



# 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

March 26, 2024

Time Meeting Convened: 6:39 p.m.

Call to Order: Speaker Randall Hicks

Invocation: Representative Robert Hufft

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

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. **Excused**

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

### SPEAKER'S REPORT:

- March 5      Attended the NIGCR Conference at River Spirit Casino  
 Attended building tour in Tulsa. Also present were Second Speaker Osborn and Representatives Golden, Marshall, Crawford, Deere, Barnett and Whitecloud  
 Gave a tour of the National Council and District Court to Holly Tiger, President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. and Vice-Chairwoman of Seminole Tribe of Florida  
 Attended an LNC Work Session regarding Oil/Gas policy and regulations  
 Attended the Okfuskee Indian Community Meeting. Also present was Representative Sandra Golden
- March 6      Attended the Wilson High School Boys proclamation ceremony by Chief Hill. Also present were Representatives Cloud and Golden  
 Attended the Muskogee County Livestock Show

- Attended the Hickory Ground Monthly Meeting virtually. Also online was Representative Darrell Proctor
- Attended the MNGE Meeting virtually
- March 7 Worked on securing a designated parking area for National Council and District Court
- March 8 Attended the Key presentation to an elderly citizen in Wewoka. Also in attendance were Second Speaker Osborn and Representatives Marshall, Randolph, Whitecloud, Barnett and Cloud
- March 9 Attended the Dance of Two Moons Reception/Fundraiser held at River Spirit Casino. Also present were Second Speaker Osborn and Representatives Crawford, Deere and Gouge.
- March 11 Attended a meeting regarding the At-Large Gathering in Colorado  
Attended a meeting/update concerning the event at Horseshoe Bend  
Attended a meeting Tina Yargee of Human Resources regarding a grievance
- March 12 Attended the HEW Committee Meeting  
Attended the LNC Committee Meeting
- March 13 Attended an MNGE Meeting virtually
- March 14 Attended a meeting/update concerning a Housing complaint/issue. Second Speaker Osborn was also present virtually
- March 15 Met with BYU Native American Students who were visiting the Nation
- March 16 Attended the At-Large Gathering in Arkansas
- March 18-19 Attended the United Indian Nation of Oklahoma (UINO) Conference in Bartlesville. Also in attendance were Second Speaker Osborn and Representatives Barnett, Harjo, Crawford, Marshall, Deere, Randolph and Cloud
- March 23 Attended the commemorative Horseshoe Bend events in Alabama. Also in attendance were Second Speaker Osborn and Representatives Barnett and Cloud

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

No report. Second Speaker was excused.

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## **EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:**

### **Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Board**

Representative Robert Hufft reported the MNGE Board met February 21, 2024. The Mitigation Project was discussed. MNGE applied for two grants (FEMA and BRIC) in the amount of 46 million dollars each, but only one can be accepted. The approximate cost of mitigation is 85 million dollars. Walther Moore and Associates, Lee & Brown Electrical and PMG contracts were approved. A Special Meeting was held March 13, 2024 to interview health insurance brokers. MNGE also met March 20, 2024. It approved the transfer of one acre in McIntosh County for the Eufaula Casino and the new health insurance brokers and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer made a presentation. Also, RFPs will be sent out regarding upcoming audit, and administrative officers gave their monthly reports. The February distribution was \$11.5 million. The next meeting April 3, 2024.

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

Representative Dode Barnett reported that the Board met on February 29. The new Social Media Policy for employees was approved and they are still servicing the contracts that were reported last month.

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

Representative Anna Marshall reported the Board met March 18, 2024. The CMN Graduation is scheduled for April 26, 2024 at the new Lecture/Exhibit Hall. Approximately fifty-five students will be graduating. Summer enrollment is open from March 4 – May 20. The summer session will be for eight weeks. CMN received an invitation to host the 2025 AIHEC Basketball Tournament. The next Board meeting will be April 22, 2024.

**Mvskoke Loan Fund Board**

Representative Nelson Harjo Sr. reported the Board met March 13, 2024. They discussed in state/out of state loans and other loan opportunities with the upcoming new funding. next regular Board meeting is April 17, 2024.

**OneFire Holding Company, LLC**

Representative Patrick Freeman Jr. reported that the Board met March 19, 2024. Discussion was had on Southern Villa Project, Southwoods Nursery, Riverbank Stabilization Assessment and update on Riverwalk improvements funded by ARPA.

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**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 24-031** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF LUCINDA MYERS TO SERVE ON THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ELECTION BOARD
- TR 24-033** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROGRAM
- TR 24-034** 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, TR 23-096 AND TR 24-005
- NCA 24-020** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET
- NCA 24-021** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A NEW BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXPEND MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THIRD PARTY, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS), AND OPIOID FUNDS FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEALTH SYSTEM
- NCA 24-022** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO THE KH HEAVENLY CORPORATION

**NCA 24-024** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION HEAD START PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be April 9, 2024 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 24-035** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ON BEHALF OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION, TO EXECUTE A UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COWETA ON, OVER, OR ACROSS CERTAIN PROPERTY HELD USA IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION LOCATED IN WAGONER COUNTY

**NCA 24-023** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 5, CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED “FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE” AND AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 37, CHAPTER 2 “BUDGET AND FINANCE”

The Committee met prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 24-036, TR 24-039, TR 24-40, NCA 24-025 and NCA 24-028 with a “Do Pass” to the Full Council to be added to the March 30, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order. The Committee met with the Business, Finance & Justice Committee prior to the Planning Session and reported TR 24-041 and TR 24-042 with a “Do Pass” to the Full Council to be added to the March 30, 2023 Regular Session Agenda in numerical order. Next scheduled committee meeting will be April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. No announcements.

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**Business, Finance & Justice – Chairman Robert Hufft**

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

**TR 24-037** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED COMPACT OF SELF-GOVERNANCE AND A MULTIYEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

**TR 24-038** A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF TIM GOODVOICE TO SERVE ON THE MVSKEKE LOAN FUND BOARD

**NCA 24-026** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FISCAL RELIEF FUNDING AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUNDING (LATCF) RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY TO ESTABLISH A

REVOLVING FUND WITH THE MVSKOKE LOAN FUND FOR THE FISCAL  
RELIEF FUNDING OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
INSTRUMENTALITIES

**NCA 24-027** A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE  
37, § 2-229 ENTITLED “Mvskoke Loan Fund Revolving Fund Account and Loss  
Reserve Account” AND CREATING A NEW BUSINESS REVOLVING FUND  
ACCOUNT

**Referred Legislation:**

NCA 24-020 referred from the Health Education & Welfare Committee

NCA 24-022 referred from the Health Education & Welfare Committee

NCA 24-023 referred from the Land, Natural Resources & Cultural Committee

NCA 24-024 referred from the Health Education & Welfare Committee

No items for consideration. Next scheduled committee meeting will be April 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
No announcements.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Presentations were given by Shawn Terry, Secretary of Health and Michael Harjo, Creek Brothers  
Film, Inc.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Representative Robert Hufft made a **motion to Adjourn**. Representative Charles McHenry  
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 Leonard Gouge gave the benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

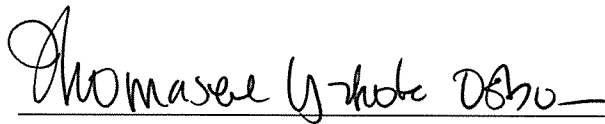
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Journal of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of sixteen members, with **Twelve** members who approved this set of minutes on **April 27, 2024**.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

**APPROVAL**

I, Speaker of the National Council, hereby affix my signature, certifying that the minutes of **March 26, 2024** Planning Session were approved on **April 27, 2024** during the Quarterly Session of the National Council.



Thomasene Yahola-Osborn, Second Speaker  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council