

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 15, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander
 Linda Briggs
 Holly Easterling
 Mary Jo Green
 Donna Hartman
 Dean McManus
 Judy Goforth Parker
 Wanda Blackwood Scott
 Wilson Seawright
 Steve Woods

Members absent: Melvin Burris
 Scott Colbert
 Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
 Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Bob Nichols,
 Mary Lou Nichols, Agnes Ned, Lawatha Gilley, Charles Vans,
 Paula Woods, Suzanne Martin, Don Martin, Tony Choate, Justin
 Presley, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Paul Yates

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 18, 2005

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the March 18, 2005 minutes.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.**

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2005 carried unanimously.
AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Mr. Woods reported two resolutions were considered, but were tabled in committee.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-036, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Mr. Bob Engle

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bob Engle to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. Mr. Engle will fill the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Arron Duck, who has resigned. Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-036. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-036 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

Chairperson Briggs asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to go into Executive Session. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to go into Executive Session carried unanimously.

The Legislature went into Executive session at 9:10 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to reconvene the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to reconvene the meeting carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

General Resolution Number 22-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.28 acres, more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to suspend the rules to take GR22-035 from the table and place it on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to take GR 22-035 from the table and place it on the agenda carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-035. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-035 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-037, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County.

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-037. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
9 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman
1 no vote

The motion to approve GR 22-037 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-038, Oil and Gas Lease in LeFlore County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., of Fort Smith, Arkansas. They have submitted an acceptable bid of \$103.28 per acre for a total bonus of \$206.56, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$51.64, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 2.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$6.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$1.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-038. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-038 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-039, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$177,120.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$44,280.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The lease contains 240.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$720.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$180.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-039. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
9 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Wanda Blackwood Scott
1 abstention

The motion to approve GR22-039 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-040, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They submitted an acceptable bid of \$738.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$3,690.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$922.50, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of 15.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-040. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,

Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
9 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Wanda Blackwood Scott
1 abstention

The motion to approve GR22-040 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-041, Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County (Tribal Tract No. 3989)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Meade Energy Corporation, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have submitted an acceptable bid for an oil and gas lease of \$155.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$98,009.60, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$24,502.40, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. The lease contains 632.32 acres, more or less for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$1,896.96, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$474.24 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-041. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-041 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mrs. Alexander gave the report in Mr. Scott Colbert's absence.

General Resolution Number 22-042, Resolution in Support of Preservation of the Chickasaw Language

This resolution states the intent of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature to endorse and commit itself to further Chickasaw language revitalization efforts of those dedicated speakers and teachers for without the language there may be no culture.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR22-042. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Ms. Hartman asked for funding to go specifically toward language retention in the 2006 budget.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,
Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,
Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-042 carried unanimously.

Mrs. Alexander concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs welcomed the guests. She acknowledged the guests from Pauls Valley.

Mr. Seawright stated he received information regarding the cuts in Education, on the national level. The Johnson 'O Mally funds will be cut by 50%. He asked everyone to contact their congressmen and senators at the national level and encourage them to restore the JOM budget back to the amount it has been over the past years.

Mr. James Humes commented on language retention and asked that more money be put into a comprehensive program. He announced the Oklahoma City Community Council had a new website, and was disappointed to learn that the Chickasaw Nation would not link to their site. He encouraged the Legislators to change the session day to Saturday so more citizens can attend, and he informed the Legislators that he was in the process of creating a political action committee to identify candidates who have Chickasaw values at heart.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on the budget cuts and provisions made to the tribes through block grants. He also made comments regarding the business plan, and he asked for a working X-ray machine for the Ardmore Clinic.

Ms. Sue Simons made comments regarding per capita.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature