



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaker: William Lowe

Second Speaker: Robert Hufft

MINUTES EMERGENCY SESSION

Muscogee (Creek) National Council
NC Chambers – Mound Building – Capitol Complex
August 24, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Representative Joyce C. Deere

Roll Call: Recording Secretary April Lindsey

Roll call was taken with the following being recorded: **16** present, and **0** absent, at the time of roll call.

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr Present
Joseph Hicks Present

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Present
Sandra Golden Present

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Present
Leonard Gouge Present

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Present
Galen Cloud Present

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Present
William Lowe Present

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Present
Mark Randolph Present

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Present
Joyce C. Deere Present

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Present
Thomasene Yahola Osborn . Present

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

TR 23-087 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STAGE LOCATED AT THE OMNIPLEX IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA **Sponsor: William Lowe**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-087**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-087** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-088 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER LONG ROOM CONTRACT WITH THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION FOR THE 2023 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DAY IN THE SHAWNEE AREA FOR MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS **Sponsor: Randall Hicks**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-088**. Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-088** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-089 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A NON-IMPAIRMENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE NATION WITH BOKE, NA dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR VARIOUS LENDERS, IN RELATION TO FINANCING FOR THE MUSCOGEE NATION GAMING ENTERPRISES, LLC **Sponsor: Randall Hicks**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-089**. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **13 in favor, 2 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks No

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
Sandra Golden No

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft..... Yes
Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
William Lowe Yes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph Yes

MUSCOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-089** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-090 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO ENTER INTO A NOVATION AGREEMENT TO

TRANSFER AN EXISTING INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT TO MUSCOGEE
NATION GAMING ENTERPRISES, LLC **Sponsor: Randall Hicks**

Representative Randall Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-090**. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-090** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-091 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2023 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC FACILITY VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICE EXTENSION BUILDING **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-091**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-091** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-092 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2023 RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS (RCN) PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FEDERAL ROADS/GEOSPATIAL BUILDING **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-092**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-092** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-093 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 22-159 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION AND COMMERCE TO CONTINUE THE OPERATIONS OF THE ONEFIRE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC) **Sponsor: Patrick Freeman Jr.**

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-093**. Representative Joseph Hicks seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-093** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-089 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STAGE LOCATED AT THE OMNIPLEX IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$230,092.81)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-089**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Postpone NCA 23-089 till Regular Session**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
Leonard Gouge Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
William Lowe Yes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
Thomasene Yahola Osborn Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

NCA 23-090 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$13,860.71)**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-090**. 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: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
Leonard Gouge Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
William Lowe Yes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes

Joyce C. Deere Yes Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-090** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-091 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$496,176.00)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-091**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Discussion.

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Postpone Indefinitely NCA 23-091**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
William Lowe.....

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED.

NCA 23-092 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$110,070.00)**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-092**. 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, 1 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
William Lowe.....

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
 Joyce C. Deere No

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-092** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-093 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION TO ESTABLISH A JENKS OFFICE LOCATION
Sponsor: William Lowe (\$296,650.72)

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-093**. 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, 1 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
 Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
 Sandra Golden No

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
 Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
 Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
 William Lowe.....

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
 Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
 Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-093** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-094 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ("ARPA") FUNDING TO THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION GSA FLEET DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COVID-19 MITIGATION AND DISINFECTION SERVICES **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$33,000.00)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-094**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
 Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
 Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
 Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
 Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
 William Lowe.....

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
 Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
 Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-094** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-095 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 13-200 (A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AND FILE THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION TO FORM “ONEFIRE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC” UNDER THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT AND APPROVING THE OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR “ONEFIRE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC”) AS AMENDED BY NCA 14-080 AND NCA 14-178 AND NCA 18-121, NCA 20-007 AND NCA 21-109
Sponsor: Patrick Freeman Jr.

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-095**. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **15 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
 Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
 Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
 Leonard Gouge..... Yes

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
 Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
 William Lowe.....

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
 Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
 Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Yes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-095** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-096 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIVE (5) NEW FLAG POLES TO BE LOCATED AT TREATY PARK ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA **Sponsor: William Lowe (\$18,487.00)**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-096**. 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, 1 against. *Interest on Permanent Fund identified as Funding Source.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
 Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Yes
 Sandra Golden Yes

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft Yes
 Leonard Gouge..... Yes

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MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Yes
 Galen Cloud Yes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Yes
 William Lowe Yes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
 Mark Randolph Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Yes
 Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall No
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-096** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT**BENEDICTION:**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adjourn**. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon on a motion and a second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following being recorded: **All in favor, none against.**

Representative Sandra Golden gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 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 **Fifteen** members who approved this set of minutes on **September 30, 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 **August 24, 2023** Emergency Session were approved on **September 30, 2023** during the Regular Session of the National Council.



William Lowe, Speaker
Muscogee (Creek) National Council