

CHEROKEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

TO: Chief Mankiller

FROM: Deputy Chief Ketcher

SUBJECT: Cherokee Nation Golf Course

DATE: 2-11-94

In behalf of several tribal members and some non-Indian golfers. I am requesting that we be allowed to work out a plan to enlarge and expand the Nation's golf course.

We are aware that the operation of the course has fallen on hard times and is struggling to survive. But in our minds we vision an operation that would eventually pay its own way and make money in the future.

A lot of our enthusiasm and confidence is due to continuing growth of this area. This is becoming a mecca for retirement and our youth is taking up golf as an athletic outlet that can last until a senior citizen.

Studies have shown that an 18 hole golf course could get support in this area. It is highly likely that this 18 hole golf course would attract a major portion of golfers in the surrounding area and be used for tournaments planned during the golfing season. Our weather is mild enough that it is almost possible to play golf the year around.

I am aware that the feasibility study showed a high price tag to build the extra 9 holes and renovate the old 9 holes. But we (the golfers) would like to have the opportunity to build the extra 9 holes, like the first 9 holes were built, through volunteers.

This is to take a page from your success, that of self-help, similar to your Bell project. The Nation could provide the equipment and needed supplies and golfers would volunteer their labor. We could work out a system for those doing work on the project. Some kind of adjustment in the golfing fees or membership can be worked out for a period of time.