



MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COUNCIL

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Speaker: *Randall Hicks*

Second Speaker: *Thomasene Yahola Osborn*

MINUTES PLANNING SESSION Muscogee (Creek) National Council Auditorium – Mound Building – Capitol Complex January 23, 2024

Time Meeting Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker Randall Hicks

Invocation: Representative Dode Barnett

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
Dode Barnett Present

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT

Randall Hicks Present
Sandra Golden Present

TULSA DISTRICT

Robert Hufft **Excused**
Leonard Gouge **Excused**

MCINTOSH DISTRICT

Darrell Proctor Present
Galen Cloud Present

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Nelson Harjo Sr. Present
Robyn Whitecloud Present

WAGONER DISTRICT

Charles McHenry Present
Mark Randolph Present

MUSCOGEE 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.

SPEAKER'S REPORT:

- January 8 Attended the Emergency Session
 Attended the Okmulgee Indian Community Meeting. Also present were Representatives Nelson Harjo Sr., Leonard Harjo and Galen Cloud
- January 9 Had a phone meeting with Cherokee Nation Council Representative Joe Deere
 Attended a meeting with Chief Hill regarding an update on weather report and tribal preparedness.
- January 11 Met with the Citizenship Board/Staff concerning tribal cards. Representatives in attendance were Nelson Harjo, Leonard Gouge and Galen Cloud. A work session was scheduled for January 26, 2024.
- January 12 Addressed three tribal citizens' concerns/issues.
 Met with Preston School Superintendent Mark Hudson

January 14 Weather update meeting with Chief Hill and the Emergency Management team virtually
 January 16 Attended the HEW Committee Meeting virtually
 Attended the LNC Committee Meeting
 January 17 Watched the oral arguments of the Stroble case online
 January 18 Attended the BFJ Committee Meeting
 Attended the Muscogee Nation County Tournament and also present was Representative Galen Cloud
 January 19 Attended an MNGE Board Meeting, also in attendance were Representatives Darrell Proctor and Galen Cloud
 Attended the Muscogee Nation County Tournament and also present were Representatives Robyn Whitecloud, Galen Cloud, Charles McHenry, Nelson Harjo Sr. and Darrell Proctor

SECOND SPEAKER’S REPORT:

January 8 Attended the Emergency Session
 January 9 Attended the “A Way Home for Tulsa Leadership Council” Meeting in Tulsa
 January 11 Attended meeting with Citizenship Board/Staff regarding tribal ID cards virtually
 Attended the Wetumka Indian Community Meeting
 January 16 Attended the HEW and LNC Committee Meetings virtually
 January 17 Watched oral arguments of the Stroble case online
 January 18 Attended the BFJ Committee Meeting virtually
 January 19 Attended the Muscogee Nation Tournament and also present was Representative Nelson Harjo Sr.
 January 20 Attended the Oklahoma Speaker’s Ball, and also in attendance were Representatives Leonard Gouge, Dode Barnett, Sandra Golden and Joyce C. Deere

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board

Representative Patrick Freeman reported the MNGE Board met on January 10, 2024 and approved two items: the purchase of four (4) firearms for Security and Bristow Casino’s Biggest Loser contest to benefit the 2024 Angel Tree. The next meeting is January 24, 2024.

Muscogee Nation Businesses, LLC Board

Representative Dode Barnett reported that the Board will meeting January 25, 2024.

College of the Muscogee Nation Board of Regents

Representative Anna Marshall reported the Board’s January meeting was cancelled due inclement weather. The next Board meeting will be February 19, 2024.

Mvskoke Loan Fund Board

Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. reported the Board met. In the past quarter, they processed over 500 loans totaling \$739,800. This was the largest Employee Christmas loan program to date. They deployed \$496,000 in consumer loans, with over \$100,000 of that total going to persistent poverty county areas. \$177,000 loans went to Agriculture and \$66,500 in commercial lending products were closed. The next Board meeting is February 7, 2023.

OneFire Holding Company, LLC

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported the Board met today. Discussions were recap review of the FY 22 audits, tenant issues and potential tenant leasing.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Health, Education & Welfare – Chairperson Joyce C. Deere

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

- TR 24-001** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND GREEN COUNTRY TECHNOLOGY CENTER ON BEHALF OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION REINTEGRATION DEPARTMENT
- NCA 24-001** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE FAMILY VOICES MCHB UNWINDING PROJECT GRANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Committee met with the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Preservation Committee prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 24-003 and NCA 24-005 with a “Do Pass” to the Full Council to be added to the January 27, 2023 Quarterly Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be February 13, 2024 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 24-004** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A TEMPORARY OPERATING PERMIT WITH RED TAIL FIREWORKS L.L.C. FOR THE OPERATION OF ONE TEMPORARY FIREWORKS SALES FACILITY ON TRIBAL TRUST LAND
- TR 24-005** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TR 19-076 (A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (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 23-066 AND TR 23-096
- NCA 24-002** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GEOSPATIAL DEPARTMENT
- NCA 24-003** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO A BUILDING ON TRIBAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA
- NCA 24-008** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO NATIVE AMERICAN LINK, INC

The Committee met with the Business, Finance & Justice Committee prior to the Planning Session and reported NCA 24-007 with a “Do Pass” to the Full Council to be added to the January 27, 2023 Quarterly Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. No announcements.

Business, Finance & Justice – Chairman Robert Hufft

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

TR 24-002 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TAX COMMISSION AND PIPESTEM LAW, P.C.

NCA 24-004 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM THE OKLAHOMA NATIVE ASSETS COALITION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION

Referred Legislation:

NCA 24-008 referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be February 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. No announcements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Representative Charles McHenry made a **motion to Adjourn**. Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. 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 Patrick Freeman Jr. gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

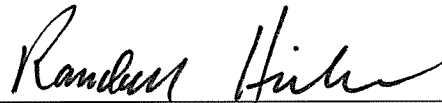
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of sixteen members, with **Fifteen** members who approved this set of minutes on **February 24, 2024**.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, Speaker of the National Council, hereby affix my signature, certifying that the minutes of **January 23, 2024** Planning Session were approved on **February 24, 2024** during the Regular Session of the National Council.



Randall Hicks, Speaker
Muscogee (Creek) National Council