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### MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaken: William Lowe

Second Speaker: Robert Hufft

## MINUTES PLANNING SESSION

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Auditorium – Mound Building – Capitol Complex July 25, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Representative Darrell Proctor

Roll Call: National Council Secretary Alicia Stroble

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

CREEK DISTRICT	OKFUSKEE DISTRICT	TULSA DISTRICT
Patrick Freeman JrExcused	Randall Hicks Present	Robert HufftPresent
Joseph HicksPresent	Sandra Golden Present	Leonard GougePresent
MCINTOSH DISTRICT  Darrell Proctor	Nelson Harjo Sr Present	Charles McHenryPresent
MUSKOGEE DISTRICT  Mary CrawfordPresent  Joyce C. DeerePresent	Anna Marshall Present	

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

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

July 6	Attended the Lighthorse Commission Meeting virtually Attended BOK Meeting
July 7	Attended the "On the Far End" performance at River Spirit Casino Resort
July 9	Attended the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee Meeting virtually
July 11	Did the "Welcome" at the Eufaula Indian Community Veteran Resource Fair
July 12	Attended the Inter-Tribal Golf Tournament
July 13	Attended the Inter-Tribal Governance Session
	Hosted the Inter-Tribal Legislative Work Group Lunch/Session at Council Oak
	Attended the Inter-Tribal Banquet

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July 14	Attended the Inter-Tribal General Session
•	Attended the Hickory Ground Ribbon Dance
July 18-21	Attended the NCAIED Native Edge Institute Leadership Conference
July 25	Attended the Health, Education & Welfare Committee, Land, Natural Resource & Cultural
•	Preservation Committee and HEW/LNC Joint Committee Meetings

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

No report.

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

#### Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board

Representative Randall Hicks reported that the Board met on June 26 and July 12, 2023. A report was given by CEO, Pat Crofts and COO, Andy Langston. Monthly Financials were emailed out on July 17, 2023. The Duck Creek Employee Appreciation Day is scheduled for August 20, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. All National Council Representatives are invited. The next regular meeting is July 26, 2023.

#### Muscogee Nation Businesses, LLC Board

Representative Sandra Golden reported that the Board had its regular meeting on June 29, 2023 and one special meeting on July 12, 2023, with their strategic planning. The Board gave a good report at the BFJ Committee Meeting. The next Board meeting is July 27, 2023.

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

Representative Anna Marshall reported the Board did not meet this month. The Board changed its meeting dates from the second Monday to the third Monday of the month. The Board will meet August 21, 2023.

#### Myskoke Loan Fund Board

Representative Mark Randolph reported the Board met July 12, 2023. They will be hosting agriculture business training July 26, 2023 and QuickBooks training on July 27, 2023. The next Board meeting is August 9, 2023.

#### OneFire Holding Company, LLC

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported that the Board met July 18, 2023. They discussed auditing issues. The site improvements, which include cultural components, are fifty to sixty percent complete.

#### \*Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. present at 6:35 p.m.

#### 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:

- TR 23-070 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING THE ABSENTEE WORKERS FOR THE 2023 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS
- NCA 23-054 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35 CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED "TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE AND

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FOOD FOR FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" AND 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 BURIAL ASSISTANCE

NCA 23-068 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE HOLDENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 23-072 with a "Do Pass" to the Full Council to be added to the July 29, 2023 Quarterly Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be August 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. No announcements.

#### Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation - Chairman Darrell Proctor

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

- TR 23-068 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
- TR 23-069 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CONTRACT WITH MCGUIRE BROTHERS LLC
- NCA 23-046 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A NEW TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ENTITLED "CULTURE AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
- NCA 23-047 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CREATE THE MVSKOKE LANGUAGE LIAISON PROGRAM

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 23-073 with a "Do Pass" to the Full Council to be added to the July 29, 2023 Quarterly Session Agenda in numerical order. The Committee also met with the Health, Education & Welfare Committee prior to the Planning Session and reported NCA 23-045 with a "Do Pass" to the Full Council to be added to the July 29, 2023 Quarterly Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. No announcements.

#### Business, Finance & Justice - Chairperson Thomasene Yahola Osborn

Chairperson Osborn announced the committee met and reported the following items with a Do Pass:

TR 23-071 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ZECHARIAH HARJO TO SERVE AS

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

- NCA 23-069 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023
- NCA 23-070 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 16, CHAPTER 8 ENTITLED, "OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION AND COMMERCE" AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED, "SECRETARY OF COMMERCE"

#### Referred Legislation:

NCA 23-046 referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee NCA 23-047 referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee NCA 23-068 referred from the Health, Education & Welfare Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be August 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. No announcements.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Presentations were given by Rae Ann Wilson, Oklahoma Democratic Party Congressional District 2 Chair and Micah White – Tribal Utility Update.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. made a motion to Adjourn. Representative Robert Hufft 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 Robert Hufft gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 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>August 26, 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>July</u> <u>25, 2023</u> Planning Session were approved on <u>August 26, 2023</u> during the Regular Session of the National Council.

William Lowe, Speaker

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