Hicks was excused – no report.

#### Muscogee Nation Businesses, LLC Board

Representative Sandra Golden reported that the Board met on April 27, 2023. The next meeting will be May 25, 2023. MNB is waiting for word on their latest HUD proposal. MNB continues to look for additional office space, due to the number of employees that have. MNB met with Acting Secretary of the Nation and Commerce Zechariah Harjo regarding their vaccine incentive.

#### College of the Muscogee Nation Board of Regents

Representative Anna Marshall reported the Board met May 8, 2023. Several issues were discussed, but mainly it was the preparation of the CMN Legislative Day, which was held May 12, 2023. Several National Council Representatives were in attendance. They hope to hold another CMN Legislative Day next year, then every two years. They are still working on becoming a four-year institution. The next Board meeting will be June 12, 2023.

#### Myskoke Loan Fund Board

Representative Mark Randolph reported the Board met May 3, 2023. The Mvskoke Loan Fund ten-year anniversary dinner was held May 11, 2023 at the River Spirit Casino Resort. Mvskoke Loan Fund extended their gratitude for those that attended. The next Board meeting is June 7, 2023.

#### OneFire Holding Company, LLC

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported that the Board met today. The discussed the pending FY22 audit with the audit firm, who was in attendance this afternoon. They also discussed tenant issues and site improvements.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NCA 23-042 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT Postponed during the May 11, 2023 Emergency Session

Speaker William Lowe announced NCA 23-042 will be placed on the May 20, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order

#### COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

#### Health, Education & Welfare - Chairperson Joyce C. Deere

Chairman Deere announced the committee met and reported the following items with a Do Pass:

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- TR 23-043 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LEA ANN NIX TO SERVE ON THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CITIZENSHIP BOARD
- TR 23-045

  A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 19-076 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO SUSPEND ALL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DONATIONS) AS AMENDED BY TR 20-150, TR 21-080, TR 22-128, TR 22-143, TR 22-150, TR 22-155 AND TR 23-170
- NCA 23-030 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A NEW LAW IN TITLE 35, CHAPTER 13 SUBCHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "Tribal Grave House Assistance Program"
- NCA 23-031 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35, CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED "SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM"
- NCA 23-033 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO YOU CAN! INC. FOR THE OKEMAH SUMMER KIDS CAFÉ
- NCA 23-040 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TRIBAL WORKFORCE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session with the Business, Finance & Justice Committee and reported TR 23-051 with a "Do Pass" to the Full Council to be added to the May 20, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be June 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. No announcements.

### <u>Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation</u> – Chairman Darrell Proctor

Chairman Proctor announced the committee met and reported the following items with a Do Pass:

- TR 23-044 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A TRANSFER OF CONTROL NAGPRA AGREEMENT FOR ANCESTORS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM MOUNDVILLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
- TR 23-046

  A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION, ALABAMA QUASSARTE TRIBAL TOWN, KIALEGEE TRIBAL TOWN AND THLOPTHLOCCO TRIBAL TOWN FOR THE METHOD OF ALLOCATION FOR THE NATION'S PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF FUNDING FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND THE FY- 2024 INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT
- TR 23-047 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF

ENGINEERS, CHARLESTON DISTRICT; FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGENCY; PALMETTO RAILWAYS; ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION; MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION; THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER; AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY REGARDING THE NAVY BASE INTERMODAL FACILITY PROJECT IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

- TR 23-048 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CONTRACT WITH HARRIS CONTRACTORS
- NCA 23-034 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET MODIFICATION IN EXCESS OF TEN PERCENT (10%) FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REALTY/TRUST DEPARTMENT FY 2023 BUDGET
- NCA 23-035 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING 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)

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session with the Health, Education & Welfare Committee and reported TR 23-050 and NCA 23-039 with a "Do Pass" to the Full Council to be added to the May 20, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. No announcements.

#### Business, Finance & Justice - Chairperson Sandra Golden

Chairperson Golden announced the committee met and reported the following items:

#### **Referred Legislation:**

NCA 23-033 referred from the Health, Education & Welfare Committee NCA 23-040 referred from the Health, Education & Welfare Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be June 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. No announcements.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to Adjourn. Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. seconded the motion. Upon a motion and a second being made, a voice vote was taken with following results being recorded: All in favor, none against.

Representative Anna Marshall gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.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>Fifteen</u> members who approved this set of minutes on <u>June 17, 2023</u>.

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>May</u> <u>16, 2023</u> Planning Session were approved on <u>June 17, 2023</u> during the Regular Session of the National Council.

William Lowe, Speaker Muscogee (Creek) National Council