



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

9:30 AM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call/ Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary
- III. Approval of Minutes from the October 15th Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
 - a. None
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. Consideration and possible action on Candidate Filing Packet for the 2025 General Election
 - b. Consideration and possible action regarding Rules and Regulations
 - c. Consideration and possible action on redistricting
 - d. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election
- IX. Executive Session
 - a. Confidential discussion with attorney on pending litigation, claims, investigations, or protests
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Exit Executive Session
- X. Action from Executive Session
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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10/25/24 3:30 PM

October 25, 2024 by 9:30 AM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
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Chairperson: Rick Doherty

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 7th, 2024, 9:30am

I. Call to order

- a. The Regular Meeting of the Cherokee Nation Election Commission was called to order by Chairperson Rick Doherty at 9:30am

II. Roll call/Approval of absent members to attend by phone if necessary

- a. Cheryl Cooper made a motion which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to allow Commission Ballew to attend by phone. The motion was approved by all Commissioners.
- b. Election Commission Secretary, Pamela Sellers, called roll and a quorum was established with the following Commissioners present:

Rick Doherty – Chairperson

Cheryl Cooper – Vice Chairperson

Pamela Sellers – Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Ballew – Commissioner by phone

Sherry Reynolds – Commissioner

Office Staff – Connie Parnell & Marcus Fears

Election Commission Attorney Harvey Chaffin by phone

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chairperson Rick Doherty asked for approval and/or discussion regarding the minutes of the October 15th Special Meeting. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the October 15th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- a. Marcus reported on voter statistics, Gov't Relations bringing voter registration and reporting in person at Rule's Committee. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the



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Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

(Attachment 1)

V. Election Director's Report

- a. Connie gave an update on maps and working with Maxim to get voters assigned to the proper district based on the address in our system. Marcus confirmed that it would be okay to add a link on the Election Commission website to the new maps. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election Director's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 2)**

VI. Attorney's Report

- a. N/A

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. Current Items

- a. Consideration and possible action on Candidate Filing Packet for the 2025 General Election.
 - i. Marcus presented each piece of the Candidate Filing Packet. After discussion, he will add to the Packet Return Checklist a reminder that the Election Commission cannot notarize forms in the packet. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Candidate Packet with the approved change. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- b. Consideration and possible action regarding Rules and Regulations.
 - i. Marcus described an addition to CNEC Rules and Regulations Section 1.06; a statement ensuring that Candidates filing a Final Financial Report will be in compliance with the Election Law if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the addition of the statement to Section 1.06 of the CNEC Rules and Regulations. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.
- c. Consideration and possible action on redistricting.
 - i. Connie mentioned that the new maps will be available for everyone on November 12th. She also had sample letters for new district and polling locations. No action was taken.



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- d. Discussion and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - i. Connie discussed the proofs for the new Voter ID cards. No action was taken.

IX. Executive Session

- a. None

X. Action from Executive Session

- a. N/A

XI. Announcements

- a. None

XII. Adjourn

- a. Sherry Reynolds made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 11:13am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



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November 07, 2024 Administrators Report

Marcus Fears Administrator
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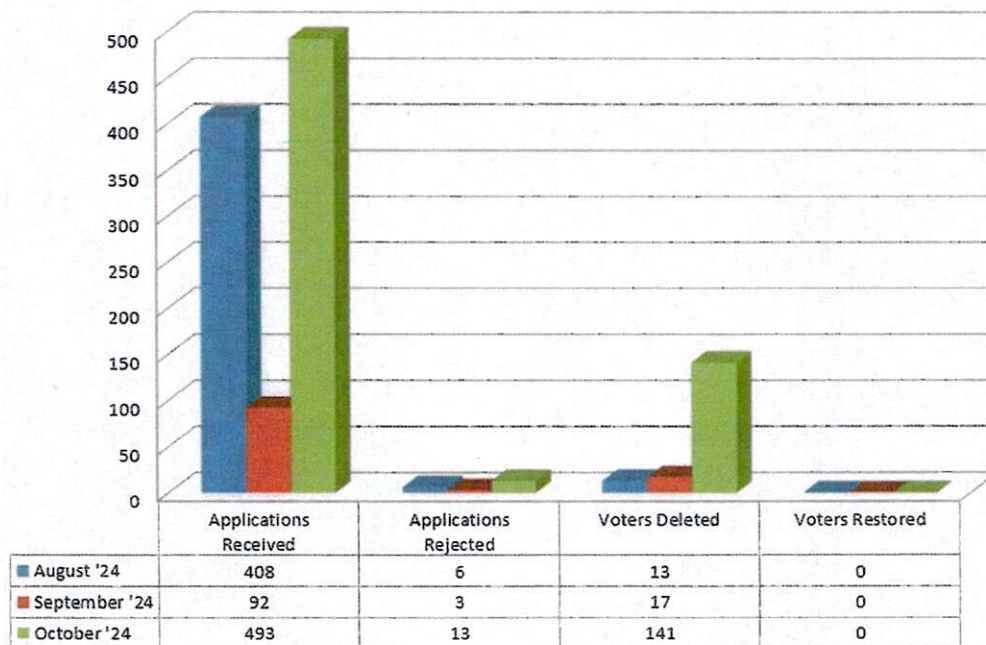
I. OFFICE:

October was a busy month. With it being the first month of our fiscal year, many of the requisitions below are for annual agreements with our vendors, Commissioners, Attorney, and Investigator. We also received two separate drops of voter registration forms from Gov't Relations. Those along with mail and in person registrations totaled nearly 500 applications processed for October. Rick and I attended Rule's in person on October 15. Everyone, including us, are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to distribute new maps and lists. I have corresponded with the Cherokee Phoenix, Tribal Council and Secretary of State when we will have these available. November 12 for maps and total voters by district and Voter Lists on November 25.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 11/01/2024

79,056 Total Registered Voters; **42,330** In-District; **36,726** At-Large

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

19 Total Requisitions in October.



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October - 2024 Directors Report

Finished the bad address corrections.

Now preparing to do the unassigned voters.

Will work with Maxim on moving them over in the computer and not having to do them one at a time.

Working on the maps for placement of the stars for the polling place.

Maps are going to be ready for release next week. When we release the maps, they will go CSA's warehouse web site. The maps on their warehouse are interactive.

You can enter an address and it will show up on the map it will give the district and the polling places. (when we have them confirmed).

This is a tedious job and it will be done in the time allotted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

Chapter 1: General Provisions

§1.01 Purpose of Regulations.

The following Rules and Regulations (“Regulations”) are adopted by the Cherokee Nation Election Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to Title 26 CNCA §1 et seq.

§1.02 Scope of the Regulations.

These Rules and Regulations apply to all Cherokee Nation elections.

§1.03 Definitions.

(Reserved)

§1.04 Effective Date.

The Regulations shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Commission. The Commission shall commence implementing these Regulations as soon as practicable after their adoption.

§1.05 Rule of Interpretation.

These Regulations shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with Title 26 CNCA §1 et seq., pursuant to the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Supreme Court rulings.

§1.06 Computation of Time.

Whenever these Regulations or any order or notice of the Commission requires that an act be performed and/or commenced within a designated period of time and the last day of such designated period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, federal or Cherokee Nation holiday, then the period of time shall be extended to the next day following the last day of the period which is not a Saturday, Sunday, federal or Cherokee Nation holiday, except when submitting a final financial report pursuant to Title 26 CNCA §46C. In computing time, all days shall be counted, including intervening weekend days and holidays, except that the date upon which the decision, order or notice was issued shall not be included in the computation. Where under these Regulations or any notice or order of the Commission a time period commenced running upon the receipt of a decision, notice or order, the period shall commence running on the next day following such receipt.

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X REGULAR MEETING

___ SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 11/7/24 at 9:30 AM/PM at the CNEC Office

Commission Member: Present/Absent

Rick Doherty (Present)/Absent

Pamela Sellers (Present)/Absent

Elizabeth Ballew (Present)/Absent *By Phone*

Cheryl Cooper (Present)/Absent

Sherry Reynolds (Present)/Absent

Quorum Established: (YES)/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin ☒ *my* CNEC Investigator: Nick Goodwin ☐

Staff Present: ☒ Marcus Fears, ☒ Connie Parnell, ☐ Kendal Bishop, ☐ Charlene Keys,
☐ Allison George

Visitors:
