

Meeting Minutes
Cherokee Nation At-Large Advisory Committee
February 9, 2021

Prayer: Bryan Warner, Deputy Principal Chief

Welcome: Kevin Stretch, Committee Chair

Administrative Updates

Chuck Hoskin, Jr, Principal Chief

- The last year has been very hard for so many of us, due to COVID-19. Cherokee Nation has done its best. The Nation is producing masks.
- The vaccine roll-out has been a success
- Chief Hoskin mentioned that there's a template that people can use to send letters advocating for certain issues.
- We're pushing forward with seating Kim Teehee to Congress.

Deputy Chief Bryan Warner

- We're moving forward on all fronts, successfully. Responding to COVID-19 while also working on regular business.

Cynthia Ruiz thanked Chief for his leadership. She then asked if masks would possibly be available to at-large organizations and what our timeline might look like.

Civic Engagement- Kim Teehee, Congressional Delegate

- Reconciliation: A process that allows for a simple majority vote to pass legislation. It's a procedural package with tax and debt introduced in regular order. CN has asked what the Native American piece will look like for this reconciliation package. There are \$20 billion dollars available for/to tribes. Delegate Teehee is making sure that Native Americans in the White House have what they need to advocate for themselves.
- We want to make sure that as they're moving forward on made in America, that Indian Country is included.
- Status on Delegate: Still working on it, House Leadership working to get Kim seated.

Approval of Minutes

- Patsy: Has one correction on the intention of something she said. Instead of sending "Chief Chats" to CCO groups, can we have them sent out to Citizens, for a greater reach. Chief responds that the challenge will be finding the audience.
- Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented made by Cynthia Ruiz; Second by Dr. Wade McAlister. Motion passed unanimously.

- Robert Wood has resigned from this committee due to health issues. We'll be announcing his replacement later this year. We send our prayers and good wishes.

501(c)3/state non-profit setup assistance-Lindi Conover

- Gave an update on what's happening there. We're moving forward on all fronts

CRF/RRR Updates

- The deadline for reporting has been extended.
- Update on last meeting's questions

Virtual at-large event progress

- A new virtual at-large event programming will be rolling out throughout the spring. We're making progress. We're not sure what the rollout will look like, but we're working on it! We're hoping to announce the first of these virtual events by the end of this month.

Administration needed to go to another meeting, so Principal Chief Hosking and Deputy Warner exited the meeting.

Announcements & Updates/ Old Business

- Mary Baker Shaw will not be running for re-election, due to travel. She thanks the administration for the great work they're doing.
- Kevin announced that Chief has asked Patsy Edgar and Dr. Wade Blevins to extend their Advisory Council membership for two more years
- CCO Conference Update: Anticipating a virtual event this year, in late August. It may or may not be connected to Cherokee National Holiday.
- Discussed annual reporting for satellite communities
 - Reporting needs to happen regularly to ensure compliance

New business

- Next Meeting – May
- Motion to adjourn (with compliments on the meeting) made by Patsy Edgar and seconded by Cynthia Ruiz.