



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaker: William Lowe

Second Speaker: Robert Hufft

MINUTES QUARTERLY SESSION

Muscogee (Creek) National Council
Auditorium – Mound Building – Capitol Complex
July 29, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 9:22 a.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Representative Anna Marshall/Pastor Mitchell Taylor Hickory Ground #1 Indian Baptist Church

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 Present
Joseph Hicks Present

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks **Excused**
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Emergency Session June 1, 2023
Emergency Session June 6, 2023
Planning Session June 13, 2023
Pre-Agenda/Regular Session June 17, 2023

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Approve the Minutes with any corrections.**
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: **14 in favor, 0 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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. 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 23-068 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 **Sponsor: Galen Cloud**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-068**. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion. Upon a motion and a second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **14 in favor, 0 against.**

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-068** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

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 **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-069**. 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 23-069** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

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 **Sponsor: Anna Marshall**

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-070**. Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion.

Representative Darrell Proctor made a motion to **Postpone TR 23-070 until next Council Meeting**. 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: **14 in favor, 0 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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. To Postpone **TR 23-070 until next Council Meeting**.

TR 23-071 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ZECHARIAH HARJO TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION FOR THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION **Sponsor: Thomasene Yahola Osborn; Co-Sponsor(s): Randall Hicks; Nelson Harjo Sr. and Mark Randolph**

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-071**. Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. 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, 1 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford..... Yes
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

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

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-071** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

TR 23-072 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 19-076 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSKOGEE (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, TR 22-170, TR 23-045, TR 23-062 AND TR 23-066 **Sponsor: Anna Marshall**

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-072**. Representative seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **6 in favor, 8 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
Sandra Golden No

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft No
Leonard Gouge..... No

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor No
Galen Cloud No

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. No
William Lowe No

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph..... No

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford..... Yes
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

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

MOTION FAILED.

TR 23-073 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A TRUST APPLICATION TO THE BIA TO PLACE PROPERTY IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION **Sponsor: Randall Hicks**

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Adopt TR 23-073**. 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**.

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **TR 23-073** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-045 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 16, CHAPTER 1 §1-102 ENTITLED “THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF” TO ORGANIZE VARIOUS CULTURAL AND HUMANITIES PROGRAMS BY CREATING A NEW CULTURE AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT **Sponsor: Galen Cloud; Co-Sponsors: Leonard Gouge and Joseph Hicks**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-045**. 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: **13 in favor, 1 against**.

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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 No

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph..... Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford.....Yes
 Joyce C. DeereNo

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna MarshallYes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn.....Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-045** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-046 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING A NEW TITLE 16, CHAPTER 4, ENTITLED "CULTURE AND HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS **Sponsor: Galen Cloud; Co-Sponsors: Leonard Gouge and Joseph Hicks (\$273,148.00)**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-046**. 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: **12 in favor, 2 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr.Yes
 Joseph HicksYes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
 Sandra GoldenNo

TULSA DISTRICT

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

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell ProctorYes
 Galen CloudYes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr.Yes
 William Lowe
 William LoweYes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenryYes
 Mark Randolph.....Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford.....Yes
 Joyce C. DeereNo

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna MarshallYes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn.....Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-046** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-047 A LAW OF THE MUSKOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CREATE THE MVSKEKE LANGUAGE LIAISON PROGRAM **Sponsor: Galen Cloud; Co-Sponsors: Leonard Gouge and Joseph Hicks (\$325,627.00)**

Representative Galen Cloud made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-047**. 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: **12 in favor, 2 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT**CREEK DISTRICT**

Patrick Freeman Jr.Yes
 Joseph HicksYes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
 Sandra GoldenNo

TULSA DISTRICT

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

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell ProctorYes
 Galen CloudYes

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr.Yes
 William Lowe
 William LoweYes

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenryYes
 Mark Randolph.....Yes

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford.....Yes
 Joyce C. DeereNo

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna MarshallYes
 Thomasene Yahola Osborn.....Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-047** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-054 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 35 CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED “TRIBAL BURIAL ASSISTANCE AND 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 **Sponsor: Mark Randolph; Co-Sponsor: Robert Hufft (\$3,825,000.00)**

Representative Mark Randolph made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-054**. 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: **14 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. To Adopt **NCA 23-054** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

NCA 23-068 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE HOLDENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT **Sponsor: Anna Marshall (\$329,500.00)**

Representative Anna Marshall made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-068**. Representative Darrell Proctor seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **4 in favor, 10 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks No

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks..... No
Sandra Golden No

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft..... No
Leonard Gouge..... No

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor No
Galen Cloud No

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. No
William Lowe No

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Yes
Mark Randolph..... No

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford..... No
Joyce C. Deere Yes

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

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

MOTION FAILED.

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 **Sponsor: Randall Hicks (\$75,000.00)**

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-069**. 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: **13 in favor, 1 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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 No
Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-069** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

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" **Sponsor: Thomasene Yahola Osborn**

Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn made a motion to **Adopt NCA 23-070**. Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a roll call vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **11 in favor, 3 against.**

VOTE BY DISTRICT

CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr. Yes
Joseph Hicks Yes

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks.....
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 No

TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

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

MOTION CARRIED. To Adopt **NCA 23-070** and be forwarded to the Speaker for his signature and will be recorded in the Journal of the National Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

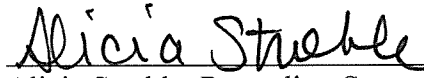
Representative Nelson Harjo made a motion to **Adjourn**. Representative Charles McHenry seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **All in favor, none against.**

Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. gave the Benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 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 **Fifteen** members who approved this set of minutes on **August 26, 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 **July 29, 2023** Quarterly Session were approved on **August 26, 2023** during the Regular Session of the National Council.



William Lowe, Speaker
Muscogee (Creek) National Council