



# MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

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Speaker: William Lowe

Second Speaker: Robert Hufft

## MINUTES PLANNING SESSION Muscogee (Creek) National Council BY TELECONFERENCE September 26, 2023

Time Meeting Convened: 12:02 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker William Lowe

Invocation: Representative Mary Crawford

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.

### CREEK DISTRICT

Patrick Freeman Jr ..... Present  
Joseph Hicks ..... Present

### OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks ..... Present  
Sandra Golden ..... Present

### TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft ..... **Excused**  
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

### MUSCOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford ..... Present  
Joyce C. Deere ..... Present

### TUKVPTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall ..... **Excused**  
Thomasene Yahola Osborn .. Present

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

### SPEAKER'S REPORT:

Speaker will be forwarding his report after this meeting.

### SECOND SPEAKER'S REPORT:

Second Speaker was excused – no report.

### EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

#### Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board

Representative Randall Hicks reported that the Board met on September 6 and September 20, 2023. Reports were given by CEO, Pat Crofts, COO, Andy Langston and MNGE Attorney, Yonne Tiger. Monthly Financials were emailed. The next regular meeting is October 4, 2023.

#### **Muscogee Nation Businesses, LLC Board**

Representative Sandra Golden reported that the Board had its regular meeting on two special meetings regarding economic development. The air conditioning at MNB building has gone out twice this summer. MNB is happy that will be receiving the reimbursement of ARPA funds. A five-million-dollar contract with the Air Force was awarded to Muscogee Staffing. The next Board meeting is September 28, 2023.

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

Representative Anna Marshall was excused from this meeting. No report.

#### **Mvskoke Loan Fund Board**

Representative Mark Randolph reported the Board met September 6, 2023. Mvskoke Loan Fund will be receiving the “Partner of the Year” award from REI Oklahoma at their annual Dream Big Oklahoma event at Firelake Grand Casino. They are working through three approved commercial loans, totaling just over \$120,000.00, and have over \$562,000.00 in their pipeline. Mvskoke Loan Fund will be developing an electronic payment mechanism for clients, as well as developing a financial growth model to help plot out the next five years of development. They also will be developing a partnership with Native CDFI Network and applying for a large grant from EPA. Mvskoke Loan Fund hosted twenty-nine trainings from November 2022 to September 2023 that focused on honing critical skills to owning and operating a business. The next Board meeting is October 4, 2023.

#### **OneFire Holding Company, LLC**

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported that OneFire Holding Company is continuing with the exterior improvements of Riverwalk property. Audits should be completed by October 1, 2023. A disbursement of approximately \$300,000.00 will be given to the Nation, soon. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023.

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### **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:

**NCA 23-103** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS), PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION PILOT PROGRAM GRANT

**NCA 23-104** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be October 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. No announcements.

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#### **Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation – Chairman Darrell Proctor**

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

- TR 23-094** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION BRIDGE PROGRAM TO FUND TEN (10) REPLACEMENT BRIDGES AND SIX (6) BRIDGE CONSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 23-095** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023 – 2024 CONSERVATION REGULATIONS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- NCA 23-075** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN ORDER TO CREATE THE RAMP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- NCA 23-097** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION FACILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR WATER SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION INDUSTRIAL PARK LOCATED IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA
- NCA 23-098** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
- NCA 23-099** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 23, ENTITLED “WILDLIFE CODE”
- NCA 23-100** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE LAGOON CLOSURE AT DUCK CREEK AND OKEMAH CASINOS

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. No announcements.

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**Business, Finance & Justice – Chairperson Thomasene Yahola Osborn**

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

- NCA 23-108** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE 2023 ENBRIDGE FUELING FUTURES GRANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

- NCA 23-109** 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 MUSCOGEE INTERNATIONAL, LLC
- NCA 23-110** 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 MUSCOGEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC
- NCA 23-111** 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 LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- NCA 23-112** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 36, § 1-104 ENTITLED “Powers and duties of the Tax Commissioner”

**Referred Legislation:**

- NCA 23-075** referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee
- NCA 23-097** referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee
- NCA 23-100** referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be October 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. No announcements.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- TR 23-099** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS THE USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks**
- TR 23-100** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FACILITY FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **Sponsor: William Lowe**
- NCA 23-114** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

**Sponsor: William Lowe (\$2,000,000.00) \*Funding Source Identified as Capital Improvement**

**NCA 23-115** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks (\$459,840.00)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Suspend the Rules of Procedures at Section 117, F. to pull “TR 23-099, TR 23-100, NCA 23-114 and NCA 23-115” from Committee to be placed on the Agenda and meet as a Committee As A Whole.** 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, 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 .....  
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 .....  
Thomasene Yahola Osborn ..... Yes

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**TR 23-099** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CITIZENS THE USE OF THE GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO **Sponsor: Joseph Hicks**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **“Do Pass“ TR 23-099.** Representative Mark Randolph seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **13 in favor, 0 against.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**TR 23-100** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FACILITY FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **Sponsor: William Lowe**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to “Do Pass“ TR 23-100. Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **13 in favor, 0 against.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**NCA 23-114 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START FACILITY TO BE LOCATED IN OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA**  
**Sponsor: William Lowe (\$2,000,000.00)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to “Do Pass“ NCA 23-114. 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, 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 .....  
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 .....  
Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**\*Funding Source Identified as Capital Improvement**

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**NCA 23-115 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**  
**Sponsor: Joseph Hicks (\$459,840.00)**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to “Do Pass“ NCA 23-115. 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, 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 .....  
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**

**TUKVPTCE DISTRICT**

Mary Crawford .....Yes     Anna Marshall .....  
Joyce C. Deere .....Yes     Thomasene Yahola Osborn..... Yes

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**MOTION CARRIED.**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **“Rise and Report and place” TR 23-099, TR 23-100, NCA 23-114 and NCA 23-115 on the September 30, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order for action.** 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: **13 in favor, 0 against.**

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**MOTION CARRIED.**

Representative Joseph Hicks made a motion to **Come out of Committee As A Whole.** Representative Galen Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion and second being made, a voice vote was taken with the following results being recorded: **13 in favor, 0 against.**

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**MOTION CARRIED.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

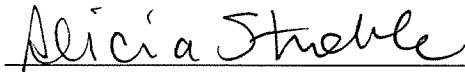
Representative Joseph Hicks made a **motion to Adjourn.** Representative Thomasene Yahola Osborn seconded the motion. Upon a motion and a second being made, a voice vote was taken with following results being recorded: **All in favor, none against.**

Representative Mark Randolph gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

### CERTIFICATION

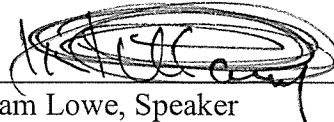
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of sixteen members, with **Fifteen** members who approved this set of minutes on **October 28, 2023**.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

### APPROVAL

I, Speaker of the National Council, hereby affix my signature, certifying that the minutes of **September 30, 2023** Planning Session were approved on **October 28, 2023** during the Quarterly Session of the National Council.



William Lowe, Speaker  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council