**Cherokee Recreation & Parks   
Advisory Board  
March 17, 2021**

**Regular Meeting – 6:00 PM**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Nelms called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Chairman, Jason Nelms, Vice Chairman, Mark Preetorious, Steve Pressley, Terry Meier, Amy Turcortte, 2nd Vice Chairman, CRPA Director, Jay Worley, CSA Director Bryan Reynolds and CRPA Staff. Absent: None

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The February 12, 2021 regular advisory board meeting was cancelled. The December 9, 2020 minutes were approved. Motioned by Vice Chairman, Mark Preetorious, seconded by Steve Pressley. Motioned carried 4-0.

1. **Appearances / Public Comment**

Sarah McColley and Adam Williams with TWS Planners, Architects and Landscape Architects were present to discuss the SW Cherokee County Parks & Trails Plan. For more information on the SW Cherokee County Parks and Trails Plan visit: <https://www.cherokeega.com/planning/SW-Cherokee-Parks-and-Trails-Plan/>.

1. **Reports/Board Business**
   1. **Chairman**

There was no report from the Chairman.

* 1. **Board Members**

There were no reports from any board members.

* 1. **Director**
     1. **Agency Updates**

Director Worley gave the advisory board members an update on events that has taken place since the last meeting. He informed the board that the VIP Banquet was held on Thursday, January 21, with the Covid guidelines that were in place. This year’s banquet was much smaller than the banquets in previous years, and this year’s event has been one of the best far.

Dr. Hines Executive Director with GHSA was the keynote speaker. The 2022 VIP Banquet will be the 15th annual, and the Athletics Division will be making special plans for this event. The staff development was held on February 10 – 12. The staff development took place at the PLAE facility. There were different guest speakers, and team-building activities that took place. The staff development was a very successful event. The staff was able to gain new ideas and concepts from these educational sessions. CRPA now has 8 staff with CPRP Credentials, and there are more staff studying to take the test. Cameron Riles was introduce to the advisory board. He was hired in January 2021, and Cameron will be handling tournament rentals and girls flag football. The board welcomed him to the agency. The CYB 2020-21 season has concluded. Director Worley told the board that the Athletic Division was able to pull the CYB season off, during the Covid pandemic. The CCAC was able to conclude their swim met season.

Director Worley give the board an update on the following facilities the L.B Ahrens Recreation Center, the Hickory Flat Gym, Field’s Landing, Kenney Askew Park and the purchasing of the Cochran’s Property. There are many good things happening at these facilities, and more information will come at the April 14, 2021 meeting.

1. **New Business**
   1. **Consideration of Proposal for SW Cherokee County Parks and Trails Plan**

Sarah McColley and Adam Williams with TWS were present to discuss the SW Cherokee County Parks &

Trails Plan. They gave the advisory board a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the outline of the previous project background, planning process, analysis overview, park concept plans and trails, cost estimates and phasing, next steps and Q & A responses. They also discussed main changes- moving the trail from behind the homes in Centennial Lakes to Priest Road. The Recreation and Parks Plan findings and recommendation for SW Cherokee County Parks and Trails Plan: This is an area in underserved in terms of parks and recreation, it would construct a community park that includes elements not currently offered here, build a multi-generational recreation center – could include and aquatics center, provide multi-purpose synthetic turf fields and provide active and passive recreation opportunities (countywide). The next step would be to give a presentation at Board of Commissioners Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. After some discussion and positive comments made by the board about the Plan, a motion by Chairman Nelms to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to adopt the proposal for the SW Cherokee County Parks and Trails Plan, seconded by Steve Pressley. Motion carried 5-0.

1. **Old Business**

There was no old business report.

1. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Chairman Jason Nelms to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Steve Pressley. Motioned carried 5-0.