

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 29, 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 2:22 p.m.

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

Shawna Calico- Chairwoman
Pamela Sellers- Vice-Chairman
Carolyn Allen- Secretary/Treasurer
Rick Doherty- Commissioner

Office staff present was Marcus Fears.

Attorney Harvey Chaffin was present.

Guests present were Chad Hunter and Cherokee Nation Security.

Chairwoman Shawna Calico asked for discussion and/or approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2019 Special Meeting. Secretary Carolyn Allen asked if the minutes could be considered to table due to the short timeframe between meetings and the election schedule. Pamela Sellers made a motion to table these minutes. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen and approved by all commissioners present.

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:

The commission took into consideration various situations regarding voter registrations and absentee ballot request that had been sent to the Attorney General's office as a result of policy of ten or more voter registrations and/or absentee ballot requests going to the same address and/or suspicious applications received. Recommendations received from the Attorney General's office after investigation, along with research by commission and staff were discussed. After addressing these situations the following motions were taken and approved:

Regarding 19 absentee requests going to the same post office box:

A motion was made by Carolyn Allen and seconded by Pamela Sellers that eight absentee requests from citizens would be sent to the particular addresses of those citizens who were

interviewed and the address they requested. All others would receive a rejection letter stating they could go to the polls to vote. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Regarding 43 absentee requests going to the same address:

A motion was made by Pamela Sellers and seconded by Rick Doherty that those who were not previously registered will have their voter registrations and absentee requests rejected because their address cannot be confirmed. A letter of rejection will be sent to those citizens.

Those previously registered will have their voter registration and absentee request rejected. They will receive a letter of rejection and will be allowed to go to the polls to vote. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Regarding four (4) absentee requests received per correspondence from the Cherokee Nation Marshall Service:

The Election Commission had received correspondence from the Marshall Service that citizens had notified them they were on a list to receive absentee ballots and they had not requested to receive a ballot. We were told this is under current investigation by the Marshall Service. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen and seconded by Rick Doherty to pull those four (4) absentee requests, hold those requests and not act on them until further notice by the Marshall Service. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Executive Session:

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

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Carolyn Allen to enter executive session at 2:53 p.m. on this item on the agenda. The motion was approved. The commission entered executive session at 2:53 p.m.

- b.) Personnel- none

- c.) Exit executive session-

A motion was made by Rick Doherty and seconded by Pamela Sellers to exit executive session at 3:33 p.m. The motion was approved by all commissioners present. The commission exited executive session at 3:33 p.m.

Action from Executive Session:

There was no action taken from executive session.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Adjourn:

Pamela Sellers made a motion to adjourn at 3:33 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Allen

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Allen, Secretary
Cherokee Nation Election Commission

May 6, 2019

April 29, 2019 2:00 PM

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