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Review of land acquisitions, leases building steam

Greetings to you and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Your Legislature started the fiscal year in October, 2003. The new Land Development Committee began the year in October with review Legislation related to land acquisitions and leases. If we continue at the same pace we are now working, we will review a record number of resolutions in 2004. Land Committee members are Legislators Steve Wood and Scott Colbert from Tishomingo District; Chairperson Linda Briggs from Pickens District; Legislators Mary Jo Green and Melvin Burris from Pontotoc District; and myself as Chairperson of the Committee. We have reviewed 17 pieces of legislation in our committee since October 1, 2003.

Twelve of the resolutions were for acquisition of property with one of the acquisitions being a land donation. The remaining five resolutions were for leases.

There are two new employees with whom we work. Cindy Johnson, working with the Enterprises, handles all land acquisitions and Jessie Kemp, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs presents resolutions dealing with leases.

As you can see, we are working for you, the Chickasaw Nation. This is my way of saying that we are looking for a prosperous New Year, and we wish you the very best in this New Year. Our resolution in the Legislature is to continue to serve you. I look forward to the opportunity to send you news through *the Chickasaw Times*. I thank all of you for sending me e-mails throughout the past year and ask that you continue. I have met many friends and newfound family members through *the Times*. Thank you for reading. As always, I continue in service to the Chickasaw Nation.

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