



CHEROKEE NATION ELECTION COMMISSION

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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 3rd, 2025
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 March 25th Special Meeting
- IV. Administrator's Report
- V. Election Director's Report
- VI. Attorney's Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Current Items
 - a. 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

POSTED
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By March 21, 2025, 5:00 PM
Cherokee Nation Election Office
17763 S. Muskogee Ave
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Chairperson: Rick Doherty

Posted by: _____



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, 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. 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

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 March 25th Special Meeting. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the March 25th Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

IV. Administrator's Report

- a. Marcus reported on processing Voter Registrations and February Financial Reports. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Sherry Reynolds to approve the Administrator's Report. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners. **(Attachment 1)**

V. Election Director's Report

- a. Connie reported on precinct officials & supplies, extra help used assembling training documents and election setup. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to approve the Election



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

(Attachment 2)

- VI. Attorney's Report**
 - a. N/A
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. Current Items**
 - a. Consideration and possible action regarding 2025 General Election.
 - i. Connie gave an update on upcoming Precinct Trainings. No Action Taken.
- IX. Executive Session**
 - a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to go enter Executive Session at 9:41am.
- X. Action from Executive Session**
 - a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to exit Executive Session at 9:47am.
 - i. No Action Taken
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Adjourn**
 - a. Elizabeth Ballew made a motion, which was seconded by Cheryl Cooper to adjourn at 9:48am. The motion was seconded by all Commissioners.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Sellers



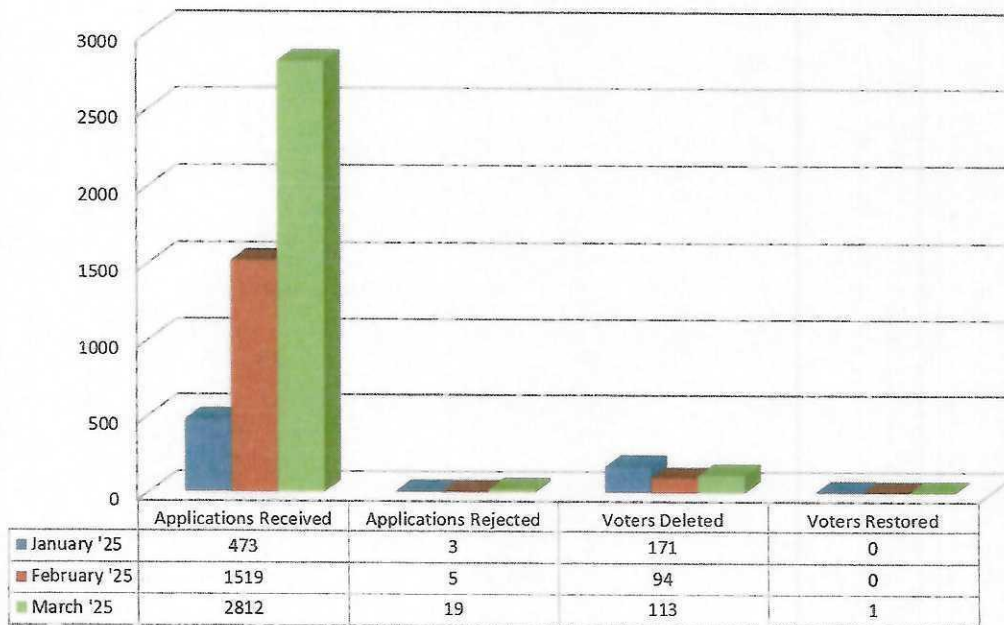
I. OFFICE:

The office received several drops from Gov't Relations with both Voter Registrations and Absentee Ballot Request Forms. The staff has done a great job staying caught up on processing forms. VR deadline day was eventful with in-person drops of forms and emails coming in consistently throughout the day. February Financials were due by March 17th with the 15th coming on a Saturday. Only one financial was not submitted and is still not received for February. A Certified Letter, pursuant to Election Law, containing a \$100 fine was mailed, but was later returned. The fine letter was then emailed to the Candidate. All February Financial Revisions have been submitted and are ready for review.

II. VOTER PROCESSING: As of 04/02/2025

79,885 Total Registered Voters; 42,683 In-District; 37,202 At-Large
Total Applications: 2812; 1117-Voter Registrations & 1695-Absentee Requests

Voter Registration Statistics



A. Statistical Report:

*Detailed Data by District and Precinct is attached

III. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 6 total Requisitions for March
- FY2025 is on target

Chronicle - Voter Registration by District and Precinct

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District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 1	Hulbert D-1	1,693
	Okay D-1	354
	Tahlequah B D-1	1,402
Total for District		3,449
Dist No. 2	Tahlequah A D-2	1,601
	Tahlequah B D-2	1,140
Total for District		2,741
Dist No. 3	Keys D-3	1,048
	Marble City D-3	1,406
	Tahlequah B D-3	862
Total for District		3,316
Dist No. 4	Ft. Gibson D-4	1,365
	Vian D-4	770
	Warner D-4	889
Total for District		3,024
Dist No. 5	Owasso D-5	552
	Tulsa D-5	1,048
Total for District		1,600
Dist No. 6	Muldrow D-6	1,049
	Roland D-6	374
	Sallisaw D-6	1,482
Total for District		2,905
Dist No. 7	Belfonte D-7	310
	Dahlongegah D-7	641
	Stilwell D-7	3,157
Total for District		4,108
Dist No. 8	Briggs D-8	1,464
	Kansas D-8	688
	Westville D-8	1,101
Total for District		3,253
Dist No. 9	Adair D-9	1,014
	Jay D-9	628
	Kenwood D-9	1,604
Total for District		3,246

District	Precinct	Voters
Dist No. 10	Afton D-10	578
	Grove D-10	698
	Jay D-10	936
	West Siloam Springs D-10	260
Total for District		2,472
Dist No. 11	Nowata D-11	945
	S. Coffeyville D-11	618
	Vinita D-11	1,428
	Welch D-11	173
Total for District		3,164
Dist No. 12	Bartlesville D-12	1,658
	Collinsville D12	361
Total for District		2,019
Dist No. 13	Catoosa D-13	466
	Claremore D-13	96
	Owasso D-13	2,136
Total for District		2,698
Dist No. 14	Chelsea D-14	564
	Claremore D-14	1,738
Total for District		2,302
Dist No. 15	Justus Tiawah D-15	463
	Locust Grove D-15	780
	Pryor D-15	1,143
Total for District		2,386
At Large	At Large	37,202
Total for District		37,202
Grand Total		79,885



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March - 2025 Directors Report

Finished working on the precinct officials supplies for the 2025 elections.

Precinct contracts are finished, Dahlenegah is confirmed, and the contract has gone through their board meeting and was approved.

Precinct officials are all in for all commissioners. Remember we need your absentee stuffer workers. In a council only election we usually have at least 6000 requests to stuff. But this year we expect more in the at-large sector. We mailed out voter id cards to them this year and will from now on. So, we are still asking for 5 people from each commissioner to stuff absentees this will make 3 teams per commissioner including the Commissioner. So be thinking on who you want to bring in to work. Rick and Pam have theirs and the other three are working on getting their team of 5.

The precinct official training documents are complete with the help of Sheryl Garner, Nancy Mathis, and Lena Worley. These ladies also assembled the precinct official notebooks. Also changed the format of the precinct signature books. The challenged ballot packets were completed with the new edited forms. We are sending 100 to each precinct to assist with redistricting issues.

Still working with CSA on the street segments that needed to be added. Only two counties are left Muskogee and Delaware. It's going well. Once these are done, we will have a new build to incorporate polling place assignments that are closest to their address in their district of residence. We will only use this option if the voter leaves their polling place blank.

Started the election setup and have the ballot proofs for you. With names and order per the meeting on the 25th of March. All but Dist. 2. Still waiting the appeal with the supreme court.

The script is done and the roll playing of the precinct official to see just how to handle each problem. I will be the inspector at the trainings with the other precinct



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officials. I think roll playing will be better with us having some new and experienced officials.

The new email for forms submittal is working well. Tested if the citizens send to a misspelled email, our exchange will send then a notice to let them know that they sent to a bad address and check and resend. So, no more mail marshal to have to look through.

Precinct official starts on Saturday the 5th of April, in Justus Tiawah. Continuing every Saturday except Easter Saturday, and Mother's Day Saturday. Please remind your workers of their scheduled dates and locations. On the calendar there is a makeup date for Inspectors only, and a makeup date for precinct officials only.

We need to stick to the schedule, this way they get the full effect of the duties and solutions that happen on election day.

Finally, after the appeal hearing we will meet to draw for Dist.2 placement on the ballot. The ballot files will be done on Sunday and taken to the printer on the following Monday. We will then draw for all watchers for the election later.

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REGULAR MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESIDED BY: Rick Doherty

MEETING DATE: 4/3/25 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

Cheryl Cooper Present/Absent

Sherry Reynolds Present/Absent

Quorum Established: YES/NO

CNEC Attorney: Harvey Chaffin By phone

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

Visitors:

Chad Hunter _____

Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Regular Meeting Sign-in Sheet
Thursday, April 3, 2025 9:30 AM

Print Name	Signature
Chad Hunter	
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