

CATAWBA NATION
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday January 10, 2015



MEETING PACKET

Calendar & Announcements



UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 10, 2015	10 am	Longhouse	General Council Meeting
Jan 30, 2015	9 am	Longhouse	Blood Drive
Feb 19, 2015	9 am	Senior Center	Teen Center One Year Celebration
Mar 10, 2015	6 pm	Longhouse	Constitution Input Meeting
Mar 31, 2015	6 pm	Longhouse	Constitution Input Meeting
Apr 18, 2015	4 pm	Longhouse	Spring Event: Meet the Candidates
Jul 11, 2015	10 am	Longhouse	General Council Meeting
Jul 25, 2015	All day	Longhouse	Election

Board Openings

There are openings on the following tribal boards. If you are interested in serving please submit the required information at the Longhouse by Jan. 23rd at 5 pm.

3 ISWA Housing Board positions; submit letter about why you want to serve to Rod Beck

2 Economic Development Board positions; submit resume to Jackie Canty

4 Planning Board positions; contact Denise Williams at Longhouse

Any other committees that need to have openings filled please contact Elizabeth Harris to have your openings posted online.



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Agenda



Catawba Indian Nation

General Council Agenda

January 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

- I. Drum
- II. Welcome
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Approval of minutes/Financial report
- V. Opening Comments
- VI. Constitution
- VII. Economic Development
- VIII. Election Committee
- IX. Nominations
- X. New Business
- XI. Door Prizes
- XII. Closing Prayer
- XIII. Adjourn

Approval of Minutes/Financial Report

**Catawba Indian Nation
General Council Meeting
Saturday, July 12, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.**

I. Call to Order:

- The call to order was made by Chief Bill Harris @ 9:14 A.M.

II. Opening Prayer:

- The opening prayer was given by Jeff Harris.

III. Welcome:

- Chief Bill Harris – welcome this is your Constitutional mandated meeting – have two a year – one in January and one in July – we come together as the governing body to handle government issues – it is a responsibility that weighs on each and every one of your shoulders and your responsibility.
- Tribal members present – 102.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

- Rod Beck – as in the past two sets of minutes in the package – a short and a long version –
- Chief Bill Harris – we have a quorum you are now in a legal meeting – someone makes a motion they have to be recognized by the Chair – so state your name for the record so that can go on – the mic is the way to handle this.
- **Bob Trimnal – I make a motion to go with the short version – second by Jeannie Sanders – 75 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – only tribal members are allowed in General Council Meeting – I ask now that you allow your attorneys to be in the room.
- **Butch Sanders – I make a motion to allow our lawyers to be present – Tonya Medlin I second it – 76 yes – 1 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Rod Beck – read minutes of Saturday, January 11, 2014.
- **Tom Trimnal – motion to accept the minutes – second by Bob Trimnal – 73 ye s- 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**

V. Comments:

- Chief Bill Harris – have some issues that need to be discussed be respectful of each other –
- Chief Bill Harris – do you wish to abide by the agenda – do we wish to alter the agenda.
- **Jackie Canty – motion to follow the agenda to keep the consistence of the meeting in order – second by Trent Troxel – 52 yes – 4 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**

VI. Opening Comments:

- Chief Bill Harris – you guys have bingo – Economic Development will give you more information on that – bingo is back.
Second issue – discuss Trust Application in Cleveland County.

- Chief Bill Harris—there is an issue on Head Start under review not only by the Head Start Committee but also by Head Start Board of Directors - nothing I have to report – it is in the process – it has not gone thru the review process.

VII. Membership:

VIII. New Business:

1) ISWA:

- Chief Bill Harris – there is a lean against the tribe by a construction company that is still now in review – nothing more to report on that – it is in review.
- Chief Bill Harris – two Resolutions– one is the extension of board members proposing a gaming board –asking General Council accept a six month extension on the board as it is.
- **Donald Rodgers – I make a motion to approve that Resolution (20140712A) approval of temporary 6 month term extension for Economic Development Board – second by Geneva Gunton – 64 yes – 7 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – Resolution is approval of Lot 180 on the Reservation for a Catawba Veteran Memorial Cemetery.
- Butch Sanders – motion to accept Resolution 20140712B- approval of Lot 180 on the Reservation to be used for a Catawba Veteran Memorial Cemetery.
- Bobby Blue – I make a motion that we do not accept that Resolution
- Chief Bill Harris – I have a motion to accept and one not to accept.
- Tom Trimnal – I second it to accept.
- **Chief Bill Harris – there is a motion on the floor to accept I need a vote to accept the 180, to accept the Resolution to place the Veteran Cemetery on Lot 180 is the motion on the floor – those of you wishing to place the Veterans Cemetery on Lot 180 raise your hand – 36 yes – 44 no – 0 abstain – motion failed – did not pass.**
- Chief Bill Harris – this is the shot clock – do you wish to have more time for Wayne’s discussion on this.
- **Brian Harris – motion to move forward – second by Jo Ann Bauer – all that wish to move forward to the next item on the agenda raise your hand – 67 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – move to the next topic.

2) Economic Development:

- Trent Troxel – bingo opens next Saturday, July 19th eighteen employees – 13 employees are tribal – open house July 17th for tribal members and family – food will be provided from 6 to 8.
- Trent Troxel – turn the time over to Elizabeth Harris and Tom Trimnal for composting.
- Chief Bill Harris – this is what the shot clock is.
- **Bob Trimnal – motion to continue on this discussion – second by Melissa Harris – Chief Bill Harris there is a motion to keep this discussion open – vote yes to keep open this topic – 66 yes – 1 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Jackie Canty – I would like to make a motion that we end the discussion I make a motion that we accept the proposal to for the \$500,000 – Joe Canty and I second it – Resolution 20140712C

Jack Canty restated the motion to accept the Composting project and the release of up to \$500,000 from the Economic Development – Joe Canty I second it – 81 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.

- Trent Troxel – presented Corporate Nation By-laws.
- Chief Bill Harris – that is put off until October.
- Chief Bill Harris – that will be a Special Meeting in October.

2.) Constitution:

- Chief Bill Harris – we will move towards our Constitution.
- Jeff Harris – I am here to talk about the Constitution and we want to share with you today what we have learned hope to have that Constitution ready to go out in January 2015 so you can look at it ask questions so that it can be voted on in the July 2015 elections.
- Chief Bill Harris – at this point I think we have lost the quorum - no longer conducting business as Citizens of the Nation – it is now turning into an Informational Meeting.

IX. Door Prizes:

X. Closing Prayer:

XI. Drum:

XII. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned @ 12:00 P.M.

Special General Council Meeting
October 18, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.

- I. **Welcome:** The call to order was made by Chief Bill Harris @ 10:01 A.M.
 - Members present 27
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Teresa Harris gave the opening prayer.
- III. **Corporate Nation Bylaws:**
 - Pam Wright – presented Bylaws of the Corporate Nation
- IV. **Gaming Commission Bylaws:**
- V. **Other Comments/Questions:**
 - Chief Bill Harris – introduce the new Economic Development Director, Jack Canty.
 - Jackie Canty – explained ideas about Economic Development.
- VI. **Closing Prayer:**
- VII. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned @ 10:50 A.M/ no quorum present.
 - No quorum 27 members present

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- Rod Beck – as in the past two sets of minutes in the package – a short and a long version – long version has all the comments of all tribal members – which version do you want me to read the short or the long version or do you want me to read everything in the package – there is the financial report in the package.
- Chief Bill Harris – we have a quorum you are now in a legal meeting – in order to handle our government issues we are going to start implement a new policy to follow Robert's Rules of Order – someone makes a motion they have to be recognized by the Chair – I happen to be the Chair – so state your name for the record so that can go on – the mic is the way to handle this.
- **Bob Trimnal – I make a motion to go with the short version – second by Jeannie Sanders – 75 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – only tribal members are allowed in General Council Meeting – I forget to address at the beginning a lot – you have your attorney here for questions of some issues that have to be addressed legality – I ask now that you allow your attorneys to be in the room.
- **Butch Sanders – I make a motion to allow our lawyers to be present – Tonya Medlin I second it – 76 yes – 1 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Rod Beck – read minutes of Saturday, January 11, 2014.
- Teresa Harris – in membership it says a child is born less than eight months after the marriage that should be 9 months – it takes 9 months to have a baby in most cases.
- Rod Beck – I am just referring to the Resolution that was put forth – that was the Resolution that was presented – I am only reporting what was reported.
- **Tom Trimnal – motion to accept the minutes – second by Bob Trimnal – 73 ye s- 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**

V. Comments:

- Chief Bill Harris – have some issues that need to be discussed as we come together as the governing body be respectful of each other – understand the purpose of coming together is to have control over ourselves – to act in a respectful manner and do what is best for the Nation – we have some issues and I need to give you some information on the first one and I will give an update on the others.
- Tribal member comments – not identified and could not understand the comments.
- Chief Bill Harris – somebody injected something from the floor – do you wish to abide by the agenda that is placed before you or do you wish to go off that – to keep this where it needs to be – it needs to stay do we wish to alter the agenda before you.
- **Jackie Canty – motion to follow the agenda to keep the consistence of the meeting in order – second by Trent Troxel – 52 yes – 4 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**

VI. Opening Comments:

- Chief Bill Harris – you guys have bingo that deserves an applause (GC applause) – do you know how long we have fought to get bingo back open – we have fought the state over this issue for many, many years – now you are going to get your bingo back – everything is in order – all we are doing is a little bit of fine tweaking – Economic Development will give you more information on that – bingo is back.

Second issue – discuss what is taking place with your Trust Application in Cleveland County – application applied for last year – it went to Nashville – went to DC and sitting in DC – there is some concerns about us crossing into North Carolina – those issues are addressed by several letters of support people who were there at the time – it looks like we have taken most of those questions off of the table – it is left to the Department of Interior whether they are going to allow us to go into Trust that is where the situation is – it still in DC.

Another topic (Head Start)

- Chief Bill Harris– everybody probably has heard there is an issue on Head Start that is under review not only by the Head Start Committee but also by Head Start Board of Directors – there is nothing I have to report to you – it is in the process – it has not gone thru the review process.

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1) ISWA:

- Chief Bill Harris – there is a lean against the tribe by a construction company based on the three properties that were under contract to add a baseball court at Green Earth , add on the ISWA building and covered shelter, basketball court at the circle – what happen you had an application that stopped because there was not an environment assessment – study was presented out there – so we had HUD come down do a review – looked like we were to get thru in a 30 day process – another situation came up involving that same program – they were able to settle that in 30 days – in the time period trying to get this settled the construction company put a lean against ISWA Corporation because of lack of payment – that is still now in review – I have nothing more to report on that – it is in review – I spoke with the ISWA Director on

Wednesday there is supposed to be a conversation with her, the HUD Director and the attorney for the construction company one day this week – I do not know if it happened she did not get back with me – that is the information I have on that.

- Chief Bill Harris – two Resolutions we wish to address with you today – one is the extension of the board members ask in January to move it to July – they are proposing again a gaming board and want to keep these people working on that document to get it better for you so we present it to you in October – we now asking at this time that the General Council accept a six month extension on the board as it is.
- **Donald Rodgers – I make a motion to approve that Resolution (20140712A) approval of temporary 6 month term extension for Economic Development Board – second by Geneva Gunton – 64 yes – 7 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – the next Resolution is approved of Lot 180 on the Reservation to be used for a Catawba Veteran Memorial Cemetery – Lot 180 is beside the Senior Building – is Lot 180 – original location was for the Senior building now that building is no longer there – so it has been placed there.
- Butch Sanders – motion to accept Resolution 20140712B- approval of Lot 180 on the Reservation to be used for a Catawba Veteran Memorial Cemetery.
- Bobby Blue – I made a motion that we do not accept that Resolution because we cannot keep the Cemetery we have got now clean – it is disgrace to our people when we cannot even clean up the one that we have got now.
- Chief Bill Harris – I have a motion to accept and one not to accept.
- Tom Trimnal – I second it to accept.
- **Chief Bill Harris – there is a motion on the floor to accept I need a vote to accept the 180, to accept the Resolution to place the Veteran Cemetery on Lot 180 is the motion on the floor – those of you wishing to place the Veterans Cemetery on Lot 180 raise your hand – 36 yes – 44 no – 0 abstain – motion failed – did not pass.**
- Brian Harris – does the tribe have the grant and has the tribe spent any money.
- Chief Bill Harris – yes the tribe was awarded the grant but the tribe has not put any money forth.
- Brian Harris – how much would the tribe have to put up.
- Chief Bill Harris – close to \$45,000 the tribe would have to put up – when the tribe put that \$45,000 up after the grant goes thru its process, is completed that \$45,000 goes back I do not think anybody understands that.
- Donna Bruce – since this was the proposed lot you have already received the grant – is there another proposed location.
- Chief Bill Harris – there was a meeting held on this topic back in January – the proposed lot selections was going to be off of Sanders Road coming up beside Sammy (Beck) property into that area – a little bit wilderness – the General Council in January said they did not want it there – they ask to choose another location – there was two meetings held here to discuss the Veterans Cemetery situation – the one that came up that everybody approve for was that location over there.
- Donna Bruce – was there another location other than –
- Chief Bill Harris – I imagine there was I was not on that.
- Wayne George – there was four or five locations on the Reservation behind Sammy's – in January they wanted it tabled to have more information meeting – there was two informational

held – the last one June 24 since this one across the road had already been environmental assessment and everything that where they were going to build the Social Service Building – that is the one they wanted to go with the people at the first meeting the tribal people.

- Jo Ann Bauer – is maintenance and upkeep on the cemetery included in that grant funding.
- Wayne George – everything in the grant for upkeep – I will go back to what Brian ask if any money was agreed to the grant – no it was not – in 2012 I met with VA at that time wanted \$140,000 put up front – I ask why a tribe had to spend that much money and did not know if they would get the grant.
- Chief Bill Harris – this is the shot clock – this is what we implemented to keep things moving forward – this is an open process do you wish to have more time for Wayne’s discussion on this.
- **Brian Harris – motion to move forward – second by Jo Ann Bauer – all that wish to move forward to the next item on the agenda raise your hand – 67 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Chief Bill Harris – move to the next topic – the shot clock begins with each new topic.

2) Economic Development:

- Trent Troxel – bingo opens next Saturday, July 19th – had bingo employees indoctrination yesterday – eighteen employees to start with – 13 employees are tribal – open house July 17th for tribal members and family – food will be provided from 6 to 8 – more information on WWW.CatawbaBingo.com – that a copy of our bingo license- certificate of occupancy from the City of Rock Hill and all other business licenses.
- Troy Canty – what type of jobs?
- Trent Troxel – that was listed in January in the application forms – runners, cashiers, security, Assistant Manager and custodian – the Resolution passed in January for \$300,000 – there is still \$267,000 in the account – days of operation Tuesday thru Saturday 1P.M. till 2 A.M. – Sunday 3 P.M. till 2 A.M.
- Troy Canty – how are the profits going to be spent are they going to be giving back to the tribe or what.
- Trent Troxel – in 2010 the tribe approved an all of profits – those are in the Resolution – do not know what they are right off – no questions I will turn the time over to Elizabeth Harris and Tom Trimnal for composting.
- Debra Crisco – I want to know if that \$300,000 is approved to be taken from whatever left of our trust – is it going to be paid back.
- Tom Trimnal – the short answer is yes – the first thing that happens with the profits the per capita follows that – it has to go back into the trust – we did hold a meeting a couple of weeks some time ago on this whole project – did not have a lot of participation – had Brian, Melissa and who else was there – there is a good company there will be questions on this – a good opportunity on composting – on June 12 – does anybody know what composting is – it is dirt – we are going to make dirt and get paid for it – these people want to partner with us – already doing it with the Seminoles – if you go to a recycle center they take debris and turn it into mulch – it is a little more complex than that – this is on an industrial scale – this will be covered in a 100,000 square foot facility – the partners have visions of doing this all over the world – this is a rough shot of what it will look like – the truck will come in we will get paid for them to drop off and get paid to take the end result product out the other end – there is not many business that

you get paid coming and going – this is the geographic area we want to cover with this project – it is a 100 miles radius – the site the proposed area is right down the road where we want to do the North Carolina Casino – this is important for two reasons – not just for a business opportunity but also with the BIA – it is a pretty good tool that we are not just doing gaming to get land into trust – we are trying to do a big business – try to get one area of land for the composting and at the time trying to get the other for the gaming to hold in trust – that will hold a lot more water with the BIA does that make sense are there any questions – there will be a minimum of 50 acres – the big part is that we need to get funds from the Economic Development Trust Fund to secure the land – the way the operation will work we have an opportunity thru the BIA and the Native American Bank to secure a massive loan – so we can have better terms than anybody else would in the private sector we are essentially buying the land for around \$500,000 it has to be free and clear for doing that we can go back to the Native American Bank – which was done with the sum we can secure a loan for 5.2 million dollars – this is something that has been proven before so it is pretty easy to get it done – it will take a lot of leg work – the Native American Bank are familiar with these people they are working with them they have a track record with them – they have a template in place in order to do this – something they are approaching other tribes with – in our area we have some advantages – we can qualify for these loans easier than the others – if you take a half a million dollars out of the one and a half million that we basically have and buy the land we are trying to do a – this is an assessment of what we are trying to put together not just getting a small interest from Economic Development Trust – right now getting a little better than 6 percent less than 6 percent- the return would be 25 to 26 percent based on the projects that we have – after we get this up and running like any other business do not make anything the first year profit – the second year and going forth you are looking at \$350,000 in excess coming into the carcass of Economic Development Trust Fund – which would be pretty nice would not it.

- Jared Canty – what is the corporate name.
- Tom Trimnal – McGill is a group of people – the main guy they have face all over the world – today he is back home in Ireland – they have come out numerous times – they have the license with the Federal Government – companies like Coke Cola - they have two companies in North Carolina not like we are trying to start something from scratch – we will hire a manager for the first five years to make sure that it is bullet proof – after the first five years will have the opportunity to put more of our people in management – the idea is not just to have one facility but hopefully to have multiple facilities in the South East – if we pay down the loan once the loan is paid off you are looking at a net return of \$550,000 a year based on the projection – five years out that is conservation that is on a smaller site – if we did one in Atlanta it would have to be twice that size plus get twice the return.
- Jason Harris – you mentioned 50 acres of land minimum – why so much acreage for a facility of this size.
- Tom Trimnal – that is a great question one of the biggest reasons is growth -the other is to be able to expand the facility in ten years – these are conservative and think about growth in long term – could have as many as 18 semi's going thru the property turning around – dispatching to have ample room to turn around to not disturbed community ground – this site is nice – it is close to gaming – only thing around there is a couple of houses – it is industrial – do not have to

worry about permitting – permitting is always an issue but these guys have a clean record – zoning wish can get this knock out.

- Brian Harris – all these numbers and graphics are these current figures – how old are this.
- Tom Trimnal – yes
- Brian Harris – are there enough acres at Green Earth at Economic Development.
- Tom Trimnal – that is a great question that will not work – there is already competition like any other business – there is competition that overlap where we are at right here – is not where we need to be as far as the business – close proximity to Charlotte and Ashville – Ashville is a big customer – we need Greenville and Spartanburg – that area the demographics – constituted growth for that particular site – it would be easier for us to perm agate if it was right here – we are just not right with the location the best location may have to if we cannot get that property maybe go further south toward Spartanburg – right now our hands are tied we cannot just walk right out and buy the property – everybody kind of gets upset at Economic Development if we do not spend no money we tie people hands we cannot grow – we need to have gaming also need long term business for years and years so your kids will not have to worry about education – that I hope there is enough money in the Trust Funds for x y and z – who here would like to start a business it would be nice to have a secure security that say we have 1.5 million coming Economic Development and lets draw this much out to provide a loan – there is a lot that you can do – you have to spend some to get some.
- Brian Harris – the feasibility study this will take us down the road how long – what is the shelf life on this composting idea – the City of Rock Hill is doing their composting - if the General Council releases \$500,000 if the project manager on bingo is it going to take us a year or two years or 5 years to start generate income – is if feasible to wait until we get - how long will it take to get the money from bingo if that what the General Council wants to do.
- Tom Triminal – are you asking to take bingo funds future funds from bingo is that what you are asking.
- Brian Harris – the opportunity.
- Tom Triminal – we true fully may have missed the opportunity already - business did sit around and wait for six months till the General Council meet – we just kind of push it back – it is one of those things you either decide to make money or not make money – the Economic Development concept is to make money.
- Brian Harris – what is the balance.
- Chief Bill Harris – this is what the shot clock is about it is for getting information out to you so you can make qualified decisions – it is up to you if you wish to have more information that qualifies that decision.
- **Bob Trimnal – motion to continue on this discussion – second by Melissa Harris – Chief Bill Harris there is a motion to keep this discussion open – vote yes to keep open this topic – 66 yes – 1 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**
- Tom Trimnal – the balance after the \$500,000 would be 1.257 million dollars.
- Jason Harris – a tribal member ask me why would you not consider using some of the tribe’s land that was already designated for Economic Development.
- Tom Trimnal – Brian has already ask that question – it is the information have to be a close proximity to the Interstate – just think of a massive amount of trucks coming in and out – people

at Green Earth probably do not want semi's, non-stop all day – need to have it where it makes sense business wise – it will help a lot with the casino with the land held in Trust for that.

- Donna Bruce – what percentage will the company put in how does that work.
- Tom Trimnal – we will own 51 percent – the idea behind it – they will bring the expertise, infrastructuring – these people do this day and day out – we need them than they need us – they will manage for us – what the advantage for us is very little at this point – they need land held in trust which we do not have – we have the ability to go to the Native America Bank secure a loan with very little risk so a half a million dollars – we will get a loan for 5.2 million – the second they open that project will be in excess of 6.5 million dollars – you take land, you can destroy – you can always sell if we do not follow thru with this project it fell on its ear we sell it at a profit – you do not sell land typically at a loss on undeveloped land – if this project go forward for a half a million dollars you will have something you all have ownership of 51 percent of a 6.5 million dollar project – what we have to allocate out do not get return on is zero – think about that the land we still own – the land we keep after everything is paid and done it is our site it is our facility.
- Thomas Cabaniss – the location per business partners – needs to be off of the I-85 corridor – so here is not a good location – one of the biggest reasons based on Geographic's, I-77 is not good.
- Tom Trimnal – plus we do not need to forget about the politics along with the BIA we would literally a few hundred yards a few thousand yards from where we will have our casino.
- Donna Bruce – what monetary other than their expertise to put in – who to say once we do acquire this land yes we could probably sell it and make a profit once we get this 5 million dollar loan for the facility what is to keep them from walking away.
- Tom Trimnal – the law the contracts.
- Donna Bruce – is there some kind of time frame.
- Tom Trimnal – all of that is tied into the operation agreement – what you probably need to look at that you do not know about are things like the Seminoles, they have one family that basically the tribe did not have much interest but one family took it upon themselves – said they wanted to do this – it is successful enough that the tribe wants to open up two more – this is not something a Pie in the Sky – it is not something like gaming – it is not like alcohol money 4000 percent interest – this is a real business, long term goals, long term expectations to make money – it is what position you are within the company – you will manage it – this is not an up and down business this is very solid business – you will get paid when they bring it in and paid when they take it away – yes they will want money after but people are not going to come to us to do something for free – they are doing it so they can make a profit and we will going to try to make a profit – you do not worry so much about what everybody else is getting you worry about what Catawba Nation going to get – we stand to benefit after everything gets going a minimum of about \$550,000 a year – it beholds us to do something right for the tribe – get it going even if we secure the money for the land – does not mean that everything is going to work out – may have to go back to Economic Development we need to try – we have been stand around for how many years and we still have nothing.
- Roger Trimnal – two questions I do not hear very well you may have already talked about it – number one has that agreement already been signed.
- Tom Trimnal – have not signed it yet.

- Roger Trimnal – second questions what period of time do we have partnership – is this part of the first agreement with them.
- Tom Trimnal – this is not bingo – does not have anything to do with bingo – this is not any way shape like bingo – this is straight up regular business – these are partnership agreements, peritoneal agreement and things that are going to be tied up as far as the loan – you are looking at about a 25 year agreement if we work it out the right way – the management agreement will be for five years basically as far as them watching over us, holding our hands – the last five years we have the opportunity to renew or not renew.
- Dawn Canty – I just want to let you know that all we have to bring to the table is the land – they are facilitating the facility – they have people in place to run and make sure how many people will be actually be employed at this facility.
- Tom Trimnal – there should be under twenty – he did make the comment that he does not pay cheap – he wants good people working for him long term – he does not want people dropping off – he wants people that is responsible working there.
- Melissa Harris – first of all I am excited to see something definitely come to us besides gaming – how feasible do you think it is in terms of having two Economic Development at the same time that would both have to be paid back – that is my only concern – if we have a mortgage or a loan that we borrowed money for and for Economic Development as for the gaming – what happens we have to make payments is that correct.
- Tom Trimnal – the loan for 5.2 million dollars is a twenty two year loan – anybody that done most of anything buy a car or a house the worst thing you can do if you have a 60 month loan on your car it stays 60 months – if you skip a payment it is the bank but if you pay a little extra a month every month what happens with that it is now 36 months or 40 months depending on how much extra you pay.
- Melissa Harris – so where will that little extra come from.
- Tom Trimnal – that is up to you guys – me personally I would think it very smart from a business stand point – to field all your profits for the first couple of years back into the business, pay down the interest because it does two things for you instead of paying a lot of interest to the bank but more than anything you can go back to that same said bank and show that you are reliable partner in business and now you can get another site you can approach them – we have been good kids now you can open another site in Atlanta or maybe one at the beach or maybe one here – we are bringing to the table is not land held in trust is to secure this loan – the white guys cannot do it – they need our help – no bank in the world is going to underwrite these guys for a half a million dollars for a six and a half million dollar project.
- Troy Canty – the thing I am interested in we have been down this road before about people – gave them our trust and money the other Executive Committee – Chief and whatever – we lost a lot of money – that is a big concern for me – if we go into business if we put grant money to trust these people to do what is right who's to say that they do not put something up and they would not take us to the cleaners – we have been took to the cleaners too many times since I have been a member of this tribe – I am 67 years old I have been around here a while but the tribe has not come out on top every time – we have lost a lot of money nobody never can account for – we need to make people sure they are accountable for the money and make them I forgot the word – not accountable but have insurance to be able to handle that amount of

money for the tribe – bonded this people need to be bonded if they are going to handle our money.

- Tom Trimnal – you talking about our Executive Committee people – us or talking about the partners.
- Troy Canty – anybody.
- Tom Trimnal – this will be an internal thing if we bought the land – it does not have anything to do with the people who are our partners – we buy the land then we go to the bank – the bigger questions to ask – is we are setting in a nice pretty building but where did the money come from for this building.
- Troy Canty – a grant.
- Tom Trimnal – no it came from the Blue Administration they borrowed 3.2 million from Economic Development Trust fund to build this building we have not got back one red cent in the Economic Development Trust Fund.
- Troy Canty – where did the trust fund money come from?
- Thom Trimnal – they wrote a check – these guys here will not write a check – they brought to you to make sure you guys gave the approval.
- Troy Canty – where did the trust money come from?
- Tom Trimnal – it came from the Settlement Act – what I am saying is these guys are trying to be responsible to bring it back to you – myself if I was in charge I would probably go ahead and sign the deal – these guys the Chief and all these guys sitting over here and the Economic Development people want to bring it to you – so you can make the decision but this is not something that is going to sit around for months or years – it may not be here in 3 months – the land may not be here in 2 months.
- Troy Canty – I am glad you are going in some kind of directions.
- Tom Trimnal – you are not going to make money unless you spend some money.
- Troy Canty – I hope and pray that the people will do it right and the people would be cheated.
- Tom Trimnal – that is why we have two attorneys sitting right here to try to make sure we keep them straight – where we have gone bad economically before was with mis-management within the tribe – siding with bad partners involving ourselves with things like this building.
- Donna Bruce – you said that the partnership would be based on the time of the loan – if we paid toward that loan and bring the time down – will that void the partnership and make them no longer part of it.
- Tom Trimnal – what you have is a LLC it is like a corporation – they will have a percentage of the LLC that does not go away until somebody gets brought out or somebody in that organization buys somebody out – that stays whether the loan is there or not – what you need to look at is who is going to be managing it and who will be ownership of the property – they will not would hold that we will – 6.5 million infrastructure of the land we will hold.
- Donna Bruce – whose check them out – have you all done a DNV report on these guys.
- Tom Trimnal – we have done extensive work and they have a proven track record – in North Carolina they have a perfect record.
- Mary Foxx Carver – we talking about purchasing all this paying this coming in paying this going out – whose making money – when we get the money where is the money going – whose receiving the money is it the person over the Trust Funds – are we as members going to see any capita.

- Tom Trimnal – so basically what you are saying is we are not going to get money.
- Mary Foxx Carver – no the tribe.
- Tom Trimnal – no that is what the question is – you need to ask yourself as a people –do you want to try to do something for the future or waiting for your next payment – you cannot have it both ways – you cannot grow business unless you in turn put capita back into the business– when you have enough business and you back pack it that where you do not just take it you all never grow – it is impossible.
- Butch Sanders – Tom could explain to the tribal members what types of material that will be coming into this facility – the one we visited in North Carolina there were trucks coming into there every hour – unloading that stuff – let them know what kind of material is coming in there and that we get paid for this material and when it comes out of the other end we can sell it to make a profit.
- Tom Trimnal – the products we will be taking in are any that is organic it might be a chicken parts from grease traps – the nasty stuff you can think of – it will come in truck loads you cannot drive up and drop it off – the customers we will have wild already have contracts with them – they can only drop X to type of product with us – they cannot vary from that it is a very clean product the end result that comes out – they have to paid on weigh when they come in and then we resell the finish product so it pays for that as well.
- Donald Rodgers – you are talking about profits and things of that nature - some years ago the Economic Development Board presented a revenue allocation plan that was a little hefty on the revenue to be given out to per capita – I think 20% I think as you move thru this – it was 40% I think you need to change that – number one the business is not going to make a profit for 2.5 to 5 years – to turn a profit even bingo it will take 2.5, 3 to 5 years to turn a profit – the same thing with this I do not think you need to take 40% of your income and dole it out to everybody right off the bat – as Tom said if you want to do more of this business elsewhere – you need to give it the opportunity to grow and you cannot do that when you are planning for the future so as a recommendation to the Economic Development Board and General Council – I think you need to revisit the Revenue Allocation Plan sometime in the near future so if you do a business plan with these folks – you will not want to have to say 20% of our income that we get to put out 2 or 3 dollars to us – that is just not worth it.
- Tom Trimnal – it sounds like a lot of money per capita like a bucket sitting in here with \$350,000 – you are looking at in terms of about \$46.00 and some change per person per tribal member is that worth a whole lot of you to get upset about – it would be smarter to plow the fund back into it – so you would have a million and a half or two million coming in 10 to 15 years from now to me that makes a lot more sense you are not worried about yourself you are worried about your proposal going forward because what would \$46 do for you now – not a whole lot you can make money now or later – you guys can decide.
- Roger Trimnal – my observation our only financial responsibility bounds right- we would have a contractually, responsibility with our partners – they take care of all those details if we wanted to we can buy out our partners.
- Tom Trimnal – you all always have the opportunity if you wanted to.
- Donald Brown – who was stupid enough to give you all a half a contract to start with.
- Tom Trimnal – who was stupid enough to do what sir.

- Donald Brown – why was they stupid enough to give you that much to start with they should have gave you all a 12 year deal – and then you all out.
- Tom Trimnal – I do not understand the question.
- Donald Brown – how did you all get a deal – how long do you all get a contract for the tribe.
- Tom Trimnal – we do not have a contract at all.
- Donald Brown – that is what I am talking about.
- Tom Trimnal – so how do we need to get it for 12 years.
- Donald Brown – everybody else I think has one – bingo had a 12 year contract.
- Tom Trimnal – this has nothing to do with what you are talking about – there is no contract in place – it has not been – you are thinking about gaming this has nothing to do with that – that is probably where the confusion is.
- Ed Canty – this company does it have a facility in the State of South Carolina.
- Tom Trimnal – it has two in North Carolina none in South Carolina – has three in Ireland and Florida.
- Ed Canty – why will not South Carolina let them in.
- Tom Trimnal – they have not tried – why would you presume that South Carolina would not let them in.
- Ed Canty – in Chester S.C. they were trying to get it in.
- Tom Trimnal – sir you do not know what you are talking about on this case – was it McGill you were talking about or just a composting site.
- Ed Canty – it was a site South Carolina was looking at.
- Tom Trimnal – with McGill this partner.
- Ed Canty – could not move into South Carolina that is why they are in North Carolina they could move out of South Carolina they could come pick up and move out but they cannot.
- Tom Trimnal – who you were talking about partnering up with Chester – these are not the same people.
- Ed Canty – I am just not talking about this company I am talking about any company.
- Tom Trimnal – I do not know about Chester as far as that goes.
- Ed Canty – South Carolina will not let them in.
- Tom Trimnal – this is not anything to do with that – this is something they have two in North Carolina.
- Ed Canty – it has nothing to with it let us move on to the next question.
- Tom Trimnal – why turn these people down if it has nothing to do with it – that is my point – what you have to ask yourself do you want to make money.
- Chief Bill Harris – the time has expired – what do you want to do – do you want to vote on the Resolution or add more time to this.
- **Jackie Canty – I appreciate the research done on this composting project – what I have heard was some good questions it was well prepared and I appreciate the work done by the Economic Development at this time I would like to make a motion that we end the discussion I make a motion that we accept the proposal to for the \$500,000 – Joe Canty and I second it – Resolution 20140712C Jack Canty restated the motion to accept the Composting project and the release of up to \$500,000 from the Economic Development – Joe Canty I second it – 81 yes – 0 no – 0 abstain – motion approved.**

- Trent Troxel – presented Corporate Nation By-laws.
- Chief Bill Harris – that is put off until October.
- Trent Troxel – would like for you all to review this – there will be another meeting to discuss this – it is in your package to look over and study – the same with the Gaming Commission By-laws too.
- Chief Bill Harris – that will be a Special Meeting in October right now we are looking at October 11 – if something changes we will notify you – if not that is where we are going October 11- a Special General Council Meeting is to address one Topic only – what it was called on changes to the Corporate Nation and Gaming Commission By-laws.
- Trent Troxel – that is all we have from the Economic Development – thank you.
- Chief Bill Harris – I think you need to realize we stood here you carried thru on this issue – you ask those tough questions.– they were hard questions – but they were addressed – this is what the responsibilities are as citizens of this Nation – it your responsibility to ask as citizens of this Nation it is your responsibility to ask the hard questions – if you do not get the answers you are looking for then you do not pass the Resolution but obviously the number of folks that move forward on this there was a position – you saw the value of this – congratulations.

2.) Constitution:

- Chief Bill Harris – now we will move towards our Constitution.
- Jeff Harris – I am here to talk about the Constitution and we want to share with you today what we have learned so far – as a brief introduction for those that do not know me my name is Jeff Harris – I am a member of the tribe – I am working as a legal counsel on the Constitution right now – this will be the same as our other meetings but for those that have not we will go over a quick overview – the reason why we need a new Constitution in the 1993 Settlement it directs us to past a new Constitution on top of that the even though the 1975 Constitution has served us well for a long time the tribe has changed in a lot of ways that make it so that we need a new one – there are a lot more tribal members – tribal members live all across the Country and beyond – we now have Federal Recognition we have a full Government staff – gets a lot of grants and have lots of things we can do for the tribe – all of that are reasons of why we need a Constitution – we are trying something new here – the tribe has proposed several Constitutions in the past – I believe this will be the fifth one that will be proposed – the Settlement Agreement says that 30 percent of all tribal members have to vote on the Constitution for it to ever be valid – of the previous four we have never got 30 percent of the tribe that even made the vote- after that you vote to see if there is enough yes’s over the no’s – but since we have never made it to the 30 percent we want to try something new – that is why we are trying to get public input before any words are written of this Constitution – let me make that clear nothing of this Constitution has been written yet – there has been research done – looked at what other tribes have done what we are doing now is getting Public input – the first thing that we done we had Community meetings back in May I believe – I March excuse me that was the opportunity for people to come to get introduced to the project that we are doing and to learn about what we are doing and to start to tell us what they wanted in a Constitution – I think it was a great meeting – we have already learned a lot from that – we had 484 people at the first meeting – the next step was that we had seven live focus groups here at the Longhouse also had an online focus group where people could go on and saw the same questions that were ask here live at

the live focus groups – we ask about everything from membership and to why people think that attendance low at General Council meetings and to how they think that the Executive Committee should run – we had a total of 137 people participated in one of those – thank you we learned a lot from those – starting to get monumental that is what we need to get 30 percent of the people to vote – so we want to tell you what we have learned so far – the first question we ask: a. 50 years from now what do you hope that the CIN is like and this is an important question – this Constitution needs to serve us 50 years and even beyond – so if we want to write a document that is going to govern us and guide us for the next 50 years and beyond we need to start thinking what do I want it to look like – so economically a lot of the things – things that was said a lot – that they wanted the tribe to be self-reliance – maintain successful tribal business and for all tribal members to be able to provide for themselves and for each other – politically some of the things that people commonly said was that they wanted to separate Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches of Government – they want our people to be united – they wanted us to have a strong sovereign nation – they want honest leadership and they want people to participate in their government – as far as programs they want the tribe to have infrastructure, bridges, playgrounds – different things that we can be proud of – they want good education and job placement which the tribe has made a lot and wants to continue – ultimately they want people to understand culture and history of our tribe – the next question this is not all the questions if you want more information I will be more than happy to talk to you about other things that we learned – I wanted to focus in on the most important things – the next things we ask was why did we think General Council attendance is low – we have about 1900, 2000 to 2200 members of the tribe – voting age – that will be members of the General Council – today we just barely had 86 to take a very important vote and we need to think about why is - a lot of people said complacency, apathy – people just think that nothing happens here – their common response that people did not come that people come in with agenda's they wanted to argue and bicker with each other – they think the meetings are un-productive either because they feel like that their voices are not heard or the meetings get off the topic – a lot say they cannot make it to the meetings they have to take care of children – they take care of family members – they have jobs – a lot of people are working on Saturday mornings, a lot say they live too far from the Reservation to attend – we had a couple of people that said elderly people have a hard time physically to get here and lastly that the meetings last too long – that it takes up all of your Saturday morning and afternoon – the struggle from this information will be where do we go from here – how to structure a government that address this – next we ask how often the General Council should meet – the responses ranged everywhere from twice a year to every single week – the most common response was four times a year with Special Meetings called if necessary – about openness and transparency there was an overwhelmed response that tribal members need to be able to receive meeting minutes and other non-confidential information from the tribe – next we had questions about the Executive Committee as far as qualifications most people said that any elected official be an enrolled tribal member be able to pass a criminal background check and drug test – people said they wanted people with credit worthiness especially those that deal with the tribal money – they want people that are ethnic and that care about all tribal members – as far as terms, the number of years that they would serve – the responses ranged from one year then they would have to go up for reelection all the way to eight years – the most common was that they should have four year terms – the next

thing that people wanted the terms to be staggered what that means was that we would not have all five members or how many members that we have to be reelected all at the same time – the point of that is so that two or three if you had a larger Executive Committee there would be elections would not have the possibility of everybody being voted out at the same time and a whole new group coming in and having to start from scratch – you would have at least two people whose terms would still have some time left on them – they would be able to help the other people catch up a little bit faster and they will be up for elections sooner than the ones that just came in – stagger would make that possible and people overwhelmed supported that – we ask about term limits whether people should be in the focus groups only be allowed to serve a certain number of years – we got very mixed reviews on that – that one of the things that we will have to study as we go to have public participation process – next we ask how many people should be on the Executive Committee – the response ranged from three people to thirteen with the most common being that seven people should be on the Executive Committee – we gave more information about that and move forward on that - next we ask about vacancy – ask if people thought that if somebody is either removed or steps down or dies while in office how would the vacancy be filled and how it should be filled whether it should be a Special Election or a General Council meeting and people overwhelmed said it should be a Special Election where everybody could participate – this is a good thing our tribe currently does not have the ability to recall political figures – it is not in our current Constitution – you can have a petition they can be suspended they can be suspended without pay from my understanding but we cannot remove them doing their term – in my research I found that a lot of tribes had the mechanism where if during a term let say it is four years and doing that four years and you get to year two the tribe as a whole thinks that person should be removed from office for a particular reason there a procedure in place so that a recall election can take place usually things I have seen that are common if there is a petition that petition is filed and an Election Committee or someone like that will verify it and in a certain number of days a Special Election is called and the tribe has the opportunity to remove the elected official from office if they decide to – lastly we asked about the Secretary/Treasurer position our tribe has grown a lot it does a lot more so we wanted to know if people thought that the role of Secretary/Treasurer should be split up between two people so as only one person trying to handle all of that and overwhelmed the people said yes – we also participated in a Native Nations Institute Training which is from the University of Arizona – able to watch their on line program and the main points we took from that are that they encourage all tribes to write a Constitution to form a government to organize a government in a way that allow a separation of officer’s responsibilities, clear rolls – it makes it very clear what the General Council does what the Executive Committee does what the Chief does – there is not much room for variances and not understand where the lines are – they also said that tribes were more successful economically – where their Constitution defines the rolls clearly and finally when a tribe has an independent judicial usually a tribal court – they are more successful, politically and economically – the Constitution is about more than just passing a Constitution – it has to the opportunity to make it so that we can thru politically, Economics and Culture all at the same time – our next step is that we are going to be doing a survey in this large packet is a flyer about the survey – will have a three or four survey that will go out by mail to every single member of the tribe – it is going to ask a lot of these same question to try to get more information – we want everybody to participate so what is going to written into the

Constitution is going to be based on the response of the focus groups and we will be getting the survey so if you have an opinion about how your government should run now is the time to let us know – it is as easy as filling out three to four pages and letting us know- on top of that we do have some incentives to try to encourage people but I hope that you have the desire to make your tribe run better to get a Constitution so that we can run efficiently – thrive economically so when you get the survey in the mail coming in early August, please fill it out and return it – please ask your family members ask your friends if they got the survey and return it – if we get a 100 responses we have to base the Constitution off of the 100, if we get 2100 if everybody returned it which I know is a pie in the sky but if we do we will have everybody’s opinions and can figure out what people really want – form there the Constitution will be drafted we will have more meetings where you can ask questions about the Constitution as it is being written – we can make adjustments at that time – they are calling it a kind of comment question and comment period – so we hope to have that Constitution ready to go out in January 2015 so you can look at it ask questions so that it can be voted on in the July 2015 elections – are there any questions about the Constitution Process – that we are after now – great thank you for those that have done-

- Chief Bill Harris – at this point I think we have lost the quorum – I will see how many people are in the lobby – at this point you have lost the quorum we are no longer able to conduct tribal business – you can seek information – a formal declaration you are now out of a quorum – you are no longer conducting business as Citizens of the Nation – it is now turning into an Informational Meeting.

IX. Door Prizes:

- Door Prize Drawing – Chief Bill Harris the box and cards were not available all names that signed in was placed in the box you did not have to sign in somebody did for you:
Juanita Campbell - not present
Cheyenne Sanders – present
Geneva Gunton – present
Bob Trimnal – present
Patricia Leach – not present
Sam Beck – present – declined
Rose Roberts – present
Austin Davis –not present
Betty Blue - present

X. Closing Prayer:

XI. Drum:

XII. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned @ 12:00 P.M.

Reconciliation of Balances: January 1 - December 31, 2014							
	Per Capita	Education	Economic Development	Social Services	Land	Per Capita (Custody)	Total
Beginning Market Value	\$ 542,570	\$ 7,619,640	\$ 1,978,033	\$ 374,529	\$ 558	\$ 232,018	\$ 10,747,348
Inflows (Additions and Income)	\$ 16,491	\$ 421,999	\$ 69,245	\$ 14,898	\$ -	\$ 110,084	\$ 632,717
Appreciation/Depreciation	\$ 2,200	\$ (52,008)	\$ 41,371	\$ (361)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,798)
Outflows (Fees and Distributions)	\$ (481,813)	\$ (316,646)	\$ (311,703)	\$ (34,338)	\$ -	\$ (121,032)	\$ (1,265,532)
Accrued Income	\$ 41	\$ 14,103	\$ 1,913	\$ 238	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,295
Ending Value + Accrued Income	\$ 79,489	\$ 7,687,088	\$ 1,778,859	\$ 354,966	\$ 558	\$ 221,070	\$ 10,122,030

Cash Allocation as of January 6, 2015			
	Principal Cash	Income Cash	Total Cash
	\$78,957	\$ -	\$78,957
	\$332,299	\$329,149	\$661,448
	\$44,012	\$42,991	\$87,003
	\$27,119	\$7,806	\$34,925
	\$160	\$398	\$558
	\$232,018	\$ -	\$232,018
	\$714,564	\$380,345	\$1,094,909

Asset Allocation as of December 31, 2014					
	29.10%	8.51%	4.60%	9.70%	100.00%
Cash	29.10%	8.51%	4.60%	9.70%	100.00%
Equities	29.10%	36.20%	37.40%	34.50%	0.00%
Fixed Income	30.80%	43.00%	45.80%	48.20%	0.00%
Hedge Fund	5.60%	6.19%	4.80%	2.40%	0.00%
Real Estate	3.10%	4.48%	5.30%	3.30%	0.00%
Tangible Assets	2.20%	1.62%	2.00%	2.40%	0.00%

Total Portfolio Return Jan - Nov 30, 2014 4.02% 5.37% 7.61% 5.12% 0.06% 0.01% 5.62%

2015 Preliminary Budget Estimate

REVENUE

Franchise (York Electric)		15,556
SC Department of Revenue		41,348
Capital Credits		131
Space Costs	??	98,982
Identification tags		3,048
Building Rental		<u>4,800</u>
		163,865

EXPENSE

Personnel		69,966
Operating Expenses		29,400
Travel & Training		13,240
Property tax/insurance		<u>46,556</u>
Subtotal		89,196
Total Expenses		159,162
Estimated balance 1-11-15		4,703

Constitution Update

We the First People

CREATING LAWS TO PROVIDE HARMONY

Constitution by the People for the People

Thanks for letting your voices be heard!

Public Participation is the key!

Upcoming Dates

February	DRAFT Constitution mailed to all voting aged tribal members
March 10th	Constitution Draft Input Meeting @ 6 pm
March 31st	Constitution Draft Input Meeting @ 6 pm
May	Final Constitution mailed to all voting aged tribal members
July 25th	Vote for the Constitution

Input Meetings will have free food and a 32 inch television giveaway

Contact Elizabeth Harris at 803-366-4792 with questions.



Economic Development

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50 Votes, Yes: _____

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52 Votes, No: _____

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59 Certified by Chief William Harris and Secretary/Treasurer Roderick Beck on behalf of the
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Election Committee

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The Motion was seconded by:

Votes, Yes: _____

Votes, No: _____

Abstentions: _____

Certified by Chief Bill Harris and Secretary/Treasurer Roderick Beck on behalf of the General Council:

On this date of:

Catawba General Council Meeting
January 10, 2015
Approval of Election Committee members
NO: _____

6 The Resolution of the Catawba Indian Nation General Council in session, January 10, 2015, in
7 accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws; and

9 Whereas, the existing Constitution and By-Laws have not been amended or revoked by the
10 General Council; and

12 Whereas, Article 3 (Governing Body), Section 4, eighty-six (86) qualified voters of the Catawba
13 Indian Nation shall constitute a quorum at any special or regular meeting; and

15 Whereas, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Catawba Indian Nation were adopted by eligible
16 Catawba voters on August 30, 1975; and

18 Whereas, Pursuant to Article 3 (Governing Body), Section 1, of the Catawba Constitution, "The
19 governing body of the Catawba Indian Nation of South Carolina shall be the General Council
20 which shall be composed of all qualified voters of the Nation;" and

22 Whereas, Pursuant to Article 3 (Governing Body), Section 2, of the Catawba Constitution, "All
23 enrolled members of the Catawba Indian Nation, male and female, who are 18 years of age or
24 over shall be qualified voters at any tribal meeting;"

26 Whereas, a General Election is scheduled for July 2015 and several Election Committee
27 members have expired terms;

29 Whereas, the Election Committee is proposing the current members serve until January 2016 so
30 that there are members on the committee that are knowledgeable of the election procedures;

32 Whereas, the current members of the committee are Geneva Gunton, Violet Wilson, Amy Canty,
33 Shana George-Perry, Curtis Harris, Beth Sanders, and Mike Harris;

35 Now, therefore, be it resolved that these committee members can continue to serve until January
36 2016.

39 Whereas, this motion was made by:

42 The Motion was seconded by:

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54 Certified by Chief Bill Harris and Secretary/Treasurer Roderick Beck on behalf of the General
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Nominations

Are you running for Executive Committee?

Important things to know:

Monday January 26th at 5 pm

Deadline for submitting your “Announcement of Candidacy” information sheet and \$175 fee (by certified check or money order only) to the Election Committee. Please drop off to Violet Wilson or Curtis Harris at the Longhouse during regular business hours.

Saturday April 18th at 4 pm

Meet the Candidates Event at the Longhouse

Ongoing

Please check your messages for other important dates from the Election Committee such as where to go for your drug test, when candidate bios are due, and more.

Saturday July 25th

ELECTION DAY!

