



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

February 20, 2024

Time Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker Randall Hicks

Invocation: Representative Sandra Golden

Roll Call: National Council Secretary Alicia Stroble

Roll call was taken with the following being recorded: **16** present, **0** absent, 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 Present

Leonard Gouge Present

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

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT

Mary Crawford Present

Joyce C. Deere Present

TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT

Anna Marshall Present

Thomasene Yahola Osborn . Present

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

SPEAKER'S REPORT:

- February 1 Attended the Tulsa Indian Community meeting concerning their parking lot with Representative Leonard Gouge in attendance
Attended the historic name change signing of Legislation NCA 24-007. Also present were Representatives Randolph, McHenry, Gouge and Second Speaker Yahola Osborn.
- February 2 Attended the CR & D Quarterly meeting held at Wilson Indian Community Center. Also present was Representative Darrell Proctor.
Attended the Muscogee Creek Nation Challenge Bowl. Also present were Representatives Cloud, Barnett, Deere, Proctor, Golden and McHenry.
- February 5 Attended the Oklahoma State of the State Address in Oklahoma City
Attended the Fact-Finding & Investigations Committee meeting
Attended the Internal Affairs Committee meeting.

- February 6 Attended the Elderly Nutrition Food Show in Glenpool. Also present were Second Speaker Yahola Osborn and Representatives Marshall, Cloud and Golden
- February 7 Attended the Elderly Monthly Meeting in Okmulgee. Also present were Representatives Cloud and Golden
- February 8 Attended MCN Commerce Department and Oklahoma Joes luncheon at Looped Square. Also present were Second Speaker Yahola Osborn and Representatives Randolph, Harjo Sr., Gouge, Crawford, Deere and Golden
Conducted the Emergency Session
- February 10-11 Attended government-to-government meetings in Florida
- February 12-13 Attended NCAI Executive Winter Session in Washington, DC. Also in attendance were Second Speaker Yahola Osborn and Representatives Cloud and Deere
- February 15 Attended the Go Red for Women Luncheon at River Spirit Casino Resort. Also present were Second Speaker Yahola Osborn and Representatives Marshall, Crawford, Golden and Cloud
Attended a meeting with OneFire Holding Company and the MCN Department of Commerce regarding a business opportunity. Also in attendance was Second Speaker Yahola Osborn
Attended the BFJ Committee meeting
- February 16 Attended Elementary Challenge Bowl. Also present were Representatives Barnett, Cloud, Crawford and Deere
- February 20 Attended the LNC meeting.
Conducted the Planning Session meeting.
- February 21 Attended the MNGE meeting at River Spirit. Also in attendance was Ex-Officio, Representative Robert Hufft.
- February 22 Attended a meeting with Chief Hill virtually regarding possible business venture.

SECOND SPEAKER'S REPORT:

- January 26 Attended a Work Session with the MCN Citizenship Department
- January 27 Attended Pre-Agenda and Quarterly Session/State of the Nation
- January 29 Attended the Internal Affairs Committee meeting
- January 30 Attended the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Eastern Oklahoma Chapter in Tulsa with Speaker Hicks
- February 1 Attended the signing of NCA 24-007 in Chief Hill's office with Speaker Hicks and Representatives McHenry, Gouge and Randolph, along with former Speaker Thomas Yahola
- February 5 Attended the Internal Affairs Committee meeting
- February 6 Attended the Elderly Nutrition Food Show in Glenpool
- February 8 Attended MCN Commerce Department and Oklahoma Joes luncheon at Looped Square
Attended the Emergency Session virtually
Attended the Wetumka Indian Community meeting
- February 9 Attended the Elders Sweetheart Dance along with Representatives McHenry, Deere, Golden and Crawford
- February 10 Served as a judge for a Ribbon Skirt Contest at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center. Also in attendance were Representatives Randolph and Barnett
- February 11 Attended a Women's Retreat at High Spring Church in Okemah
- February 12-14 Attended NCAI Executive Winter Session in Washington, DC. February
Attended the HEW Committee meeting virtually
- February 15 Attended the Go Red for Women Luncheon at River Spirit Casino Resort
Attended a meeting with OneFire Holding Company and the MCN Department of Commerce regarding a business opportunity.
Met with AG Wisner regarding monthly legislative review with Speaker Hicks
Attended the BFJ Committee meeting
- February 17 Attended the Susan G. Komen Pink Stiletto Gala at River Spirit Resort Casino. Also in attendance were Representative Leonard Gouge and his wife Johnna
- February 19 Attended the Coweta Indian Community Committee meeting

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board

Representative Hufft reported the MNGE Board met on February 7, 2024. The next meeting is February 21, 2024. January financial reports were emailed to the full council.

Muscogee Nation Businesses, LLC Board

Representative Dode Barnett reported that Muscogee Staffing Solutions on the federal side has been onboarding contracts and servicing current operations. It has two new contracts totaling twenty million dollars contract value. MSS is also working on strategies to increase commercial sales. Muscogee Asset Protection, LLC is currently awaiting its 8(a) certification approval, and working on several bids due this week. MBS will be working on 8(a) certification process withing the next two months. The next meeting will be February 29, 2024. MNB will be at the 2024 RES Conference March 11-14, 2024. Chase Williams, MAP, LLC CEO, was awarded the NCAIED 40 under 40 award. There was a Special Meeting held today. Board Member Russell Torbett resigned effective immediately, today.

College of the Muscogee Nation Board of Regents

Representative Anna Marshall reported the Board met February 19, 2024. There are 251 students enrolled this semester. The Lecture/Exhibit Hall is expected to be completed by graduation this year, which will possibly be April 26, 2024. The next Board meeting will be March 18, 2024.

Mvskoke Loan Fund Board

Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. reported the Board met February 13, 2024. They discussed potential larger loan opportunities for tribal businesses using ARPA funds. Mvskoke Loan Fund reported that One Million has been deployed in less than five months, which is a record. They have 13.7 million in grant applications that are pending. There will be an additional Board meeting on February 28, 2024. The next regular Board meeting is March 13, 2024.

OneFire Holding Company, LLC

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported that the Board’s regular meeting, which was supposed to be held today, has been rescheduled.

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 24-006** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION BOARD TO EXECUTE AN ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ELECTION BOARD AND SAVAGE O’DONNELL AFFELDT & WEINTRAUB LAW FIRM

- TR 24-007** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GROVER WIND AS THE OFFICE OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

- TR 24-008** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHAWN TERRY TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

- TR 24-009** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KAILA HARJO TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

- TR 24-010** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CARMIN TECUMSEH-WILLIAMS TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-016** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A 2024 AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- NCA 24-009** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD, OKLAHOMA TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER, TRIBAL OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT
- NCA 24-010** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, PASS-THROUGH ENTITY NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, HEAR HER CAMPAIGN GRANT
- NCA 24-011** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 21-097 (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 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CITIZEN VACCINE INCENTIVE)
- NCA 24-012** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 21-150 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO PROVIDE A SECOND DISBURSEMENT OF COVID-19 IMPACT RELIEF INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE)
- NCA 24-013** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 21-077 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO ESTABLISH THE COVID-19 IMPACT RELIEF INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) AS AMENDED BY NCA 21-098
- NCA 24-014** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 21-093 (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 MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION VACCINE INCENTIVE FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEES) AS AMENDED BY NCA 21-096

NCA 24-015 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 23-042 (A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT)

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be March 12, 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:

NCR 24-001 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

TR 24-011 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROJECT IN MCINTOSH COUNTY

TR 24-012 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF COWETA FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAYS AND ASSOCIATED RIGHTS-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTED OR IMPROVED BY THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

TR 24-013 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN WITH THE ADDITION OF THE ROUTES LISTED AS ATTACHMENT “A” - MCN NTTFI 2024

TR 24-014 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF NEW ROUTES, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT “A” - MCN NTTFI 2024, TO THE EXISTING NATIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ADD THESE NEW ROUTES TO THE NATION’S NATIONAL TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY INVENTORY

TR 24-015 A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LITTLE SNOW FIELDS TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

NCA 24-016 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CULTURAL CENTER AND ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 MVSKEKE ETVLWV FESTIVAL AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 24-030 with a “Do Pass” to the Full Council to be added to the February 24, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be March 12, 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:

- NCR 24-002** A RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL SELECTING KEVIN AGEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MUSCOGEE NATION GAMING ENTERPRISES, LLC
- TR 24-017** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF RICHARD LERBLANCE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-018** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANDREW ADAMS III FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-019** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO SUBMIT A SMALL, RURAL, AND TRIBAL BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- TR 24-020** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SHANE HOLUBY TO SERVE AS TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-021** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ZECHARIAH HARJO TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE NATION FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-022** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MARY MASHUNKASHEY AS THE TAX COMMISSIONER OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-023** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JEFFREY FIFE TO SERVE AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-025** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF PATRICIA KILIAN AS THE CONTROLLER AND SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-026** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GERALDINE (GERI) WISNER TO SERVE AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
- TR 24-029** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MNGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AGREEMENT WITH CROSSLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

NCA 24-017 A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 36 CHAPTER 3, ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AND LICENSE CODE" PROVIDING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS FOR ELDERS AND VETERANS

Referred Legislation:

NCA 24-016 referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be March 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. No announcements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Interviewed nominees:

Kevin Agee to serve as a Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises Board of Directors Member;
Shane Holuby to serve as Tribal Administrator;
Zechariah Harjo to serve as Secretary of the Nation;
Mary Mashunkashey as Tax Commissioner;
Jeffrey Fife as Chief of Staff;
Patria Kilian as Controller and Secretary of the Treasury; and
Geri Wisner as the Attorney General

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

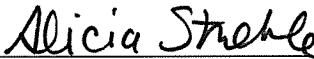
Representative Galen Cloud made a **motion to Adjourn**. Representative Sandra Golden seconded the motion. Upon a motion and a second being made, a voice vote was taken with following results being recorded: **All in favor, none against**.

Representative Robyn Whitecloud gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 **Fourteen** members who approved this set of minutes on **March 30, 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 **February 20, 2024** Planning Session were approved on **March 30, 2024** during the Regular Session of the National Council.



Randall Hicks, Speaker
Muscogee (Creek) National Council