

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 30, 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 Chairperson Shawna Calico at 8:12 p.m.

Chairperson Shawna Calico read a notice regarding this meeting being a public meeting and how attendees would be expected to adhere to the public notice read.

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

Shawna Calico- Chairperson  
Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chairman  
Carolyn Allen- Secretary/Treasurer  
Rick Doherty- Commissioner  
Randy Campbell- Commissioner

Office staff present was Marcus Fears and Connie Parnell.

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

Guests present – Cherokee Nation Marshal Service and Security as well as guests listed on the attached list for the minutes book.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairperson Shawna Calico asked for approval and/or discussion of the minutes of the May 23, 2019 Special Meeting. Carolyn Allen asked for consideration to table these minutes and made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell and approved by all commissioners.

**Old Business:**

Approval of Minutes from the May 21, 2019 Special Meeting:

Carolyn Allen asked for consideration to table these minutes and made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Randy Campbell and approved by all commissioners.

**Current Items:**

- a.) Consideration and possible action regarding Commission Policy on counting votes for disqualified Candidates and notice to Voters:

Commissioner Carolyn Allen stated the commission should inform citizens of the status of disqualified candidates and that notice should be posted at the election office and at all

polling locations. Chairperson Shawna Calico read a notice regarding the disqualification of David Walkingstick, Candidate for Principi Chief. Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the notice as read and to post the notice at the election office and at all polling locations. The motion was approved by all commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

Shawna Calico read a notice regarding the disqualification of Jodie Fishinghawk as Candidate for District 8. Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve the notice and to post the notice at the election office and at all polling locations. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

There was discussion that the appeal time for Jodie Fishinghawk to file an appeal with the Supreme Court had not ended. Consideration was given to posting an alternative notice should Jodie Fishinghawk file an appeal with the Supreme Court. Carolyn Allen amended the motion to include approving two notices: (1) stating that Jodie Fishinghawk was disqualified and she did not appeal to the Supreme Court and (2) stating that Jodie Fisinghawk was disqualified and that she has appealed to the Supreme Court. The precinct officials would be instructed which notice to post at the polling locations in District 8 and one posted at the election office. The three notices will be attached in the minutes book. **(Attachments 2 and 3)**

- b.) Consideration and possible action regarding Commissioin Policy on Challenged Ballots where Commission has received Absentee Ballot and notice to Voters:

Carolyn Allen stated the commission should consider giving notice to voters regarding the status of challenged ballots and absentee ballots once an absentee ballot has been received and processed. She stated this should be placed at the election office and at all polling locations. Shawna Calico read a notice regarding Challenged Ballots. Carolyn Allen made an moton which was seconded by Randy Campbell to approve this notice and post it at the election office and all polling locations. The notice was approved by all commissioners. **(Attachment 4)**

- c.) Consideration and possible action regarding alternate precincts in case of flooding:

Carolyn Allen stated the commissioners and staff had been in contact all week, including this afternoon with facilities that we had a contract for to be used as a precinct location. All facilities have access and are available to be open on election day for voting. Some citizens may have to take alternate routes but all polling locations will be open for voting. There was not action needed on this agenda item.

- d.) Consideration and possible action regarding Candidate Financials:

After review of financials and discussion, Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to send notice to seven candidates who have not made revisions to financials. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

After review of financials and discussion, Carolyn Allen made a motion which was seconded by Randy Campbell to send notice to two candidates that a fine of \$100 would

be assessed to each of those two candidates due to the election commission not having received the financials by the due date. The motion was approved by all commissioners.

**Executive Session:**

There was no executive session.

**Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**Adjourn:**

Carolyn Allen made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary  
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

June 4, 2019

## **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Cherokee Nation Election Commission disqualified David Walkingstick as a Candidate for Principal Chief for the 2019 Cherokee Election and on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court upheld the disqualification of David Walkingstick.

## **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Cherokee Nation Election Commission disqualified Jodie Fishinghawk as a Candidate for District 8 Tribal Council for the 2019 Cherokee Election and she did not appeal the disqualification to the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court.

## **NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Cherokee Nation Election Commission disqualified Jodie Fishinghawk as a Candidate for District 8 Tribal Council for the 2019 Cherokee Election and she has appealed the disqualification to the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, and the appeal is pending.






## Challenged Ballot Notice

Notice is hereby given that if the Cherokee Nation Election Commission has received and processed an absentee ballot from a Voter, and the Voter votes a Challenged Ballot, the Challenged Ballot will not be opened and counted.

# Cherokee Nation Election Commission

## Special Meeting Sign-in Sheet

May 30, 2019 8:00 PM

Print Name	Signature
David Cornsilk	David Cornsilk
Chad Funder	
William Vance	
Luke Harshen	
Bridget Holton	
<del>Sandra Sutton</del> Sandra Sutton	<del>Sandra Sutton</del> Sandra Sutton
STEPHANIE ASH	Stephanie Ash
Rudley Smith	
Sarah Woods	Sarah Woods
William Vance	William Vance
JANA WASHINGTON	Jana Vance
Brenda Blackfox	Brenda Vance
Andrew Blackfox	Andrew Blackfox
Karen Vance	Karen Vance

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