

Minutes
Business, Finance, & Justice
Committee
December 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: William Lowe, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

INVOCATION: Representative Travis Scott

ROLL CALL: April Lindsey Legislative Clerk accounted for five members present and none counted as absent/excused at the time of roll call. **Members present:** Adam Jones III, Patrick Freeman, William Lowe, Travis Scott and Robert Hufft. **Members absent/excused:**

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: Yes. Five members present constitute a quorum. Therefore, any business transacted will be valid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

11/08/21

Representative Travis Scott made a motion to **Approve the minutes with any changes necessary**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Budget Review:

Executive Branch – Chief of Staff

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Approve the Chief of Staff Budget**. Representative Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Adam Jones III made a Motion to **Postpone till Saturday Morning prior to Pre-Agenda**. Representative Patrick Freeman seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **2 in favor, 2 against.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Travis Scott – No Robert Hufft – No Adam Jones III – Yes

Due to a tie vote, Chairman votes: Yes, therefore: **3 in favor, 2 against.**

MOTION CARRIED.

Tribal Administrator

Representative Travis Scott made a motion to **Approve the Tribal Administrator as presented.** Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Travis Scott – Yes Robert Hufft – Yes Adam Jones III – Yes

GOAB

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Approve the GOAB Budget as presented.** Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Travis Scott – Yes Robert Hufft – Yes Adam Jones III – Yes

Mvskoke Media

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Approve the Mvskoke Media Budget as presented.** Representative Robert Hufft Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Travis Scott – Yes Robert Hufft – Yes Adam Jones III – Yes

Lighthouse Administration

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Approve the Lighthouse Administration Budget as presented.** Representative Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes Travis Scott – Yes Robert Hufft – Yes Adam Jones III – Yes

NCR 21-013 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVING THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL AND JEFF FIFE

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **1 in favor, 3 against. Motion Failed.**

Patrick Freeman – No
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–No
Travis Scott – No

Adam Jones III – Yes

TR 21-158 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO UPHOLD AND ENFORCE THE OFFICIAL NAME AND SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Do Pass Substitute**. Representative Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Postpone till Saturday**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

TR 21-165 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING EXTENSION OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUTH’S HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. AND THE GAMING OPERATION AUTHORITY BOARD (“GOAB”)

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III –

***Chairman William Lowe relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Adam Jones III.**

NCA 21-153 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION’S LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES 2021 COPS OFFICE TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT PROGRAM - EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft– Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III –

NCA 21-154 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION’S LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES 2021 COPS OFFICE TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT PROGRAM – HIRING

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III –

*** Vice-Chair Adam Jones III relinquished the Chair back to Chairman William Lowe.**

NCA 21-155 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REPEALING MCNCA TITLE 17, CHAPTER 8, ENTITLED “GAMING OPERATIONS AUTHORITY BOARD”

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

***Representatives R. Hufft and A. Jones III were added as Co-Sponsors.**

NCA 21-156 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AND FILE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION AND COMMERCE TO FORM “MUSCOGEE NATION GAMING ENTERPRISES, LLC” UNDER THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT AND APPROVING THE OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR “MUSCOGEE NATION GAMING ENTERPRISES, LLC”

Representative Patrick Freeman made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes

Robert Hufft–Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

William Lowe –

Travis Scott – Yes

*Representatives R. Hufft and A. Jones III were added as Co-Sponsors.

***Chairman William Lowe relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Adam Jones III.**

NCA 21-157 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 37, § 2-203 TO ALTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Representative William Lowe made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe – Yes

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III –

*** Vice-Chair Adam Jones III relinquished the Chair back to Chairman William Lowe.**

NCA 21-158 A LAW OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING A CONTINUING BUDGET ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2022

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Travis Scott seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

Referred Legislation:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Add NCA 21-170**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

TR 21-170 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROGER WILEY TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT TRIAL COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Representative Adam Jones III made a motion to **Do Pass**. Representative Robert Hufft seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion Carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

Discussion:

GOAB

OneFire

Representative Robert Hufft made a motion to **Go into Executive Session**. Representative Adam Jones III seconded the motion. Discussion. Upon a motion and a second being made a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 0 against. Motion carried.**

Patrick Freeman – Yes
William Lowe –

Robert Hufft–Yes
Travis Scott – Yes

Adam Jones III – Yes

In Executive Session at: 7:31 p.m.

Out of Executive Session at: 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Representative Adam Jones III gave benediction and served as adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

APPROVAL

William Lowe, Chairman

Legislative Clerk

Date