



## CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

**MEETING DATE / LOCATION:**

26 April 2019  
Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission  
Conference Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

John Sparks, Chairman  
Steven Barrick, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer Goins, Commissioner  
Janice Walters-Purcell, Commissioner

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Jamie Hummingbird, Director  
Tammy Dry, Executive Assistant  
Debra Wilson, Administrative Officer  
Rhonda Trumbla, Special Projects Officer  
Tracy Christie, Gaming Systems Analyst  
Traci Asher, Internal Audit Manager  
Kelly Myers, Licensing Manager  
Tiffany Cochran, Compliance Manager  
Jeannie Bunch, Compliance Officer  
Kim Baker, Compliance Officer

**CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:**

Bear Christensen, Compliance  
Monica Richards, Finance  
Reba Chambers, Compliance  
Tim Baker, CNB Legal  
Jennifer Bryant, Human Resources  
David Ledford, Technology  
Timothy Mannon, Gaming  
Jennifer Watkins, Compliance  
Belinda Fuller, Audit  
Donald Childers, Surveillance & Loss Prevention  
Gary Weddell, Gaming Operations  
John Underwood, S Technology Manager  
Angela Jobe, IT  
Jennifer Provence, Marketing  
Dena Geib, CNB Legal

**VISITORS:**

Paiten Taylor-Qualls, Office of the Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER :

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at approximately 9:39 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Sparks  
Vice Chairman Barrick  
Commissioner Purcell

Absent: Commissioner Goins

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Barrick.

Commissioner Goins entered at 9:41 a.m.

Jamie requested to amend the agenda by adding Item K-Transfer of Tahlequah Casino License.

All Commissioners agreed. Motion carried.

Chairman Sparks added that Tim Baker will be heard out of order on Item J.

All Commissioners agreed. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve the 29 March 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Introductions were made by attendees from the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC), Cherokee Nation Entertainment (CNE), Cherokee Nation Businesses (CNB), Cherokee Nation (CN), and guests.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to enter into executive session at 9:46 a.m. for the CNE reports; seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried.

#### **CNE REPORTS:**

##### **A. FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **B. FACILITIES REPORT**

Commissioner Goins motioned to exit executive session at 10:25 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

No action taken.

Commissioner Goins motioned to enter into executive session at 10:26 a.m. to hear Tim Baker regarding Item J; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to exit executive session at 10:49 a.m.; seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried.

No action taken

A break was taken and the meeting resumed at 11:03 a.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. PERMITS & LICENSES – K. MYERS**

Kelly presented the following and requested approval.

##### **1. Employees**

- One hundred and five (105) individual(s) for temporary permits
- Ninety-nine (99) individual(s) for suitability determination
- Ninety-six (96) Orders

- Two hundred and thirty-five (235) for 24 May 2019

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

## 2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

- One (1) new company orders for 26 April 2019
- Sixteen (16) individual orders for 26 April 2019
- Ten (10) company renewals for 24 May 2019
- Seventy –six (76) individual renewals 24 May 2019

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

## B. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS – K. MYERS

None to present

## C. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

Jamie presented the following and requested approval.

### 1. Electronic Game Themes

➤ Everi	19
➤ Aristocrat	3
➤ Konami	3
➤ Aruze	3
➤ Incredible Technologies	2
➤ IGT	7
➤ VGT	1

### Updated Game Clients

➤ VGT	3
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### Updated Game Drives

➤ Everi	4
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### Director Approved Items

➤ IGT	1
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Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as listed; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

## 2. Table & Card Games

Jamie provided a memo to the commissioners regarding revisions to table games policies. He was prepared to provide policies on Three Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, and Free Bet Blackjack and felts associated for each of those games. The intent is to add a side bet with a corresponding change in the felts. Since he received additional information the day before modifying the previously submitted policies, there was not sufficient time to review the revisions prior to this meeting.

Jamie felt that he could not recommend full approval until the revised policies submitted the day before were reviewed. He requested that he be granted a delegation of authority to grant CNE permission to play the games after they have been reviewed to make sure that all game play and felt changes are in order.

Commissioner Goins motioned to approve as provided; seconded by Commissioner Barrick.

Chairman Sparks asked if this request was to procedurally keep the ball rolling then report to the commissioners on the final action and that the issues related are more technical in nature rather than sustenance. Jamie agreed.

Commissioner Purcell asked for further information. Jamie provided a copy of the policies and Jennifer Watkins elaborated on the changes that were submitted.

All agreed. Motion carried.

## 3. Systems

Jamie reported that CNE was seeking approval for the implementation of a budgetary assistance software called Host Analytics Financial Enterprise Budget Software and the integration of CNB Dell Boomi Atom for CNB to start in May 2019. This is intended to be used for budget forecasts, predictions, and tracking as well as budget analytics, preparation, and different reports for budget purposes. The system will allow the CNB organization to take advantage of a cloud-based product capable of meeting the demands of their growing organization.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as provided; seconded by Commissioner Goins.

Jamie added that a demonstration has been conducted with the departments that will be affected to show what information is being distributed and secured. CNGC is comfortable that financial information will be protected and the responsible group will protect the data. The software meets compliance with the regulations. The supplying vendor is currently licensed through the CNGC. Jamie recommended that CNE be authorized to use the software service.

All agreed. Motion passed.

AGS Dex-S Shuffler

Jamie provided a handout regarding a request submitted this week. CNE requested a thirty (30) day trial period; however, as CNGC reviewed the shuffler and the independent test lab, Jamie was comfortable recommending full approval. Should CNE decide to use this Shuffler at all locations after the trial period, they would be able to do so without further hindrance.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as provided; seconded by Commissioner Goins.

Chairman Sparks wanted to verify that Jamie was seeking full approval and not the trial period on the memo. Jamie agreed and explained that with full approval and after the trial period, CNE would be able to use the shufflers at all locations, should they so decide, without further requests and approvals. CNE would then follow standard gaming activity notice prior to introducing the new shufflers.

Commissioner Purcell requested the test letters. Jamie provided the letters to her and explained them and the process in further detail.

All agreed. Motion passed.

D. PROMOTIONS & CALENDAR OF EVENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie presented the report and requested approval.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried.

Roland/Sallisaw Addendum

Jeannie presented the addendum and recommended approval.

Commissioner Goins motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

E. TOURNAMENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie made the presentation and requested approval.

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as distributed; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

#### F. IN-HOUSE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFERS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie presented and recommended approval for the transfer of retired in-house progressive (IHP) funds to promotional funds for the direct benefit of e-games patrons.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried.

#### G. GAME AUTHENTICATION TERMINAL (GAT) PROTOCOL-PROPOSED REGULATION – J. HUMMINGBIRD

Chairman Sparks asked Jamie what the requested action on this item was. Jamie stated the request was for authorization from the Commission to publish the proposed use of the GAT Protocol under the Cherokee Nation Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Goins.

Chairman Sparks asked for clarification of the request. Jamie explained that the request is not passing the regulation but to publish under the APA only.

All agreed. Motion passed.

#### H. CNGC AUDIT CHARTER-PROPOSED REVISIONS – T. ASHER

Chairman Sparks asked what the requested action on this item was. Traci stated that they were requesting the proposed revisions be published under the Cherokee Nation APA. The internal audit standards require that the charter is periodically reviewed to verify it is updated with all current regulations and standards within the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF). Comments, questions, and concerns will be addressed by the CNGC.

Commissioner Goins motioned to approve as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Barrick.

Commissioner Purcell asked if they were sent to the Office of the Attorney General. Traci and Chairman Sparks explained that they will be provided to the Office of the Attorney General after they have been published, which is standard protocol.

All agreed. Motion passed.

Traci reported that three (3) audits were under the review process and had some outstanding items. Those audits will get issued. While Audit is waiting to receive some requested documentation, they have three (3) other audits in field work.

A Player Tracking Audit and an Ongoing Activities Report conducted by CNB were provided in the packet. There were no questions on the reports provided.

*Item K was taken up at this time. See respective line item below.*

A break was taken at 11:49 a.m.

J. INVESTIGATIONS, LICENSE ACTIONS & HEARINGS (EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED) – K. MYERS

Commissioner Barrick motioned to enter into executive session at 11:58 a.m. for briefings on the hearings and/or investigations and hear each individual as scheduled; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to exit executive session at 1:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goins. Motion carried

No action was taken during executive session.

Kelly made the following recommendations and requested approval:

**Tabs 1 - Present**

Action: Found suitable. A conditional license was granted with no criminal activity for twelve (12) months.

**Tab 2**

Action: License denial

**Tab 3**

Action: License denial

**Tab 4 - Present**

Action: Reinstate suitability

Commissioner Goins motioned to approve as recommended; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

*The Director's Report was taken up at this time. See respective item below.*

Jamie requested approval to transfer the existing facility license to the new Tahlequah Casino Facility upon completion of the compliance and environmental public health and safety checks, which is common practice and a NIGC requirement. Some items have been resolved and there are a few outstanding that need to be checked off. The CNGC has to certify that the facility meets all requirements prior to being open to the public.

Commissioner Goins motioned to approve as requested; seconded by Commissioner Barrick.

Per Chairman Sparks' question, Jamie verified that he will report to the commissioners upon completion of the resolved issues.

All agreed. Motion carried.

*Item J was taken up at this time. See respective line item above.*

DIRECTORS REPORT - J. HUMMINGBIRD

Jamie recognized Kelly Myers on her award as NIGA Regulator of the Year. He also commended and congratulated Tiffany Cochran on her work and promotion to Compliance Manager. There were no questions on the Director's report.

OPEN SESSION:


None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Goins motioned to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

  
CHAIRMAN SPARKS

  
DATE