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CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE / LOCATION:

13 September 2019
Tahlequah Casino
Chota Center

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Sparks, Chairman
Steven Barrick, Commissioner
Janice Walters-Purcell, Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF:

Jamie Hummingbird, Director
Tammy Dry, Executive Assistant
Rhonda Trumbla, Special Projects Officer
Debra Wilson, Administrative Officer
Tiffany Cochran, Compliance Manager
Jeannie Bunch, Compliance Officer
Tristan Trumbla, Gaming Systems Analyst
Kristi Cole, Licensing Agent

CHEROKEE NATION ENTERTAINMENT:

Mark Fulton, Operations
Monica Richards, Finance
Jennifer Watkins, Compliance
Jennifer Provence, Marketing
Angelia Jobe, IT
David Ledford, IT
Reba Chambers, Compliance
Joshua Anderson, Surveillance
Melody Cable, Audit
Liz Rosebrough, Corporate Gaming
Bear Christiansen, Compliance
Todd Hembree, Legal

VISITORS:

Linda O'Leary, Commissioner Elect
D. Sean Rowley, Cherokee Phoenix
Chrissi Nimmo, Office of the Attorney General

CHEROKEE NATION GAMING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
13 September 2019
Chota Center – Tahlequah Casino

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at approximately 9:44 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 Purcell questioned the old business item on the agenda. Chairman Sparks reminded the commission of the agreement they had previously to keep this item under old business until acted upon.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Barrick motioned to approve the 16 August 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion passed.

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.

Chairman Sparks welcomed Commissioner Elect, Linda O’Leary

Commissioner Barrick motioned to enter into executive session at 9:50 a.m.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

CNE REPORTS:

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

B. FACILITIES REPORT

Commissioner Barrick motioned to exit executive session at 10:29 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Reports were received, no action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CNGC TRIBAL INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS - PROPOSED REVISIONS – J. HUMMINGBIRD

This item was presented for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PERMITS & LICENSES – K. MYERS

Kristi presented the following and requested approval.

1. Employees

- One hundred and twenty-eight (128) individual(s) for temporary permits
- Ninety two (92) individual(s) for suitability determination
- One hundred and sixteen (116) Orders
- One hundred and sixty-four (164) Renewals for 11 October 2019

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

2. Vendor & Vendor Representatives

- Two (2) new company orders for 13 September 2019
- Nineteen (19) individual orders for 13 September 2019
- Nine (9) company renewals for 11 October 2019
- Forty-nine (49) individual renewals 11 October 2019

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

B. LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS – K. MYERS

Kristi presented six (6) license classifications and requested approval.

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

C. GAME & SYSTEM APPROVALS – T. TRUMBLA

1. Electronic Game Themes

➤ Novomatic	17
➤ Ainsworth	9
➤ Konami	10
➤ Everi	13
➤ Aristocrat	2
➤ IGT	7
➤ VGT	43
➤ AGS	3

New Main Program

➤ Aruze	1
➤ Aristocrat	1
➤ Everi	2
➤ Novomatic	1

New Class III Gaming Cabinet

➤ Aristocrat	1
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New Gaming Component(s)

➤ Novomatic	1
➤ Konami	3
➤ Everi	2

Director Approved Items

➤ AGS	1
➤ Interblock	1
➤ Konami	4

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

2. Table & Card Games

None to present

3. Systems

Tristan presented the IGT Advantage 9.7 System Upgrade that CNE submitted a request for approval on. The letter of intent and other information was included in the packet. Tristan requested approval.

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

D. PROMOTIONS & CALENDAR OF EVENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie presented the report and requested approval.

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

Roland/Sallisaw Addendum

Jeannie presented the report and requested approval.

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

Fort Gibson Addendum

Jeannie presented the report and requested approval.

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

E. TOURNAMENTS – J. BUNCH

Jeannie made the presentation and requested approval.

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

Tournaments Addendum Memo

Jeannie presented the addendum memo and requested approval.

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

G. CNE COMPLIMENTARIES MATRIX- CHEROKEE GIFT SHOP – J. HUMMINGBIRD

Jamie reported that CNE is wanting to modify to the existing Complimentaries Matrix to change the name of the retail shop. Bear reported that the Art Gallery name was not changed during transition and CNE requested that it be changed to Cherokee Gift Shop. The memo states that the change will be more accurate.

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

H. CNGC FY 2019 AUDIT CYCLE UPDATE – T. ASHER

Included in the packet was a status report on an Implementation Review from CNGC Audit; no action was necessary.

Jamie reported that there was one report from CNB and Melody Cable was in attendance to answer questions. There were no questions.

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

Commissioner Barrick motioned to enter into executive session at 10:56 a.m. for briefings on the hearings and/or investigations and hear each individual as scheduled. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Before everyone left the room, Jamie wanted to thank CNE and everyone who had a part in helping with the re-opening of the Fort Gibson Casino.

A break was taken at this time.

Commissioner Purcell motioned to exit executive session at 11:46 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrick. Motion carried.

No action was taken during executive session.

Jamie made the following recommendations and requested approval:

Tab 1 - Present

Action: License denial

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

DIRECTORS REPORT - J. HUMMINGBIRD

Jamie reported that he and other CNGC staff enjoyed the GAT training they attended earlier this week. The CNGC staff is happy about it as it will be an improvement and will be efficient and beneficial.

Jamie invited the commissioners to the CNGC staff meeting and chili cook-off on 20 September 2019 at the Community Room at beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Tammy sent out an email on a few conferences coming up. Please let her know if you would like to attend.

Jamie reminded the Commissioners of the October stipends hitting accounts later due to transitioning to the new fiscal year.

Electric vehicle charging stations are being installed at the CNGC parking lot as well as the Health IT location and other areas. The CNGC location will take 6-8 weeks to be completed.

Jamie recognized Tiffany Cochran and DeJuna McDonald for receiving their Certified Fraud Examiner Certifications.

Jamie announced that one of our auditors, Velma Coon-Santos, had a baby girl this morning.

OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Sparks thanked the staff that prepared the reception for current and former commissioners during the Cherokee Holiday weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Barrick motioned to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Purcell. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:



John H. Sparks
CHAIRMAN SPARKS
Oct. 11, 2019
DATE