

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2019
CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION**

Call to order/Roll call of Commissioners:

The meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Shawna Calico at 9:06 a.m.

Commissioner Carolyn Allen called roll and a quorum was established with the following commissioners:

Shawna Calico-- Chairwoman
Pamela Sellers-- Vice-Chair
Carolyn Allen-- Secretary
Rick Doherty-- Commissioner
Randy Campbell- Commissioner

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present, along with staff members Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell.

Guest list is attached in the minute book.

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2019 Special Meeting. There being no discussion, Rick Doherty made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell. The minutes were approved by all commissioners.

Old Business:

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for any items in old business to which there were none.

Current Items of Business were presented for discussion.

a.) Consideration and possible action regarding Voter Registrations and Absentee Ballot Requests:

Attorney Harvey Chaffin reminded the Commission of policy of ten or more and/or suspicious applications be sent to the Attorney General's office and that we had done that in regard to thirty-three (33) voter registration applications with the same address. Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Attorney General's office as well as the research done by the commission and staff. After discussion, Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to reject all thirty-three (33) voter registrations in question and send a rejection letter to those citizens, with thirteen (13) of those citizens getting a letter stating they are still eligible to vote at the polls and their previous voter registration will stand, denying their absentee application. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

b.) Consideration and possible regarding Candidate Financials:

After review of the March financials and the February revisions, upon discussion, a motion was made by Carolyn Allen and seconded by Rick Doherty to send a copy of Section 46 of the Election Law in an email letter format to those candidates with March deficiencies stating the deficiency

and to those candidates who have not submitted February revisions. The motion was approved by all. A list of those candidates is attached to the minutes. (Attachment 1)

After review of financials, discussion was held regarding those who submitted their financials after the 15th, making their financials having been received late. A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to send a certified letter to candidates David Walkingstick and Jim Cosby of a fine of \$100 assessed to each accordingly, pursuant to the law regarding late financials. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

c.) Consideration and possible action regarding notice to At-Large Voters:

Discussion was held regarding the At-Large Ballot having been previously printed with the name of Wanda Hatfield as an At-Large candidate. Due to the election timeline and statutes of the Law, the ballot was previously printed prior to the disqualification of Wanda Hatfield as a candidate for the At-Large council seat. The timeline did not allow for reprinting of ballot to remain in compliance of Election Law timelines. A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to place a Notice in with the ballots being mailed to At-Large candidates regarding Wanda Hatfield's name on the ballot. The Notice will read:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to voters that Wanda Hatfield has been disqualified as a Candidate for the 2019 General Election and any voters for At-Large Candidate Wanda Hatfield will not be counted or considered.

The motion was approved by all commissioners.

Executive Session:

a.) Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations or protests:

Rick Doherty made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to enter executive session at 10:13 a.m. regarding this item on the agenda. The motion was approved by all commissioners. The commission entered into executive session.

b.) Personnel –none

c.) Exit Executive Session-

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Randy Campbell to exit executive session at 10:36 a.m. The motion was approved by all commissioners. The commission returned from executive session.

Action from Executive Session:

There was no action taken from executive session.

Announcements

Connie Parnell stated there were a total of 8,756 absentees requested. Of those, 3,276 are At-Large Voter absentees.

Adjourn

Rick Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.



Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

May 6, 2019

4-23-19

February Revisions not completed: either need
another revision or not submitted revision
after notice:

1. Ron Goff - expenditures: "food" total not correct on
itemized section; need to correct it on
summary page also
2. Todd Branstetter - has not submitted a February
revision as requested
3. Dora Smith Patzkowski - has not submitted a February
revision as requested
4. Julia Coates - has not submitted a February revision as
requested
5. Larry Pritchett - has not pd. \$100 fee for late finan

4-23-19

March, 2019 Financial Deficiencies:

1. Wes NoFire - needs to recheck columns, items, figures:
several items do not correspond correctly from
summary page to itemized pages
2. Larry Pritchett - missing "office expense" page; is listed
on summary page but not on itemized page
3. Meredith Frailey - contributions amount on summary page
and itemized section do not add correctly
4. David Walkingstick - received on 4-18-19 - Late
5. Brandon Girty - needs to complete summary page
6. Jim Cosby - received on 4-16-19 - Late
7. Ron Goff - March financial will not be correct because
the revisions on February expenses "food"
are not correct
8. Ralph Keen - cannot put filing fee under miscellaneous
after removing it from February financial
9. Todd Branstetter - February was never revised so this
makes March numbers on summary incorr
10. Dora Patzkowski - February was never revised so this
makes March numbers on summary incorr

