

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
David Stout Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
November 21, 2003**

**AGENDA ITEM #1            CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2            ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**            Beth Alexander  
   Linda Briggs  
   Melvin Burris  
   Scott Colbert (Late arrival; 9:05 a.m.)  
   Tim Colbert  
   Holly Easterling  
   Mary Jo Green  
   Donna Hartman  
   Dean McManus  
   Judy Goforth Parker  
   Wilson Seawright  
   Steve Woods

**Member absent:**            Wanda Blackwood Scott

**Staff present:**            Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
   Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms  
   Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel  
   David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

**Guests present:**            James A. Humes, Roert L. Cole, Buck Cheadle, Jessie Kemp, June Leake, Angie Merrill, Tony Choate, Angela Centon, Misty Barker, Ramona T. McKee, Robyn Elliott, Cindy Johnson, Jay Keel, Darlene Cheadle

**AGENDA ITEM #3            INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

**AGENDA ITEM #4            READING OF MINUTES - October 17, 2003**

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve the October 17, 2003 minutes.  
The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert,  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**11 yes votes**

**The motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2003 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

No report.

**(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman D. Scott Colbert

No report.

**(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 21-011, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., Steve Woods**

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Steve Woods to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. The Board has asked that its composition be expanded so that it may more easily conduct its official business with a larger number of board positions.

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. With this being the first appointment for Mr. Woods, he will fill a full three year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2006.

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

Mr. Seawright recommended to add language to GR21-011. He stated the Legislature has received limited information from Chickasaw Nation Industries and the purpose of having a Legislative representative on the board was so the Legislature would be better informed.

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend GR21-011 by adding, "Be It Further Resolved, that as a Legislative representative on such board, said member shall be required to report to the entire Legislature no less than quarterly regarding activities and financial condition of the Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

Dr. Goforth Parker stated she had concerns with the word "required" in the amendment, because it insinuated if a report was not given there may be consequences. She asked to table the resolution for further discussion.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to Table GR21-011.**

Mr. Seawright stated he was receptive to change "required" to "requested."

Mr. Scott Colbert called for the question.

Dr. Goforth Parker rescinded her motion to table.

Chairperson Briggs noted the year had been changed from 2007 to 2006.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Tim Colbert,  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,  
Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs  
**9 yes votes**

**Members voting no:**

Scott Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker  
**2 no votes**

**Member abstaining:**

Steve Woods  
**1 abstention**

**The motion to approve the amendment carried.**

A vote was taken on GR21-011 as amended.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs  
**11 yes votes**

**Member abstaining:**

Steve Woods  
**1 abstention**

**The motion to approve GR21-011, as amended, carried.**

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

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

**General Resolution Number 22-005, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Johnston County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire a tract of land and several buildings on Pennington Creek to be utilized as a youth camp in Johnston County,

Oklahoma, containing 75 acres, more or less. Said property shall be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated the committee had no recommendation.

**GR21-005 failed for lack of a motion.**

**General Resolution Number 21-008, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Carter County (Adjacent to Ardmore II Smoke Shop)**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, consisting of 2.74 acres more or less in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma, at the intersection of Highway 199 and Highway 142. 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 GR21-008. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-008 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-009, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Murray County**

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from the City of Sulphur, in the City of Sulphur, Oklahoma. The sincere gratitude of the Chickasaw Nation is expressed to the City for this gift. 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 GR21-009. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-009 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-010, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire a tract of land, known as Cedarvale Gardens, in Murray County, Oklahoma, consisting of 90 acres more or less, including 5 cabins, 2 houses a vacant restaurant building. 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 GR21-010. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.**

Mrs. Alexander inquired about the plans for the property.

Dr. Goforth Parker replied immediate plans include renovation of the restaurant and cabins.

A roll call was taken on GR21-010.

**Members voting yes:**

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,  
Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman,  
Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**11 yes votes**

**Member voting no:**

Beth Alexander  
**1 no votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-010 carried.**

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked Cindy Johnson for working with the committee and concluded her report.

**(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

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

Mrs. Green stated Bill Lance, Hospital Administrator, met with the committee and reported on third party reimbursement and the new diabetes clinic. She concluded her report.

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

No report.

**(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

**(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by

Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

**(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Tim Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-002, Amendments to Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (District Court Rules and Procedures; Domestic Relations and Families (Full Faith and Credit)**

This resolution amends Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order to clarify rules of procedure for the Chickasaw District Court, especially language granting full faith and credit to judgements of foreign court.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-002. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR21-002 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-003, Amendments to Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (District Court Rules and Procedures; Domestic Relations and Families, Jurisdiction)**

This resolution amends Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order to clarify rules of procedure for the courts of the Chickasaw Nation, especially jurisdiction.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,  
Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green,  
Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,  
Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs  
**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR21-003 carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mr. James Humes made comments regarding the resolution submitted to the Legislature to change the Legislative session to the third Saturday of each month, a Homestead Act to encourage

people to move back into rural areas, and his concern regarding the elected official's pay increase.

Mr. Seawright suggested placing Mr. Humes' resolution on the Legislative Committee agenda for consideration.

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked Jessie Kemp, BIA representative, for working with the Land Development Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM #8            ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative session adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature