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PAWNEE NATION FLAG

The miniature stars and stripes of the blue field symbolize America. The Plains Indian tribes called the Pawnee "Wolves" because of their cunning and courage. Thus, the emblem of the wolf was created and retained the double meaning of "Chaticks si Chaticks" or Men of Men.

Crossed on the blue field is a peace pipe and tomahawk; the peace pipe standing for peace and the tomahawk for war.



Nine arrowheads emblematic of the wars in which the Pawnees fought in the service of their country; the Indian wars, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The flag means Pawnee Indians, in peace and war, are always courageous and loyal to America.

The flag staff is an old time Pawnee lance with a genuine flint spearhead.

The staff has bead work mounted on buckskin opposite the blue field. The many colors in the bead work symbolize our various ceremonies and our old people who have gone on before us.

The four prime eagle feathers attached at the top of the flag represent the four Pawnee bands: Chaui, Pitahawirata, Skidi and Kitkehahki.

A sprig of cedar should be attached to the staff during Homecoming, Armistice Day, Christmas and on occasions of state. We use cedar in sacred ceremonies and in prayer. It is a token of prayer and a token of peace.

Like the flag of the United States, the Pawnee Indian Flag should never be desecrated and it should never touch the ground.

DESIGNED BY BRUMMETT ECHOHAWK



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Volunteers Needed: BE A PART OF GIVING BACK!

The **Elder Center** is seeking **Volunteers** to assist in the *servicing of the lunch meals*. If you could use your *lunch hour* to help serve a few times a month to assist in giving back to the **Tribal Elders**, one needs to fill out complete the **Volunteer Agreement Form** and return to Human Resources.

Any and all assistance would be appreciated, and can be used as often or little as you are available. **Volunteers that assist during their lunch hour can enjoy the meal free of charge** following the Elder serving time. **Volunteers** may work with the Outreach Specialist to conduct home chores, visits, or assist in the Coordinator in the Elder Garden.



MESSAGE FROM THE PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT



Nowa!

First of all, let me thank the Pawnee people for electing me as your President. Service to the Public has been my career for over 36 years, and I shall lead with a servants' heart. The Pawnee people's well-being will be firmly at the forefront of my mind guiding every decision. It is an honor to serve in the leadership of our great Nation and join the past presidents and chiefs who have safeguarded the Pawnee Tribe. To everyone: Thank you

corruption must be isolated and removed. As a Nation, we will deal with our issues and move forward.

I have plans and ideas to make the tribe more efficient. I have called on the PBC to pass employee protections and whistleblower act. The tribe can increase efficiency, which will provide more funds to better serve Pawnees. I have plans to make it easier or Pawnees to apply for and attain employment with the Nation and any subsidiary. With our recent win in the FCC case, we would expect some funding to come back to the tribe again for our cultural programs, though we will have to wait and see what that time frame will be. I also plan to begin some serious discussion with the Housing Authority to begin to build new affordable homes for Pawnees.

I appreciate your vote of confidence; the future is bright for the Pawnee Nation

Thank you,

Jimmy Whiteshirt



I was elected to serve all Pawnee People, and I take that charge very seriously. While elections can be divisive, I am calling on all sides to come together so that we may move the tribe forward. I have been elected in a period where the tribe has lost millions of dollars, and millions more must be accounted for. I ran on accountability and transparency, and I have been diligent to my word by exposing corruption at the PTDC as bad actors have tried to cover it up. They will be held accountable. All is not doom and gloom. Like a sickness, the

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JULY 13, 2019 at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Office of the President, James Whiteshirt

RE: 2018 PTDC Investigation
TO: Gaming Commission

August 2, 2019

Nowa,

I was elected on a platform of transparency, honesty and accountability. A clear majority of the Pawnee people agreed with my ideas and overwhelmingly elected me to implement them. I have taken an oath to uphold the laws of the Nation and to protect our Tribal Assets that have provided jobs and should benefit our people. We MUST protect these assets.

The Pawnee Gaming Commission is delegated the authority of regulating our gaming operations as both a responsibility and obligation (Gaming Ordinance Sec 3.6).

Thankfully the commission has done just that. Last year they held hearings and interviewed several individuals who are involved in our gaming operations and oversight, and gaming licenses were suspended. The findings from these efforts are disturbing and need to be shared with our people.

The previous administration has kept these findings secret. When it came time for a frank discussion of these findings with the tribal business committee and the gaming commission members there were none, it was dismissed by the former president. Now is the time for these issues to see the cleansing light of day.

These findings have not been remedied to date; it has been over a year.

I strongly urge the Gaming Commission to act on these violations and revoke the licenses outlined in the report. We will hold the responsible parties accountable for these violations. I have also reached out to the pertinent federal agencies to make sure action is taken, and our assets are protected. Please encourage the council to work with me in moving the tribe forward and find a successful resolution.

Thank you,

Jimmy Whiteshirt



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Pawnee Business Council
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RE: Final Report on Investigation

Dear President Pratt;

The Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission met on Monday, July 23, 2018 and reviewed an investigation from a situation involving personnel at Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and the Tee Pee Casino facility in Yale, Oklahoma. Based on the investigation, it was determined our initial findings of the financial irregularities are complete. Our final report on these initial findings is enclosed in full.

Based on the evidence and testimony submitted, the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission has taken action against one individual involved in this situation. The appeals procedure regarding this action has been completed and considered final and permanent. However, there are still many questions that remain regarding this individual's influence within the assigned area of responsibility over the past several years. This investigation is complete only in regard to the situation that was discovered and not any subsequent finding.

The findings enclosed within are concerns regarding current law, rules, and regulations. The findings contained within the final report are, at this time, unresolved. We look forward to working with Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and Pawnee Business Council to resolving these findings.

Please feel free to contact myself, or our Chairman, Chris McCray, at the number listed above if you have any questions regarding this action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur L. Attocknie".

Arthur L. Attocknie
Director

Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission

In May 2018, in an effort to retrieve required reports, an e-mail request was made to Roger Smith and his accounting team. These reports were continually being made late. An effort was made to impress upon Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) Leadership that these reports were required to be submitted by the 15th of the next month. On May 16, the reports for March were submitted. An anomaly was noticed about the Vendor Aging Summary report. This report was compared to previous reports received. The report showed a monthly underpayment of \$8,000 to one vendor, Robert White, for several years. The total at that time showed a balance of \$412,000. Upon initial consideration, the assumption was made that this report showed an accounting mistake. Inquiries were made to various individuals, including Accounting Department personnel at PTDC, Joseph Eve representatives, SmithHarrison LLP representatives, and the vendor himself. All of the information gathered confirmed that a single payment was not made to the vendor for over four (4) years. Information obtained also revealed that this was a known arrangement between the CEO Roger Smith and the vendor. Information obtained also revealed that this arrangement was implemented as a result of possible unethical and/or criminal activity.

It was revealed through official Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission (PNGC) hearings and interviews that the arrangement was implemented to benefit the vendor because of a tax situation the vendor was experiencing. This information was obtained from former and current PTDC Board of Directors (Board) Members, Accounting and PTDC personnel through the course of an official investigation. There were findings of violations and through these hearings, Notices of Violations have been communicated with the recipients, responses have been received, and a conclusion has been reached in each Violation. A Notice of Violation is just the beginning of the resolution. Violations, or findings of violations, can be resolved a number of different ways. Continued or repeat violations are unacceptable. If resolution is not achievable, PNGC must take measures to bar the licensee from casino operations. Exclusion and removal from gaming activities can also be achieved in a number of different methods. This can result in bans from gaming facilities and exclusion from the responsibility and authority of the decisions regarding gaming facilities and activities.

The actions that have resulted were revocations and suspensions from Gaming Activities. Revocation is a denial of participation in gaming activities indefinitely. Suspensions are activities that separate or remove a licensee's ability to participate in Gaming Activities for a definite period of time. Some suspensions last longer than others, but most suspensions are implemented or imposed to keep the integrity of the Gaming Activities and allow them to continue to operate. This allows for an investigation to collect evidence and information without completely disrupting normal business. It does affect one's ability to fulfill their job duties so there is a process by which the licensee can utilize to address the allegations. This process is regulated by the Gaming Commission and Tribal Law. Because the Gaming Commission does not regulate criminal activity, all information regarding Criminal activity has been referred to the Pawnee Nation Attorney General's office. The following information was made known in official hearings:

- Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation is currently in default on the Lease Agreement at the Tee Pee Casino Facility.

- Roger Smith, on several occasions, admitted to having knowledge of this situation since December of 2013. Roger Smith was unaware of JR's knowledge of the entire situation.
- Roger Smith informed the Board, in an official meeting, in 2014 and again in 2015. At the time, several Board members no longer serving were present but Andrea Bowen, Linda Jestes, and Laura Melton were named as being present during this notification.
- Roger Smith admitted, during a license revocation hearing on July 9, 2018, that he had no intention of notifying the PNGC, or PBC, of this situation. He admitted to seeking JR's assistance early in 2018 to rectify a situation with Jeff White.
- Richard Spears admitted, during a license suspension hearing on June 27, 2018, to having knowledge of this situation since January 2014. Richard Spears admitted he did not disclose this situation to anyone.
- Arthur "JR" Thompson admitted, on several occasions, to having knowledge of this situation prior to his appointment to the PTDC Board of Directors. He admitted he did not disclose any conflicts of interest or his prior knowledge of this situation to the Board or Council. JR testified that Roger Smith sought his assistance early in 2018 with a situation with Jeff White.
- Accounting Department knew of this situation since 2014, but were told multiple times that Roger Smith was in charge of the arrangement.
- Nik Wong of Joseph Eve knew of this arrangement in 2014. Joseph Eve started issuing supplemental reports regarding the unusual amount of Accounts Payable at Tee Pee beginning August 2017. These reports were not disclosed to the PTDC Board.
- Joe Smith and Adam Smith of SmithHarrisonLLP knew of this arrangement in 2015. SmithHarrison advised Roger Smith the situation is not ordinary and should be resolved.
- Jeff White admitted he is currently under audit by the IRS. Jeff admitted to not wanting to claim the payments in 2013 and 2014 as income, because of tax implications.

The information the PNGC has obtained in this situation has resulted in many areas of deficiency or instances of violations. To enumerate specifically, the PNGC acknowledges the finding of the following deficiencies and violations:

1. As excerpted from Pawnee Nation Gaming Ordinance "Section 10.1.6 "No person shall violate any provision of this Ordinance, nor any rule, regulation or order that the Commission may adopt or issue, nor any provision of the Act, or regulation adopted by the Commission."
As excerpted from Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission Tribal Internal Control Standards: "4a. Casino Compliance (b)(1)(i) "Negligently failing to take reasonable precautions or action to prevent incidents which reflect on the repute of the Pawnee Nation and act as a detriment to the development of the Gaming Operation" & (viii) "Failing to comply with or make provision for compliance with all Tribal, Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of Gaming Activities;"

PTDC has violated Tribal Law by violating the Tribal Internal Control Standards (TICS). TICS are required by National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS). The PTDC Board has failed in its charge to exercise adequate and appropriate control over Management Personnel. This is made known by the fact that PTDC

has failed to uphold its responsibilities within contracts and lease agreements. To this date, PTDC has not fulfilled its responsibilities pursuant to the Lease Agreement at the Tee Pee Casino Facility. Adequate control would include reporting on actions taken by management and, if necessary, intervene or adopt those actions. It was discovered on multiple occasions that PTDC Board Members did not question or review the actions by Roger Smith, Chief Executive Officer of PTDC. Furthermore, it was discovered through hearings and interviews that PTDC Boards Members had current and prior knowledge of this arrangement between the CEO and Owner/Vendor Jeff White. Appropriate control would be implementing risk management practices within the System of Internal Control and Policies of the PTDC Management and the entire company. Appropriate control would include a definite segregation of duties and wholesome reporting about the PTDC's Actions and Financial Health. Neither was being accomplished according to numerous interviews and hearings. In fact, Accounting Departments inquiries and reporting was suppressed and financial reporting was manipulated to cater to different styles or types of reports which included or excluded important data. Negligence is clear; the opportunity to present data was there but never executed by any at the Management or Board levels. Opportunity existed for full disclosure by Management and Board Personnel, but the opportunity to perform their fiduciary duty was never seized or occurred.

It is recommended that PTDC fulfill its existing responsibilities within the Tee Pee Casino Facility Lease Agreement immediately. By not fulfilling the lease agreement, PTDC is violating TICS by "Negligently failing to take reasonable precautions or action to prevent incidents which reflect on the repute of the Pawnee Nation and act as a detriment to the development of the Gaming Operation".

It is also recommended that PTDC overhaul its policy and procedure concerning management reporting and decision-making capability. A clear line of authority and responsibilities needs to be published and implemented with respect to those areas within Management and Board. A periodic review of these policies and procedures needs to be published and enforced by the Pawnee Business Council (PBC) and PNGC. Mandatory full disclosure to both the PNGC and the PBC about updates and revisions needs to be implemented immediately. A plan of action concerning the next year and planned updates and revisions needs to be submitted for review immediately.

2. As excerpted from the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.: "(2) The Chairman shall approve any tribal ordinance or resolution concerning the conduct, or regulation of class II gaming on the Indian lands within the tribe's jurisdiction if such ordinance or resolution provides that—
 - (A) except as provided in paragraph (4), the Indian tribe will have the sole proprietary interest and responsibility for the conduct of any gaming activity;
 - (B) net revenues from any tribal gaming are not to be used for purposes other than—
 - (i) to fund tribal government operations or programs;
 - (ii) to provide for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its members;
 - (iii) to promote tribal economic development;
 - (iv) to donate to charitable organizations; or
 - (v) to help fund operations of local government agencies;"

For years the PTDC leadership has dodged reporting its true financial status and health. The PNGC was created to keep the casino facilities accountable for their profits and losses. The PNGC created rules and regulations to help facilitate integrity and transparency. Over the past several years, the PNGC, PBC, and the PTDC Board have continually struggled with each other to find a mutually beneficial balance of authority and respect. The PNGC continually reviewed its rules and regulations to combat this perceived threat of instability. In 2014, the PNGC published the first of its revised rules and regulations. While not comprehensive, it was the first attempt by any of the entities to resolve several disputes, including allegations of over-regulation and abuse of authority. Several more rules have since been adopted, addressing concerns of both the Casino Facilities and the PNGC. Not all revisions have been negative or punitive in nature; the PNGC, on its own accord, took on the task of revising and updating the Gaming Ordinance, the Law which governs Gaming Activities within the Pawnee Nation Jurisdiction.

It has been discovered throughout this situation that there was inadequate financial reporting about the true financial health of the Gaming Activities within the Pawnee Nation. This has been allowed because the Gaming Activities have customarily been contained within the Economic Development arm of the Pawnee Nation. Gaming Activities and the associated casino facilities within Pawnee Nation are not in a developing stage. The Pawnee Nation is very familiar with Gaming and its own activities. Because there is no leadership or guidance within the Pawnee Nation on how to spend its Gaming Revenue, there has been a long, complex, and burdensome battle over these coveted dollars. A RAP will finally give what the Pawnee Nation what it has sought for years; control over it's Gaming Revenue.

A joint meeting was held, of which the agenda stated, Financial Reporting. A discussion took place that surrounded a clearer picture of the financials of all three gaming facilities. The PNGC was increasingly agitated that the concerns were unheard. An agreement was made, but the PNGC left the meeting unsure of how to complete the objective. The PNGC had more internal discussions and proposed to create and implement a financial reporting rule. They had hoped to reach a more amicable resolution instead of imposing their will, however, the atmosphere had become more unstable due to economic strain. PTDC had reduced their projections, had reduced their expansion goals, but still kept spending money and keeping their operations normal. PNGC proposed and published their rule, and now was the time to enforce it.

In the beginning of 2018, the new financial reporting rule was active. The first attempt to receive reports with the new rule was made in February and included the past six months of 2017. These new reports included some specific reporting requirements but also excluded large amounts of data which was sent over anyway. The financial packet still includes unnecessary data, however, relevant data was being sent. The first time a clear financial picture was being presented to the Gaming Commission was in March of 2018. These reports were very similar to the Annual Audit in terms of relevant data. Finally, the Gaming Commission could retrieve and provide insight on the Gaming Activities within the Pawnee Nation. The Gaming Commission could finally feel confident in providing information to the PBC, or any of its required reporting entities.

It is recommended that PTDC, PBC, and PNGC create a Revenue Allocation Plan that addresses the five (5) approved uses of Gaming Revenue contained within IGRA. It is further recommended this Plan is approved by the Pawnee Business Council for ratification and enforced. The PNGC recommends this RAP be proposed immediately, with implementation within a year. It is imperative the Pawnee Nation receives all economic benefits derived from the Casino Facilities.

It is also recommended that PTDC and PBC develop and implement policies and procedures pursuant to the overall goal of providing transparency of the financial health of the Gaming Activities. It is further recommended that PTDC adhere to the current rules of the PNGC and provide timely reports to the Gaming Commission.

It is also recommended that PTDC develop a plan of action to create a separate division for Casino Operations and Facilities. In developing and executing the plan to separate the Casino Operations from the rest of the PTDC Businesses, it further achieves the RAP objectives by definite separation of Casino and other revenue. This helps achieve a cooperative objective between all entities; separation of PNGC regulation associated with non-gaming activities that take place within Casino Facilities and within Jurisdiction.

3. As excerpted from the Nation Indian Gaming Commission Regulations, 25 CFR part 556.: “§556.5 Tribal eligibility determination.
A tribe shall conduct an investigation sufficient to make an eligibility determination.
(a) To make a finding concerning the eligibility of a key employee or primary management official for granting of a gaming license, an authorized tribal official shall review a person's:
 - (1) Prior activities;
 - (2) Criminal record, if any; and
 - (3) Reputation, habits, and associations.
(b) If the authorized tribal official, in applying the standards adopted in a tribal ordinance, determines that licensing of the person poses a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation of gaming, or creates or enhances the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices and methods and activities in the conduct of gaming, an authorizing tribal official shall not license that person in a key employee or primary management official position.”

It has been discovered that unqualified or inexperienced individuals may be in positions of authority and responsibility and those individuals are not performing well. While performance is not something we make a point to act upon, violations and repeat violations are something we consider most critical. It has been discovered by PTDC Board Members, by their own admissions and others, are not qualified in critical areas of Gaming Activities. It was routinely discussed that PTDC Board Members do not and cannot understand the financial reports issued by Management. It was routinely offered as an excuse that PTDC Board Members are not engaged or complacent in the business and affairs of PTDC and Management. Because this is an issue that PNGC has discovered occurring routinely over the past several years, PNGC must make a notice to those charged with the duty to appoint these PTDC Board Members that this is

a deficiency and must be addressed. The PNGC does not recommend unqualified or inexperienced Board Members retain their PBC appointed positions.

It is recommended that PBC review qualifications for holding Board appointments, and to set a periodic review of those qualifications to ensure appropriate standards are being met.

It is also recommended that PBC review all PTDC Board Members and their individual qualifications to hold the appointment. It is critical that PBC periodically review the appointed individuals for satisfactory performance in their job duties. Likewise, PNGC recommends that PTDC Board Members periodically review the performance of its key employees and management team to ensure satisfactory performance.

It is also recommended that PTDC Board and Management review all gaming activity contracts and services for periodically to ensure benefits are to the Pawnee Nation and PTDC and performance is satisfactorily provided. Just as NIGC uses a hands off approach with Tribes in their Regulation, the PNGC has utilized a hands off approach when it comes to business performance. However, PNGC is remaining committed to the success of the Gaming Activities within Pawnee Nation land and will pursue its regulatory responsibilities to ensure Pawnee Nation's ultimate triumphs and victories.

4. Communication

It has been discovered that PTDC, PNGC, and PBC do not communicate well with each other. In fact, this entire situation revealed the biggest deficiency within the Nation; the inability to communicate well. We respect all those involved with ensuring communication, but we do understand that such a great task can be difficult to overcome if not all team members are present. We understand there is multiple levels within each entity and that communication across all levels, vertically and horizontally, is ideal to achieve success.

Over the past few years, PNGC has attempted to work with PTDC but has had to resort to implementing Rules and Regulations to bring PTDC in compliance with satisfactory operating standards. Many of the rules which were left out had been reconsidered to bring back to implementation. A new rule however, was created that caused accountability to shift from all personnel to a structured hierarchy which was left to be defined by PTDC Leadership. This rule required that each facility maintain an organizational chart which defined supervisory personnel responsible for certain areas. Even today, each facility has a General Manager, but continually, PTDC left decisions up to the CEO for day to day activities, which included anything from purchasing bathroom supplies all the way to installment loans to finance expansion opportunities. It was never PNGC's intention to implement rules which over-step regulation, however, PTDC's implementation of the rules created ambiguity about who was supposed to operate and how in what fashion. In the cloudy and murky waters of how PTDC was operating, it was becoming increasingly clear that all of PTDC was Gaming, and yet, none of PTDC was gaming. The objective was not completed. Clear financial health and status of the Gaming Facilities was still abundantly lacking.

It is recommended that PTDC include PNGC in all communication regarding Casino Accounting and Casino Financial reporting. The PNGC requests full read only access to the accounting systems utilized in the operation of the casino facilities. This was a discussion item during a joint meeting and access was never implement for PNGC.

It is also recommended that all entities move toward and implement a communication plan that starts at the top and is grounded in our culture and environment. The leadership at each entity needs to be aware of the other's actions and pursuits. Planning is great, but only when all are involved. Further, PNGC recommends inclusion of key players in periodic meetings to accommodate the communication landscape and implement it throughout all organizations. PNGC does not recommend any entity be alone in any darkness about anything any longer.

5. As excerpted from the State of Oklahoma-Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Gaming Compact Part 10 Licensing B.1

"Any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, provides or is likely to provide at least Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in goods or services to the enterprise in any twelve-month period, or who has received at least Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for goods or services provided to the enterprise in any consecutive twelve-month period within the immediately preceding twenty-four-month period, or any person or entity who provides through sale, lease, rental or otherwise covered games, or parts, maintenance or service in connection therewith to the tribe or the enterprise at any time and in any amount, shall be licensed by the TCA prior to the provision thereof. Provided, that attorneys or certified public accountants and their firms shall be exempt from the licensing requirement herein to the extent that they are providing services covered by their professional licenses."

As excerpted from the Nation Indian Gaming Commission Regulations, 25 CFR part 543.23 "(c) Internal audit. Controls must be established and procedures implemented to ensure that: (1) Internal auditor(s) perform audits of each department of a gaming operation, at least annually, to review compliance with TICS, SICS, and these MICS, which include at least the following areas: (xi) Accounting standards, including accounting records, maintenance and preservation of financial records and relevant supporting documentation."


Internal audit has been a point of contention for quite some time, mainly between PTDC Management and PNGC Members. Internal audit has benefits, but what is needed is the implementation of controls that are required by various agencies, including the PNGC, NIGC, and the State. Internal audit compliance is not being met.

It is recommended PTDC develop a plan of action to implement an Internal Audit department. It is recommended this new department develop a line of reporting that includes the PNGC and PBC as part of its follow-up and exit interviews.

It has been a challenging time, but this time must come to a close. We must move on, and PNGC is committed to improving our relationship with PTDC and PBC. There have been some tough decisions made but these decisions were made to improve our Nation. We are not out of

the darkness yet, but better times are coming to the Pawnee Nation. With each entity on board and committed to change, we can improve what we have and go even farther. Gaming is only one part of the Pawnee Nation, but it is a critical part to ensure our survival economically. This situation is a milestone and we must remember these days to make sure we never come back here again for any reason.

The past activities of a few individuals have corrupted and misaligned Pawnee Nation assets with community goals and objectives. These activities have broken trust and jeopardized the sovereignty of the Pawnee Nation. Change in the form of policy and personnel is critical if the Pawnee Nation will survive current economic and political storms. The mission and vision of the new economic development team at Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) needs to be focused on loyalty to the Pawnee Nation instead of respecting only internal or personal interests. The upcoming years will be fruitful if the entire nation, including the membership and the personnel, is involved and committed to the goals of the tribe.



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****Clients may need more than what we provide, it is at the Client's expense. We are only a supplemental program****

Prescription Eye Wear-Up to \$100.00 per year only if prescription has changed in the previous year

Glucometer-One (1) meter per client per year

Test Strips-One (1) box per client per month

Blood Pressure Meter-One (1) meter per client per year- with Physician's prescription only

Glucerna Nutritional Supplement-One (1) case per client per month-

Authorization form provided by the Diabetes Program and signed by Physician will only be accepted

Diabetic Socks-One (1) pair per client per month

For more question, please contact the **Diabetes Coordinator, Suzy Knife Chief** at
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Dear President Whiteshirt,

The Pawnee Tribal Development Board has asked the current management team to prepare a short summary of the actions taken by us following the recommendations outlined in a Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission report (Report) issued, after an exhaustive investigation and a final meeting by the commission, on July 23rd, 2018. Before delving into the substantive changes, we as an organization have made, we think it prudent to highlight the relevant weaknesses/findings that were highlighted in the final Report. It is also important to note that we neither agree or disagree with the findings of the commission and that our highlighting of the issues is us merely restating the findings/views of the Pawnee Gaming Commission.

Issues:

- 1.) Issue "Wholesome" financial documents;
- 2.) TDC fulfilling the lease agreement with TeePee;
- 3.) Overhaul of policy and procedure;
- 4.) Segregation of casinos and facilities;
- 5.) Have periodic review of gaming/vendor contracts;
- 6.) Implement an organizational chart reflecting segregation of duties;
- 7.) Develop proper financial reporting and creation, and
- 8.) Facilitate and maintain proper communication with (and between) the PBC, PNTDC, and PNGC.

Though there are a few more issues raised by the commission, like the development of a revenue allocation plan (RAP), the qualifications of the individual board members, and the general oversight by the board issue, they are either irrelevant to the PNTDC management or best left to the Pawnee Business Council to address, and as such, will not be addressed in this report.

Another important note is that many of the systemic changes that have been undertaken under the current management were undertaken independent of any recommendation by any governing agency. Some of these changes were initiated and made because they are in keeping with best business practices.

1.) Issue “Wholesome” financial documents

In the Report, it was often stated that the financial information submitted to the commission and the Nation was either inadequate and/or purposefully misleading. This led to the arms of the government, who had proper oversight of the PNTDC, not being able to properly understand the true fiscal health of the entity they were statutorily bound to protect.

Action Taken:

PNTDC, now under new management, takes this concern very seriously and has taken the following steps to ensure this will not happen again:

- a.) The internal auditor used during the time period this was going on is no longer contracted with the Nation or PNTDC;
- b.) The CPA firm Wipfli/Joseph Eve, whose reports were rightfully maligned, are having their contracts terminated by PNTDC, and
- c.) PNTDC has hired a finance director, a new position, who is going to oversee the creation of inhouse accounting here at the corporation.

2.) TDC fulfilling the lease agreement with TeePee

This is the issue that started the investigation and is one in which the Report recommends be handled as expediently as possible.

Action Taken:

Due to the financial health of the corporation at the time of the Report, it was determined that PNTDC was not in the cash position necessary to remedy the arears in a lump sum payment. However, knowing that we were contractually bound to make the payments as expeditiously as possible, PNTDC has been paying the landowner \$16,000 a month and we currently (as of June 2019) only owe \$139,000 in back payments. We will be paid off completely by the end of the year or the beginning of next year. We are also in the process of renegotiating the lease with the landowner with all of this in mind.

3.) Overhaul of policy and procedure

The Report rightfully pointed out the inadequacies of the policies and procedures used/developed at PNTDC. They point to inconsistencies in reporting and improper management controls as being reflective of the weaknesses in the policies and procedures.

Action Taken:

PNTDC has begun the process of overhauling/creating the policies and procedures needed to effectively manage the corporation. We have created a SICS rewrite committee, that includes representation from the gaming commission, that is tasked with bringing order to a chaotic regulatory environment. All the current directors are tasked with providing their departments input into the document and they are also tasked with creating the standard operating procedures that will govern their day-to-day activities. The Human Resources Director has begun the process of developing an HR policy that addresses weaknesses in the current handbook and has also developed a compendium that accurately reflects our true personnel position. HR has contracted with Paycom to provide more management tools and tools needed to properly ensure that our employees are trained, payed, and tracked in an effective manner.

4.) Segregation of casinos and facilities

One of the weaknesses identified by the Report was the segregation of duties within our organization. The Minimum Internal Control Standards, Tribal Internal Control Standards, and the System of Internal Controls make very clear that segregation of duties is of vital importance for the protection of gaming resources.

Action Taken:

PNTDC has completely reorganized (and continues to reorganize) its business structure. We have, in fact, completely segregated the casino operations from the retail/food operations by hiring a Director of Retail, Food and Beverage who independently (from the Director of Gaming Operations) reports to the Chief Operations Officer and the Chief Executive Officer. In addition to a Director of Retail, Food and Beverage, PNTDC has created (hired) a Directory of Safety Operations, a Director of Finance, and continues to look for ways to improve our organization by tweaking our organizational chart. This is all being done to maximize the efficiency of our operations while maintaining the segregation of duties demanded by the regulatory framework we operate in.

5.) Have periodic review of gaming/vendor contracts

To ensure that the corporation does not get behind on any payments or acts, either negligently, willfully, or in any other way contrary to any existing lease or contract. The Report recommends that management undertake a periodic review of the gaming contracts PNTDC has entered or is operating under.

Action Taken:

The new management at PNTDC takes this issue seriously and had long ago begun to scrub all of the existing agreements and contracts the corporation was entered into so that we might better understand the liabilities of the corporation. One of the first agreements to be scrubbed was the loan agreement between the Bank of Oklahoma and PNTDC. We determined that this agreement created a toxic environment and needed to be disposed of accordingly. In 2019, PNTDC executed a refinancing agreement with First Secure Bank which allowed us to begin making payments to the tribe. To date, we have given the tribe over \$1 million and look to give them more as our business allows. We also looked at the contracts we had with our gaming partners and have continued to refine those agreements and/or press for more favorable terms. The PNTDC is also looking for ways to address the lease arrangement at our TeePee location and have had regular meetings to discuss the future of Pawnee Gaming in Yale, Oklahoma.

6.) Implement an organizational chart reflecting segregation of duties

As discussed previously (see *infra*, §4) the segregation of duties issues was an important discussion point found in the Report.

Action Taken:

Under new management, the corporation has undergone an overhaul of its organizational model. This was done as a direct result of the findings outlined in the Report and were much needed in some cases. In late 2018, the PNTDC Board adopted a new organizational chart that reflected a segregation of duties that was more in-line with expectations laid out by the Report. As a corporation, however, we continue to streamline and segregate the chart so that it is stronger and a better reflection of how we want to do business. This chart has been sent to/reviewed by the gaming commission because PNTDC wanted to ensure that the chart reflected and addressed the concerns outlined in the Report.

7.) Develop proper financial reporting and creation

The Report stated that the financial reporting done by PNTDC was insufficient for governing agencies/authorities to properly regulate the gaming activity here at the Nation. Those reports included the audits conducted on behalf of the gaming commission, internal audits done on behalf of the corporation and accounting done on behalf of the organization. The Report stated that the finances of the corporation were done in such way as to hide the true financial health of corporation.

Action Taken:

PNTDC has done an exhaustive analysis of the finances and financial health of the corporation. We have determined that the reporting done (and the reports created) by outside/contracting agencies were inadequate and not keeping in-line with management expectations. Because of that, PNTDC has begun to develop an internal finance department capable of handling all the accounting needs in-house. We have hired a finance director, an accountant, and a payroll clerk so that we can move away from our current accounting providers who created all of the reports at issue. We no longer use the same outside auditing firm either. They have been replaced by a new firm that just recently completed an exhaustive audit of the corporations gaming activities.

8.) Facilitate and maintain proper communication with (and between) the PBC, PNTDC, and PNGC.

The Report highlights communication (or lack thereof) as a main/driving issue/force behind many of the other deficiencies identified.

Action Taken:

PNTDC has done everything in its power to ensure the lines-of-communication remain open between ourselves, the gaming commission, and the PBC. We have made it a point to create and submit financial reports that satisfy their needs and have done so since July of 2018 as stated in the report. We have made management available to anyone and the CEO has actively engaged all the stakeholders here at Pawnee and has provided all the transparency needed for those same shareholders to effectively provide oversight of the activities here at PNTDC.

Conclusion

The PNTDC management team and the PNTDC Board takes seriously the recommendations that were contained in the final Report and has worked diligently to correct any of the deficiencies that were identified. We continue to keep the gaming commission, the Board, and the PBC apprised of everything we are doing so that we can ensure, that at the end of the day, we have the corporation the Pawnee people expect and deserve.

With all due respect,

Jeff Goodfox, Chairman of the board





Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Office of the President, James Whiteshirt

RE: PTDC ACTIONS REGARDING PNGC REPORT 2018

TO: PTDC BOARD; Bob Dimmick, CEO

Jeff Goodfox
Chairman, PTDC Board
400 Agency Rd., 2nd Floor
Pawnee, OK

August 8, 2019

Nowa Chair Goodfox,

I want to begin with that I appreciate all the management, and employees work and effort that has been done on behalf of the Nation. Employees are the lifeblood of any organization and make things run. I have not and will not target employees during my tenure as President. I am a hardworking individual and believe employees should be valued and protected; which is why I have called for an employee protection/whistle blower act since before I was a candidate.

The findings of the report are an embarrassment to the Pawnee Nation; the fact there has been no material changes made by the PTDC Board over a year later and **no one has been held accountable** is a black eye. The report is scathing and damning to the former CEO, and the leadership of the board which has allowed such corruption within the organization. The report warrants civil and possibly criminal prosecution; I welcome resignations.

All responsibility lies with the PTDC Board. All responsibility is given to the PTDC Board in the Articles of Incorporation. It is not solely the Management's charge to safeguard the assets of the Nation: it is the Board. The former CEO was given a severance despite his actions; 'good will' bonuses were given out; and tax evasion schemes were known about and allowed to be perpetuated for years with Board knowledge and approval. These issues are still ongoing.

Many of these issues have been perpetrated over several **years**, and in my opinion covered up. I will not allow this to continue any further. It is the Board's responsibility to resolve these issues IMMEDIATELY, if the Board does not have the constitution to do so, I expect resignations to follow immediately. The Council does have a responsibility to act, but it is not the PTDC's place to deflect or 'pass the buck'.

The letter I received today states that it is: "...a short summary of the actions taken by us (PTDC) following the recommendations outlined in the (PNGC) .. report.." later, you state: "...the systematic changes were undertaken independent of any recommendation by any governing agency." These two statements contradict themselves, and if the latter were true, there would be no need for this letter. The time of double talk and deflection of responsibility is over. It is my Oath as President of the Pawnee Nation to safeguard Pawnee assets; should you continue to skirt your responsibilities; I will immediately appeal to each next highest authority to resolve and remedy the issues.

Thank you,

Jimmy Whiteshirt

Pawnee Nation TERO office and Meridian Technology Sign MOU



The Pawnee Nation TERO Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Meridian Technology on July 16, 2019, in Stillwater, Oklahoma.



The collaboration between Meridian Technology and the Pawnee Nation TERO Office will enable TERO clients to obtain skills needed to become productive contributors to our community. Further, the MOU provides the TERO Office the opportunity to customize various training that meets



L to R: Chris Allen, Technical Training-Meridian Technology Center
Rebecca Eastham, Executive Director-Meridian Technology Center
Laura Melton, Interim TERO Director-Pawnee Nation
Matthew Bellendir, TERO Client Services Coordinator-Pawnee Nation

the needs of our clients such as on-site training and preparing our workforce with the expertise employers are looking for.



Working with Meridian will enable TERO to build a viable training program that prepares TERO clients to enter the workforce with confidence.

Training for the month of August and September 2019 are currently being developed. Training opportunities will be posted on the Pawnee Nation website. www.pawneenation.org

American Indian Youth Health Career Immersion Program

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) recently held their annual American Indian Youth Health Career Immersion Program to provide students



with opportunities in health careers within Indian Country. Four (4) students, from the Pawnee Nation, were selected to attend 10-day comprehensive experience based upon a personal statement essay, teacher/counselor recommendations, and academics, amongst other leadership criterion.

The immersion program began on July 8th with students arriving on the University of Tulsa, this served as the site of the residential program; and concluded on July 18th, with a banquet followed by a social dance. Throughout the program, students participated in lectures, interactive presentations, and were presented with

other scholarship opportunities related to the health field. They were also treated to a variety of activities, cultural and non-cultural; one of the most notable activity was being able to handle human organs.

This immersion program is open to any American Indian/Alaskan Native in 11th and 12th grades or any recent high school graduates. For more information on the AAIP Internship, please visit www.aaip.org



Pictured (From left to right) Sara Llamas-Howell is currently a Freshman at the University of Tulsa (Tulsa, OK) where she will continue her softball career and will be working towards her Bachelors of Science

for Exercise and Sports Sciences in Pre-Med track. She is the daughter of Reva Howell and the late Jose L. Llamas and the granddaughter of William and Clementine Howell. Kamden Jones is a Junior at Pawnee High School (Pawnee, OK). He is the son of Jodi Goodfox-Jones and Joseph Jones and the grandson of Larry & Gaye Goodfox and the late Alan Jones & Eva Jones. Madyson Sky Houston is a Senior at Will Rogers High School (Tulsa, OK). She is the daughter of Marlon Sr. and Lakinda Houston and the granddaughter of Willie Houston, Jr. and Carolyn Realrider Houston. Madyson's great-grandparents are the late Austin and Marie Realrider. Skidi Star Leading Fox, the current 2019-2020 Pawnee Nation Princess, is a Freshman at Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK) where she will be majoring in Biology. Skidi is the daughter of Karla KnifeChif and Patrick Leading Fox. Her grandparents are Joanne and JW Rankins and Myrtle and Chester Leading Fox.





Pawnee Citizens,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve another term on the Pawnee Business Council. It has been an honor to serve you over the past four years. I look forward to continuing to serve you over the next four years and to be a part of a team that will continue to advance the Pawnee Nation. It has been an honor serving you. May Atius bless you. Thank you again.

Dawna Riding In Hare
Pawnee Business Council Seat #2

Jasha Lyons Echo-Hawk of Pawnee, OK has received the National Center for American Enterprise Development's Annual 40 Under 40 Award.

The 40 Under 40 is a prestigious award which recognizes 40 emerging American Indians from across Indian Country who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and/or in their community.



Jasha is Pawnee, Seminole, Creek, Omaha, and Iowa. She is the daughter of tribal member Horace "Jay" Lyons, Jr. (Pawnee/Omaha/Iowa) and Marsha Chapman (Seminole/Creek). She is the granddaughter of Marcella "Marcy" Smith Lyons and Horace Lyons, Sr. She is the great-granddaughter of Manuella Good Chief and the great-great-granddaughter of Jennie White Eagle Good Chief and Hiram Good Chief.

Jasha is married to artist Bunky Echo-Hawk (Pawnee/Yakama), and they have four children. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University obtaining her Bachelors of

Art in Liberal Studies. She plans to continue her academic career in law.

Jasha currently works as the Resource Development Coordinator for the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project, and she is also a DONA-trained Doula/Birth Worker with a focus of working with Native and rural families as well as with incarcerated women. She has previously worked for Pawnee Nation in various positions but notably as a Teacher with Pawnee Nation Learning Center and as the Title VI Elders Program Supportive Services Specialist.

Jasha has spent time organizing in rural Oklahoma on such issues as access to healthcare, violence against women, as a political candidate for Oklahoma House District 35 State

Representative, and with the Campaign for Smart Justice, a campaign for criminal justice reform. She often speaks in Oklahoma and across the country, focusing on gender justice, community engagement, community restoration, and youth leadership.

She often serves in volunteer capacities with such programs as the Pawnee/Osage County CASA Program, Pawnee Seed Preservation Project, the Pawnee Nation Title VI Elders program, Pawnee Public Schools Indian

Education Parent Committee, the Remember the Ten Run at Oklahoma State University, as a Community Outreach Lead for Moms Demand Action, and as a successful coach for youth sports sending two softball teams to a State tournament.

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise is "actively engaged in helping Tribal Nations, and Native business people realize their business goals and are dedicated to putting the whole of Indian Country to work to better the lives of American Indian people- both now... and for generations to come."

The Awards Gala took place on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix, AZ. Jasha had sought donations online and in-person to help cover the costs of travel to accept the award. She initially presented a request to the Pawnee Nation Business Council on August 14, 2019, and was humbled to receive donations in excess of her request from Secretary Patsy McCray, Council Seat #1 Member Sammye Kemble, and newly elected President Jimmy Whiteshirt.



Jasha Lyons Echo-Hawk and President Jimmy Whiteshirt.

Planning Division

The Planning Division is working along with DHCS Division on developing a treatment facility. Now, this is just a planning grant. This grant will assist us in developing innovated methods to bring a treatment facility to our region. Roughly, we are looking at a facility around 28,000 sq. ft. The treatment facility will be a co-occurring facility and have three access points (Outpatient, Inpatient, and Emergency access). Currently, we are looking for opportunities to fund the facility. Our team is developing a market strategy. Next, we are going to meet with IHS to see what services they can assist us with. We are almost finished with our project, and we are excited about this project. When we finish with our grant, we will schedule a community meeting to share our results.

ICDBG Update

Currently, the FY16 ICDBG Pawnee Nation Ceremonial Campground and Nature Fit Trail are nearing completion. The project was broken down into phases to manage the time better to ensure project progress.

Phase 1 – Trail: The Nature Fit Trail was completed in the Spring of 2019; however, due to the recent floods in May, the trail suffered extensive damages. The Division of Natural Resources has submitted all the property damages sustained throughout the Pawnee Nation during the floods to

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Pawnee Nation is currently waiting for a response from FEMA concerning the matter. The trail will be remedied as soon as funding from FEMA is received.

Phase 2 – Campsites: All the camping areas have received a much-needed update to the utilities. Twelve electrical pedestals were installed throughout the campsite area, along with electrical updates and a new transformer has been installed to provide adequate power to all the campgrounds and all lines have been buried underground. Three new water hydrants were also placed in the camping areas to make water accessibility more convenient.

Phase 3 – Bathroom: The bathroom is completed; it is a complete upgrade to the existing, doubling the size of the facility to 1,200 sq. ft. That included, three toilet stalls, three shower stalls for both men and women, roomy dressing area and the facility is now equipped with conditioned air.

Phase 4 – Dance Arbor: The dance arbor is currently under construction. New concrete piers were poured at the end of July with the steel erection of the arbor frame to take place in mid-August. The construction of the arbor is a relatively short-

term project and should be completed by the end of September. The new arbor will have electrical outlets spread sporadically throughout the structure with attached LED lighting to brighten up the area during the nightfall.

Phase 5 – Pedestrian Bridge: The final phase of the project will be the pedestrian bridge connecting the campgrounds area to the trail. This will also be adding solar lighting around the trail for visibility during dusk and nighttime.

The Division of Planning and Tribal Development and the Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation is planning a combined grand opening of all projects on the reserve; please watch for dates and activities to come.

Sincerely,

Planning Division



SAP/MSPI/TOR Program news

We are proud to present you with our Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program, Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative, and Tribal Opioid Response program updates! We had a lot going on within our community these past few months, and we're eager to fill you in on everything we've accomplished this quarter. Being able to reach the community of Pawnee with engaging relationships as well as providing awareness on drug and alcohol-related issues have and will always be our mission. We look back with gratitude for the opportunities we've had to serve our community as well as looking

forward eagerly to the future opportunities to continue to do the same.

April started with the Native American Language Competition in Norman, OK. The SAP/MSPI Programs helped chaperone the students who participated in Norman and



witnessed many of the groups receive awards in numerous categories! Watching our Native youth strive to give their best while representing their culture was a remarkable and encouraging experience!

We can't forget about the annual After Prom event! Every year, the Substance Abuse Program provides a positive recreation outlet for the students to participate in after prom. This year, we took the students to Main Event in Tulsa! Rather than being out with temptations to partake in harmful choices, many students chose to attend the after-prom event and it was a lot of

SAP/MSPI/TOR Program news

fun! There were raffle drawings, bowling, videos games, food and more!

Also, the SAP/MSPI/TOR Programs sponsored the first-ever Oklahoma High School Native All-Star Singing and Dancing Competition! After months of



preparation, we had high schools from all over the state of Oklahoma participate in this cultural activity that provided much-needed confidence and positive activity to look forward to annually. There's no other feeling than watching so many youths come together and compete in such a positive event!

To close out the month of April, the SAP/MSPI/TOR Programs set up information booths at the ICW Child Abuse Prevention



Month event that was an absolute blast! There were so many members of the Pawnee community who attended the event and enjoyed receiving valuable information from various health service vendors. There was the action at the dunk tank, exploring the firetruck, and snagging a bag of some delicious popcorn!

During May, we were able to bring in guest speaker, Ben Glenn "The Chalk Guy" to speak to the elementary children with an anti-drug message. Ben also performed with an amazing chalk painting for both the elementary school and the Pawnee Nation! Ben truly knocked it out of the park with all the excitement he brought with his presentation. It was an honor to have Ben come out to Pawnee and share his positive anti-drug messages with our community's youth. He was able to truly captivate the



during his time with us!

The month of July for our programs were very busy as well! Having all the community events for the annual Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Powwow was an absolute blast. We began with the Prevention Walk, which included raffle drawings and later followed with water activities for the children. Being able to



see all the participants throughout our community was indeed a blessing. There's nothing like this time of year in Pawnee!

Our annual Horseshoe Tournament was a success as well as our Sober 49 Competition!

2019 Pawnee Homecoming Horseshoe Tournament results:



1st Place: Jerel Flora and Thomas Shannon
2nd Place: Gwen Hollis and Michael Martin
3rd Place: Bill Bible and Victor Orange

children and have a lasting effect on each one of them. It was awesome to see the excitement on all their faces

And congratulations to the winners of the Sober 49 Competition!

2019 Pawnee Homecoming Sober 49 results:

1st Place: Moon Dogs



(Pat Moore Jr., Aaron Adson, Kamden Jones, Jeffrey Lightfoot, and Jason Lightfoot)

2nd Place: Southern Scraps



(Johnny Arkeketa, Ivan Arkeketa, Frank Carson, Ron Rice, Jr., and Sonny Eppinette)

Women's Sober 49 Female Singers



3rd Place: Kat Moore
1st Place: Jasha Lightfoot
2nd Place: Lacey Dent

We will sponsor a summer camp on August 12-16, 2019, and continue to work towards providing our absolute best for our community! We look forward to seeing all of you at our future events just as we've seen you at our past ones. Our community has always been so pleasing to serve, and we look forward to all the positive changes and growth the future has in store for us!

SAP/MSPI/TOR Staff:

Barbara Attocknie – ICADC/Coordinator
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CHR and Health Education Update

Greetings from the CHR and Health Education Program! We have had an eventful and successful summer with hosting the annual Pawnee Nation Health Fair and Blood Drive! We also have a new staff member that have come aboard this summer.

The annual health fair is hosted by the CHR/HE Program with help from other



DHCS programs. There were around 361 participants and vendors in attendance this year. We also worked with the Blood Drive Institute, and 22 people donated blood to help save others. This event is always an exciting and great way to open the annual Homecoming festivities. Program staff would like to say thank you to all programs, vendors, and participants for another successful health fair!

The CHR/HE Program is excited to welcome the following new staff member:

Taylor Pratt is the new CHR Generalist. He is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation. Taylor has previously worked for the Pawnee Nation Education Division and Pawnee Indian Health Center. He is excited to work for the Pawnee Nation again, and we are all equally excited to have him on the team.

If you see him in passing, say hello and welcome! He is excited to serve you!

As the summer comes to a close, we want to remind tribal and community members to continue practicing heat safety, drink plenty of water, and move your bodies! There are plenty of wellness opportunities out there – find the one that best suits you! For any health-related questions or concerns, please contact our program at **(918) 762-3873, ext. 1** or email the program coordinator at bstewart@pawneenation.org.



Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

FREE COURSE

Forklift Training – Compliance with OSHA 1910.178 Industrial Truck Safe Operation Regulations.

Course Description

Classroom activities and hands-on demonstration of forklift operation skills. *Students will be able to work on a forklift simulator.*

Topics

- Types of Forklifts
- Pre/Post Operation Inspections
- Safe Operation Procedures
- And more

Suggested Audience

Anyone interested learning the safe operation of a forklift.

Dates

September 19, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
or
September 24, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location

Pawnee Nation – Resource Center
1202 Heritage Circle, Pawnee, OK 74058

Training is FREE and open to all residents of Pawnee, Oklahoma.



Presented by Meridian Technology Center. Please CONTACT TO RSVP

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Forklift simulator to be used at Pawnee Nation for training.

Pawnee Nation PBC 2019 Meeting Minutes

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May 1, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Six Council members present, two absent (McCray, Knife Chief), quorum established.

Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for May 1, 2019 with the addition, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council special meeting meetings for April 9, 2019 with the corrections, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-36 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Act, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-37 for Enrollment of new applicants, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Resolution #19-38 for removing deceased members from the annuity roll, seconded by Angela Thompson, motion carries.
4. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Angela Thompson to table the sponsorship for the Vietnam Combat Memorial Wall, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 ICW budget modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 1st street GMP #3 for Transportation, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - d. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - e. Motion made by Angela Thompson

to approve the 2019 Planning Division budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

5. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve and assign Resolution #19-40 Approval of PTDC First Secure Community Bank Loan (refinance of BOK Loan), seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-39 Self Governance Planning, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Sammye Adson to adjourn at 12:24 pm, motion carries.

May 14, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one absent (Thompson), quorum established.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for May 14, 2019 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting minutes for May 1, 2019 with amendments, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 with the caveat that the balance remaining be raised and if not raised the request is forfeited, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Chilocco Alumni Request to camp on the Chilocco campus during their reunion and request clean-up of the camp area, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
2. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to deny the participation and donation

request for the Standing Bear Powwow, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

b. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the 2019 Pawnee Seed Preservation 2017 Budget, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

c. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the 2019 Property Management Budget Modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

d. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the 2019 PSSF budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

e. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2019 Pawnee Business Council Budget Modification #3, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

f. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the 2019 Election Commission Budget Modification #1, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

g. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the 2019 477 Budget Modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

h. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the 2017 ICDBG Pawnee Nation Ceremonial Campgrounds & Nature Fit Trail (PN CC & NFT), seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

i. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the 2019 Pawnee Seed Preservation 2017 budget modification #1, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

j. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Pawnee Indian Veterans Booklet advertisement for the Pawnee Business Council, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

k. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2017 ICDBG Pawnee Nation Cultural Campgrounds and Nature Fit Trail budget modification #3, seconded by Charles Lone Chief,

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motion carries.

3. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the support for the Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty Letter of the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussion on Hemp – No Council Action

Motion made by Patricia McCray, seconded by Sammye Adson to adjourn at 7:43 pm.

May 20, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council agenda for May 20, 2019, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #19-41 for Election Results and Signature Authority, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-42 for the Run-Off Election, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-43 for the TDC Loan Closing, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 10:07 am, motion carries.

June 1, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and Patricia McCray gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one absent (Thompson), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for June 01, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made

by Patsy McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2019, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for May 20, 2019, with the correction that Darrel Wildcat called in to the meeting, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to accept and approve the Pawnee Nation Quarterly Reports, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Re-selection of Pawnee Nation District Court Public Defender, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve 2019 Property Management Budget Modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 9:51 am, motion carries.

June 11, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and Darrell Wildcat gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for June 11, 2019, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

PBC TRAVEL REQUESTS: Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-44 for the Good Health and Wellness Grant, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-45 for the revision to the Law and Order Code for Fireworks sale dates, seconded by

Dawna Hare, motion carries.

3. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Nation Princess Budget Modification #3 to add \$789.00, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Phase 4 Arbor GMP proposal, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
4. Update on Pawnee Nation Charter School by the Education Sub-Committee.
5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-46 for the submission of the THPO grant, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 7:20 pm, motion carries.

June 25, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and gave the invocation. Six Council members present, two excused (Hare, Knife Chief), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for June 25, 2019 with changes, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting minutes for June 1, 2019, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for June 11, 2019, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve Resolution #19-47 for a Conditional Relinquishment of Enrollment, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Memorandum of

Pawnee Nation PBC 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Understanding between the Pawnee Nation and TEDNA for the Charter School, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

3. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve the National Indian Gaming Association Membership and dues, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve 2019 Substance Abuse Inpatient Budget, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Business Council Budget Modification #4, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-48 for the Economic Development Feasibility Study Funding, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

5. Motion made by Sammye Adson to accept the recommendation to remove the Chairperson of the Election Commission, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to come out of Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

1. Discussion and/or Action on SORNA Issue: The Council's recommendation for the Attorney General and Executive Director to get the program into compliance with SORNA.

2. Discussion and/or Action Earthquake Litigation: The Council asks the Attorney General to provide further information as it becomes available.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to adjourn at 8:02 pm, motion carries.

July 17, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Mrs.

Dawna Hare gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting agenda for July 17, 2019 with changes, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for June 25, 2019 with corrections, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-50 for the Run-Off Election Results and Signature Authority, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-51 for BIA-4432 Form (Indian Preference) with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

3. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to deny the membership to the National Indian Gaming Association, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the FY 2018 ICDBG Pawnee Nation Greenhouse Project budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Nation Princess budget modification #4, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Title VI Donations budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

4. Motion made by Patricia McCray to withdraw Resolution #19-49 for the NIGA membership and fees, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson

to approve the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission Assessment Fee Schedule, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-52 for the submission of the BIA Recovery funding, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority 2020 Indian Housing Plan, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to appoint William Perry as the Interim Executive Director, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-53 for the Pawnee Nation's response to the Gaming Compact letter sent out by Governor Stitt, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn at 6:56 pm, motion carries.

August 3, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 11:00 pm and Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting for August 3, 2019 with changes, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

PAWNEE NATION DIVISION REPORTS: Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to accept the Pawnee Nation Division Second Quarter Reports, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

PAWNEE NATION PBC COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS REPORTS: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Nation Committee, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn at 2:18 pm, motion carries.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

*(Revised by Referendum vote on July 14, 1998
and as Amended on January 4, 2003 and further revised by referendum vote on June 14, 2008)*

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the four confederated bands of Indians, namely, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata and Skidi which now constitute the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, with faith in the purposes of our Supreme Being, with abounding pride in our cultural heritage and the determination to promote through marshaled efforts our social, economical and political advancement, do solemnly ordain and establish this Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and adopt this constitution pursuant to the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967) which shall supersede the constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 26, 1937, and ratified on January 6, 1938, as amended.

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma."

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

Section 1. To secure for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and its members rights, powers, privileges and benefits of a sovereign nation.

Section 2. To establish its Jurisdiction and Powers.

- (i) The governmental powers of the Pawnee Business Council, acting for the sovereign Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall extend to all persons and to all real and personal property including lands and other natural resources, and to all waters and air space, within the Indian Country over which the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma has jurisdiction. The governmental powers of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall also extend outside the exterior boundaries

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of Indian Country to any persons or properties which are, or may be included within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

- (ii) The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is empowered to maintain under any laws of the U.S. and/or Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's law and order, and judicial systems to protect the peace, safety, health, and welfare of the members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, provided the concepts of separation of powers is maintained.
- (iii) The Constitution is the supreme law of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and all persons subject to its jurisdiction. The Pawnee Business Council shall exercise its power consistent with the provisions of this Constitution and the Corporate Charter of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE

Section 1. The current membership of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall consist of:

- (a) All persons enrolled or entitled to be enrolled on the official annuity (base) roll of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma as of February 19, 1937; and
- (b) All children born of a lawful marriage between members of the Tribe since the date of said roll;
- (c) All children of one-quarter (1/4) or more Pawnee Indian blood born on or after February 9, 1938, of a lawful marriage of an enrolled member.

Section 2. The future membership of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, after the adoption of this Constitution, shall include any individual who applies for membership and possesses at least one-eighth (1/8) degree Pawnee Indian Blood, as amended on January 4, 2003 on Amendment Number 1.

Section 3. The Pawnee Business Council shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations covering future membership of the Pawnee Nation, including the approval and loss of membership, provided:

- (i) Such rules and regulations shall be subject to the review of the Nasharo Council;
- (ii) A person shall not be eligible for membership, if enrolled as a member of another Indian Tribe.

ARTICLE IV-PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

Section 1. The supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall be the Pawnee Business Council, which shall consist of eight (8) members.

Section 2. Subject to the limitations imposed by this Constitution and applicable Federal law, the Pawnee Business Council shall exercise all the inherent, statutory, and treaty powers of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma by the enactment of legislation, the transaction of business, and by otherwise speaking or acting on behalf of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma on all matters which the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is empowered to act, including the authority to hire legal counsel to represent the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

Section 3. All acts regarding Membership or Claims or Treaty Rights of the Pawnee Business Council shall be subject to review by the Nasharo Council in accordance with this Constitution.

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THE ICW PROGRAM IS SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS.

Benefits of being a foster parent include providing a safe environment for children and ensuring their connection to their culture and community. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please contact the Pawnee Nation ICW Program at (918) 762-3621 ext. 143 or ext. 175.

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Section 4. The present Pawnee Business Council members shall serve until the next regular election or until their successors are elected and installed provided:

- (i) The Pawnee Business Council shall provide an election commission to conduct all elections, provided that regular elections are held on the first Saturday in May of each odd numbered year.
- (ii) No member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be denied the right to vote by secret ballot, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that no write-in votes shall be allowed.
- (iii) Members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, twenty-five (25) years of age or older, shall be eligible for election to the Pawnee Business Council. Members of the Pawnee Nation convicted of a felony or dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America are ineligible for candidacy.
- (iv) At the first regular election after the adoption of this Constitution (1999), the President, Treasurer, and the First and Second Council Members shall be elected to a four year term and the Vice-President, Secretary, and Third and Fourth Council Members shall be elected to a two-year term in order to stagger the terms of office:
 - (a) Candidates shall declare the position they are seeking.
 - (b) If there are positions which are vacant due to lack of candidates, those positions shall be considered vacant and filled according to Article VI.

Thereafter, all members of the Pawnee Business Council shall be elected to a four-year term of office and shall serve until their successors shall be duly installed in office. In cases when a vacancy is being filled to complete an unexpired term due to death, resignation, forfeiture, or recall of a Pawnee Business Council member, a successor will be appointed pursuant to Article VI of this Constitution.

- (v) A Nasharo Council member shall resign his/her position if elected or appointed to the Pawnee Business Council.
- (vi) A Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma employee shall resign his/her position if elected or appointed to the Pawnee Business Council.
- (vii) A Pawnee Business Council member shall not be eligible for employment by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
- (viii) Elected members of the Pawnee Business Council shall be inaugurated and sworn into office fourteen (14) calendar days after the Election Day.
- (ix) Pawnee Business Council records and all related documentation for each outgoing Pawnee Business Council member shall be made available to the newly elected Pawnee Business Council members. Failure to comply shall result in ineligibility to file for candidacy for the Pawnee Business Council for ten (10) years or until records and documents are returned.

Section 5. All acts of the Pawnee Business Council shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership present, provided five (5) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business. In the event of a tie, the chairperson or chairperson pro tem shall cast the deciding vote.

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Section 6. Regular quarterly meetings of the Pawnee Business Council shall be held on the first Saturday in February, June, August and November of each year in a place designated by the Pawnee Business Council, provided:

- (i) Special meetings may be called by the President.
- (ii) Special meetings shall be called by the President within two (2) weeks after receiving a written request, by regular mail or by certified and return receipt mail, from a majority of the occupied Pawnee Business Council positions, provided:
 - (a) If the President fails to call and conduct a special meeting as requested within two (2) weeks, a majority of the occupied members of the Pawnee Business Council shall be authorized to call and conduct a special meeting by affixing their signatures to a document listing in detail the need for the meeting and citing this Section of the Constitution as their authority to meet.
 - (b) A minimum of two (2) days notice of all meetings, regular or special, shall be published in a newspaper and posted in public view. Provided, that in an emergency, posting in public view for two (2) days shall be deemed sufficient notice. Notice shall include the agenda.

Section 7. All members of the Pawnee Business Council shall attend tribal constitution orientation classes as prescribed by the Pawnee Business Council.

ARTICLE V-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Pawnee Business Council, joint meetings of the Pawnee Business Council and the Nasharo Council, and all general meetings and shall vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Pawnee Business Council and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of the President. The President shall administer oaths and affirmations when required or permitted. The President shall be bonded.

Section 2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office. In the case of vacancy, the Vice-President shall succeed at once to the office of the President. The Vice-President shall be bonded.

Section 3. The Secretary shall, be responsible for the following duties:

- (i) Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Pawnee Business Council and Nasharo Council, and all special meetings as assigned by the Pawnee Business Council.
- (ii) Prepare the agenda for meetings of the Pawnee Business Council.
- (iii) Maintain all records and files of the Pawnee Business Council. All records and files of the Pawnee Business Council, except such records as shall be explicitly made exempt by law, shall be public information to any member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
- (iv) Maintain the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma official membership roll.
- (v) Attest to enactments of the Pawnee Business Council.
- (vi) In absence of the President and Vice-President, call to order regular and special meetings of the Pawnee Business Council until a Chairman pro tem is selected.
- (vii) Perform the duties of the Treasurer, in the absence of the Treasurer.

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(viii) The Secretary shall be bonded.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall, be responsible for the following duties:

- (i) Receive funds from all sources for which the Pawnee Business Council is held accountable, and maintain financial records which shall reflect actual receipts and disbursements of all funds and which shall reflect the financial position of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
- (ii) Deposit funds from any and all sources for which the Pawnee Business Council is held accountable in an insured bank or other approved financial institution.
- (iii) Disburse by check, the funds from any and all funds for which the Pawnee Business Council. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President.
- (iv) An annual independent audit of all funds for which the Pawnee Business Council is held accountable.
- (v) Present financial status reports and budget reports as determined by the Pawnee Business Council.
- (vi) Perform the duties of Secretary, in the absence of Secretary.
- (vii) The Treasurer shall be bonded.

ARTICLE VI-VACANCIES

Section 1. - In the event of Presidential vacancy, the Vice-President shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of the office of President until another president is elected by a majority of Pawnee tribal voters in a specially called election. The Business Council shall elect from the current council membership a Temporary Vice President to serve until the next President is elected by a majority of Pawnee tribal voters in a specially called election, at which time the Temporary Vice President shall return to his/her previous position.

Section 2. – If the offices of President and Vice President are vacant the Treasurer shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of President and the secretary shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of Vice President. The Business Council shall elect from the current council membership a Temporary Treasurer and a Temporary Secretary until the next President and Vice President are elected by a majority of Pawnee tribal voters in a specially called election, at which time the Temporary Treasurer and Temporary Secretary shall return to their previous position.

Section 3. – If the offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer are vacant the Secretary shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of the President. The Business Council shall elect from the current council membership a Temporary Vice President, Temporary Treasurer, and Temporary Secretary until the next President, Vice President, and Treasurer are elected by a majority of Pawnee tribal voters in a specially called election, at which time the Temporary Vice President, Temporary Treasurer and Temporary Secretary shall return to their previous position.

Section 4. – Notwithstanding Article 4 Section 5, if four or more positions are vacant a quorum shall consist of all of the remaining members. If all officer positions are vacant any remaining council members may call a special Business Council meeting, at which that council member shall chair and the council shall elect officers.

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Section 5. – If a vacancy occurs in a First, Second, Third, or Fourth Business Council member position before the last six months of a term, it shall be filled by a majority of Pawnee member voters in a specially called election.

Section 6. – If a vacancy occurs in a First, Second, Third, or Fourth Business Council member position in the latter six month of that term, that position shall remain vacant until the next general election.

Section 7. – If a vacancy occurs in any Business Council position in the six months prior to a general election, the specially called election shall be held with the general election.

Section 8. – Any successful candidate who is elected in a special election shall serve only the remaining term of that vacant position.

Section 9. – Unless section 6 & 7 apply, the election Board shall set and conduct a special election within 60 days but not before 30 days after a position is vacant.

Section 10. – A position is vacant when:

- (i) Subject to an effective date, a resignation is received in writing by the Office of the president
- (ii) Vacant pursuant to Article VII, Section One
- (iii) Death
- (iv) Recall
- (v) Removal
- (vi) A suspension is imposed under Section 3, in which case a specially called election is not required if the Business Council finds that suspension is likely to be resolved within six months. If the Business Council finds that the suspension is likely to be longer than six months, they may call a special election. If the suspension is removed, the person elected in the special election shall step down and the suspended Business Council Member shall retake their position.

ARTICLE VII-FORFEITURE, RECALL, REMOVAL

Section 1. Forfeiture – If a member of the Pawnee Business Council fails or refuses to attend two (2) regular or special meetings per year from the date of oath of office, unless excused by the Pawnee Business Council President for illness or other causes for which the member cannot be held responsible, his/her office shall be declared forfeited by a resolution of the Pawnee Business Council and the vacancy shall be filled.

Section 2. Recall – Upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty five per cent (25%) of the number of voters who voted in the last regular election call for the recall of any member of the Pawnee Business Council, it shall be the duty of the election commission to call and conduct within thirty (30) days an election on such recall. Recall shall be effective only if a majority of those voting shall vote in favor of such recall and that at least 50 per cent (50%) + one (1) of the number voting in the previous election vote in the recall election. Once a member has faced a recall attempt, no further recall action shall be brought against that member until at least twelve (12) months have passed. No member of the Pawnee Business Council shall be subject to recall action within the first six (6) months of that member's term.

Section 3. Suspension:

- (i) A Pawnee Business Council member shall be suspended from the Business Council without compensation when:

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- (a) charged with a criminal offense, and
 - (b) that offense would be cause for removal as defined in Section 4.iv.(a), and
 - (c) the charging jurisdiction guarantees similar civil rights and due process as is guaranteed within the Pawnee Nation.
- (ii) The suspension shall be effective from the date of the filing of the charges until dismissed.
 - (iii) It is the duty of the defendant Business Council Member to timely notify the Business Council and the Attorney General of the charges.
 - (iv) A suspended Business Council Member is excused from attending meetings and other official duty during the suspension.
 - (v) Any vote cast or other official action taken after such charges have been filed shall be valid, but taking such official action while under suspension shall constitute the crime of unofficial misconduct.
 - (vi) The Business Council may by majority vote, with the subject member abstaining, lift the suspension if it finds that the requirements of paragraph (i) are not met.
 - (vii) The suspended Business Council Member may bring a declaratory judgment action in Pawnee Nation Tribal Court to challenge the application of this Section.
 - (viii) If the charges are dismissed because the defendant is found innocent, the suspension is automatically removed and all withheld compensation shall be paid without interest.

Section 4 – Removal of Pawnee Business Council Members

- (i) Removal for Cause – Pawnee Business Council members may be removed for cause by petition filed in Pawnee Nation District Court with right of appeal to the Pawnee Nation Supreme Court.
- (ii) A petition may be filed only;
 - (a) by the Attorney General, or
 - (b) by Resolution of the Pawnee Business Council, or
 - (c) by any individual or individuals who deposits \$10,000 in cash or bond with the court clerk.
- (iii) Conviction is defined as a final conviction or a plea of no contest or guilty, whether or not dismissed, pardoned or expunged, and irrespective of whether it is denominated a felony, misdemeanor, or otherwise.
- (iv) Cause if defined as:
 - (a) conviction of any of the following offenses in any legitimate governmental jurisdiction:
 - A. Fraud
 - 1. Making false representation
 - 2. Knowledge of such false representation by the perpetrator
 - 3. Reliance on the false representation by the person defrauded
 - 4. An intent to defraud
 - 5. The actual act of committing fraud
 - 6. Passing bad checks
 - 7. Knowingly possessing stolen property
 - B. Evil Intent

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- 1. Arson
 - 2. Blackmail
 - 3. Embezzlement
 - 4. Extortion
 - 5. False pretenses
 - 6. Forgery
 - 7. Fraud
 - 8. Larceny (grand or petty)
- C. Crimes against property
 - 1. Malicious destruction of property
 - 2. Receiving stolen goods (with guilty knowledge)
 - 3. Robbery
 - 4. Theft (when it involved the intention of permanent taking)
 - 5. Transporting stolen property (with guilty knowledge)
 - D. Crimes against Governmental authority
 - 1. Bribery
 - 2. Counterfeiting
 - 3. Fraud against revenue or other governmental functions
 - 4. Mail fraud
 - 5. Perjury
 - 6. Harboring a fugitive from justice (with guilty knowledge)
 - 7. Tax evasion (willful)
 - 8. Carry a concealed weapon
 - 9. Desertion from the Armed Forces
 - 10. Dishonorable Discharge from the Armed Services
 - 11. Failure to report for military induction
 - 12. Drunk driving
 - 13. Habitual drunkenness
 - 14. Escape from prison
 - 15. Gambling violations
 - 16. Controlled Dangerous Substances violations
 - 17. Liquor violations
 - 18. Vagrancy
 - E. Crimes committed against person, family relationship, and sexual morality
 - 1. Abandonment of a minor child (if willful and resulting in the destitution of the child)
 - 2. Assault
 - a. Assault with intent to kill, commit rape, commit robbery or commit serious bodily harm
 - b. Assault with a dangerous or deadly weapon
 - 3. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor
 - 4. Gross indecency
 - 5. Incest
 - 6. Kidnapping
 - 7. Lewdness

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8. Manslaughter
 - a. Voluntary
 - b. Involuntary, where the statute requires proof of recklessness
9. Mayhem
10. Murder
11. Pandering
12. Prostitution
13. Rape (including "Statutory rape")
14. Sodomy
15. Libel/Slander
16. Mailing an obscene letter
- F. Crimes attempting, aiding and abetting, accessories, and conspiracy
 1. an attempt to commit a crime listed in this Section,
 2. Aiding and abetting in the commission of a crime listed in this Section,
 3. Being an accessory (before or after the fact) in the commission of a crime listed in this Section,
 4. Taking part in conspiracy (or attempting to take part in a conspiracy) to commit a crime listed in this Section.
- (b) Willful neglect or refusal to fulfill statutory duties.
- (c) Intentional conduct reflecting very negatively on the dignity and integrity of the tribal government.
- (v) Court Review
 - (a) The District Court shall review the removal petition in a new trial. The Judge must hold an initial hearing within 30 days and resolve the case within 90 days. The petitioner must prove the facts by clear and convincing evidence. Any party to the case shall have a right to appeal.
 - (b) The defending Council member may be represented by Counsel. If the Court denies the petition then the defending Council member shall be awarded costs and attorney fees not to exceed \$10,000.00.
 - (c) If the petition was filed by Business Council or the Attorney General the cost of attorney fees shall be paid from tribal funds. If the petition was filed by an individual the cost of attorney fees shall be paid from the deposit. An exonerated Council member charged under paragraph (iv) (b) or (iv) (c) of this Section shall not be charged again under such paragraph until more than twelve months have passed since the previous petition was filed.
 - (d) If a petition filed by individual(s) is successful then their \$10,000 deposit shall be refunded. If the attorney fees of a winning defendant are less than \$10,000 then the balance shall be refunded.

ARTICLE VIII-NASHARO COUNCIL

Section 1. The Nasharo Council shall consist of eight (8) members with a quorum of five (5) to transact business. Each band shall have two (2) representatives on the Nasharo Council selected by the members of the tribal bands, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata and Skidi. The Nasharo Council shall have the right to review all acts of the Pawnee Business

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Council regarding the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma membership and Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma claims or rights growing out of treaties between the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the United States, provided:

- (i) Such acts of the Pawnee Business Council shall be valid and valid unless formally disapproved by the Nasharo Council within thirty (30) days after such acts are referred to the latter Council;
- (ii) Where such are disapproved by the Nasharo Council, the Pawnee Business Council may submit them to a referendum of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and they shall be valid and effective if approved by a majority vote of the adult members voting in person or by absentee ballot; provided, that, at least fifty (50) of those qualified to vote shall cast ballots in such election.

Section 2. The Bands of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall elect their respective representative under rules and regulations prescribed by the Chiefs of each Band. The representatives selected shall serve until the next regular selection of members of the Nasharo Council.

Section 3. Vacancies in the membership of the Nasharo Council shall be filled under rules and regulations prescribed by the Nasharo Council.

Section 4. The Nasharo Council shall have the power to establish its own offices and to designate its own officers, to fix its own meeting days, and to adopt its own rules of procedure; provided a quorum is present to transact business. Records of the proceedings of this body shall be kept.

Section 5. All members of the Nasharo Council shall attend tribal constitution classes as prescribed by the Pawnee Business Council.

ARTICLE IX- COURTS

Section 1. Establishment of Authority - The judicial power of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall be vested in the current Pawnee Nation Courts established by Resolution 93-65 and shall consist of five Justices and at least one trial court, known as the District Court, and additional courts as may be established by tribal law. The courts shall be a separate branch of government.

Section 2. Jurisdiction - The Courts of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall be courts of general jurisdiction and shall further have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the constitution, laws, and treaties of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in only such cases as may be provided by law, and shall have appellate jurisdiction in all other cases.

Section 3. Selection of Judicial Officers - The Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of District Courts shall be selected by a majority vote of the Business Council. Justices and Judges may by Supreme Court rule assume the duties of a member of the other court to hear a specific case in which the regular Justices or Judges are disqualified or are otherwise unable to perform their duty as to the case.

Section 4. Term of Office - The Justices and Judges of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma shall serve six year terms beginning at the date of their confirmation in office and continuing if reconfirmed or until their successor shall be duly confirmed and installed.

Section 5. Removal - Justices and Judges of the Pawnee nation of Oklahoma may be removed from office only by a majority of the other active Justices and Judges sitting together upon a showing of habitual neglect of the duties of office, oppression in office

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Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

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for personal gain or advantage, or for cause as defined in Section 4, D. In no case may a judicial officer be removed from office because of his decision in any case before the Court.

Section 6. Judicial Review – The Courts are specifically authorized to review, in any case properly before them, the actions of the Business Council, or any other officers, agents, or employees of the government of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma to determine whether those actions are prohibited by Federal law, this constitution or the laws of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. If the action complained of is outside the scope of authority delegated to entity in question, or if a proper authority is being exercised in a prohibited manner, the Court may enter injunction or other proper equitable relief or declare the action unconstitutional and void as justice may require.

Section 7. Effective date, Interim Provision – This article shall be effective upon approval in accord with Article X. The Business Council shall thereafter have the authority to enact such laws as may be necessary for the full and proper functioning of the Courts of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma not inconsistent with this article. All current laws regarding courts shall remain in effect and as amended to the extent that they do not conflict with this Constitution.

Section 8. Court Funding – The Court shall be funded in a reasonable amount in the annual budget.

1. Court funding shall be equal to or exceed funding amounts for fiscal year 2007.
2. In the event that overall funding shortfalls require budget cuts, the court budget may be reduced but proportionately not more than any other department.

ARTICLE X-BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1. All members of the Pawnee Nation shall enjoy without hindrance freedom of worship, conscience, speech, press, assembly, and association.

Section 2. The Constitution shall not in any way alter, abridge or otherwise jeopardize the rights and privileges of the Pawnee Nation as citizens of the State of Oklahoma or of the United States. The Indian Civil Rights Acts of 1968 (ICRA) and rights guaranteed under this Act is applicable to the tribal members and other persons within tribal jurisdiction.

Section 3. The individual property rights of any member of the Pawnee Nation shall not be altered, abridged or otherwise affected by the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws without the consent of such individual member.

ARTICLE XI-AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Pawnee Business Council or by a petition signed by at least fifty (50) of the adult members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Pawnee Nation voting in an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of Interior and conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. Provided, that, at least fifty (50) of those qualified to vote shall cast ballots in such election. The amendment shall become effective when approved by the Secretary of

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Interior, so long as such approval is required by Federal law, and ratified by the adult members of the Nation.

ARTICLE XII-PLACE OF MEETINGS

Unless some other location in the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma jurisdiction is designated in the notice, all meetings of the Pawnee Business Council and of the Nasharo Council shall be held at the Pawnee Nation Reserve at Pawnee, Oklahoma.

ARTICLE XIII-ADOPTION

This Constitution when approved by the Secretary of Interior, shall be submitted to referendum vote of the adult members of the Nation, and shall become effective if approved by two-thirds vote of the adult members voting in person, provided that at least fifty votes are cast.

ARTICLE XIV-SAVINGS CLAUSE

All enactments of the Nation adopted before the effective date of this Constitution shall continue in effect to the extent that they are not inconsistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE XV-SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Constitution is held by the Federal Court to be invalid or contrary to the U.S. Constitution or Federal law, the remainder shall continue to be in full force and effect.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

I, NANCY JEMISON, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967) and delegated to me by Secretarial Order No. 3150 as extended by Secretarial Order No. 3177, as amended, do hereby approve the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. This Constitution is effective on the date ratified by the adult members of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; PROVIDED, that nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under this document that would be contrary to Federal law.

NANCY JEMISON
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Of Indian Affairs

Washington, D.C.
Date: April 27, 1998

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Pawnee Nation PBC 2019 Resolutions

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#19-44 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Good Health and Wellness grant to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Approved June 11, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-45 – A Resolution to approve the revision to the Pawnee Nation Law and Order Code, Section 570 Fireworks Offence, b (3) and (4) to change the date for sale of fireworks starting June 15th to July 10th – Approved June 11, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-46 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the grant application to the National Park Service for an FY19 Historic Preservation Fund grant – Approved June 11, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-47 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Aaron Blackeagle Yarber from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Otoe Missouria Tribe – Approved June 25, 2019 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two

absent (Hare, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-48 – A Resolution to approves and supports the proposed submittal for an “Economic Development Feasibility Study Funding from the Native American Business Development Institute” an opportunity provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Approved June 25, 2019 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (Hare, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-49 – WITHDRAWN – Council denied membership to NIGA.

#19-50 – A Resolution to recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Run-off Election held on June 29, 2019 and for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: 1. James Whiteshirt, President, 2. Darrell J Wildcat, Vice President, 3. Patricia McCray, Secretary and 4. M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer – Approved July 17, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Whiteshirt).

#19-51 – A Resolution to authorize any of the following staff under the Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG) Program to execute the Indian Preference Form (BIA-4432) namely James Whiteshirt, President of the

Pawnee Business Council; Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council; the Pawnee Nation Executive Director; or Carrie Peters, Enrollment Manager to certify and sign said document – Approved July 17, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Whiteshirt).

#19-52 – A Resolution to approve the request for \$100,000 flood recovery funding to be used to carry out flood recovery activities through Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract No. A15AV00017 – Approved July 17, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Whiteshirt).

#19-53 – A Resolution to memorialize our intent to reject the State’s attempt to unlawfully and unilaterally terminate the Compact, the Pawnee Nation supports the continued exclusivity fee structure and amounts outlined in the Compact, and the Pawnee Nation is willing to support negotiations for a Class III compact but first must recognize the carefully negotiated and balanced approach between the Pawnee Nation and the State contained in the current compact – Approved July 17, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Whiteshirt).

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John Thomas Lefthand

October 3, 1986 - June 12, 2019

32 of Tampa passed away on June 12th 2019. John was born October 3rd 1986. He was a very intelligent outgoing, and enthusiastic person who was well travelled. John took pride in being the greatest Uncle he could be. He majored in

Women's studies at USF. He worked as a store manager at Walgreens for many years starting at a very young age. He always made sure his family would never go without. John is survived by his mother Georgia Lefthand, sister Audrey

Cunningham, Niece Ashtyn Miller, nephews Avree and Ashtyn Miller, and extended family.



Wanda Lester-Seck

March 13, 1936 - June 21, 2019

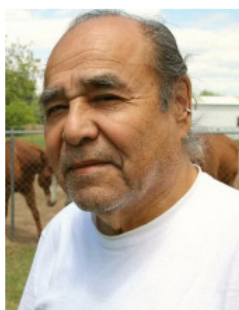
Beloved mother and grandmother, Wanda Louise Lester-Seck passed away peacefully at home in San Diego California on June 21st, 2019 at the age of 83 years. A native of Guthrie Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Wayne and Marie Eshelman.

Wanda was a devoted mother raising her three

children, Kirk, Kristen and Kathryn. She happily lived out her days in San Diego near her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time with them and was a dedicated member of the San Diego Church of Christ.

Wanda will lovingly be remembered by her three children, Kirk Lester and his wife Sheryl,

Lynn Kristen Lester, and Kathryn Lindlan along with her husband Tim. She will also be fondly remembered by her five grandchildren, Claire, Charles, and Charlotte Lester and also by Luke and Sarah Lindlan. A graveside memorial was held on Monday July 1st at the Summit View Cemetery in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



Alfred Paul Frejo

March 16, 1942 - July 6, 2019

Alfred Paul Frejo son of Sam Ascension Frejo and Leota Littleeagle Frejo has passed away at the age of 77 in Oklahoma City Saturday July 6, 2019. He was born March 16, 1942 in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Hes a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and of Mexican descent. Al was a proud graduate of Capital Hill High School and attended Chilocco Indian School Vo-Tech Program. He studied at Okmulgee

Tech and worked for IHS in Oklahoma as a Facilities Engineer Tech where he retired. He was a U.S. Veteran, certified mediator, Grief and coping skills facilitator (Calm Waters), T'ai Chi Master, DJ, Softball and Basketball Coach, aka Coach Frejo.

He is survived by his 5 children Brian Frejo, Connie Frejo, Happy Frejo, Lucky Frejo, Marcus

Frejo and 12 grandchildren. Al touched many lives with his Positive, Encouraging, Compassionate, Strength and Kind Hearted Spirit. Family, Friends and Acquaintances were invited to the Wake Service Monday, July 8th at 7:00pm at Glorieta Baptist Church. The funeral was held Tuesday July 9th in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Services started at 10:00am at Pawnee Nation Roundhouse.



Marshall Gover

November 17, 1946 - July 11, 2019

Pawnee Nations's former President Marshall Gover's had impressive careers. He has fought at the front lines of Direct Service Tribes, tribal public health issues, and veteran's affairs issues. President Gover is a Marine combat Vietnam Veteran who served two tours in Vietnam honorably. During his tenor, President Gover has proven himself as a fearless leader as a Councilman, Vice President, and former President of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He provided to the United States Congress that the Pawnee Nation meets all definitions of a Federally Recognized Reservation in the State of Oklahoma. Marshall Gover was approved by the BIA Field Solicitor, which began the first-ever tribal Road Maintenance Program created and owned by a reservation in Oklahoma. He worked with IHS officials on the HHS Secretary's Technical Advisory Committee, served as a member of the Pawnee Service Unit Health Board, served on the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, the Direct Service Tribe Advisory Committee, and various other national committees. President Gover was one of few Tribal Leaders who met with President Obama on Health Disparities

concerning American Indians and Alaska Natives. He worked with IHS to prove line item monies that can be moved the same as Self Governance in three line items: dental, mental health, and clinics and hospitals.

Because of his work with Direct Service Tribes and American Indian Veterans, he was awarded the IHS Director's Special Recognition Tribal Leadership Partnership Award, AARP Indian Elder Award, he has been honored by the U.S. Veterans Affairs, and in 2016 the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee honored him with the Carole Anne Heart award at their national awards ceremony. President Gover has been a small business owner and is a master silversmith and artist, with his work currently being displayed in the Chicago Field Museum. He served as a two-time drum keeper and Vice President for the Pawnee Indian Veteran's Organization, was a lifetime Tail dancer for the Skidi war dance, and sat on the Advisory Committee of tribal leaders and veterans for the Smithsonian's National Native American Veterans Memorial that is located prominently on the National Mall

in Washington, D.C. His strength comes from his lovely wife, Jaci.

Marshall is survived by his wife Jaci Gover, his two daughters; Jacqui Robb and her husband Kent and Jenifer LittleSun and her husband David; his sisters, Joy White and her husband Bob, and Ada Barber and her husband, Robert; step-children Crystal DeLeon and her husband Gilbert, Jay Zito and his wife Brenda; grandchildren, Logan Robb, Taylor Robb, Carter Robb, Alexia Zotigh ShieldChief, Kaydee Zotigh, Nicole Alcorn, Shelby LittleSun, Anthony DeLeon, Dylan DeLeon, Dominic DeLeon, and many, many other great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Stephen G. Gover, Vera F. Gover, his brother Stephen C. Gover, his sister Aline A. Hyatt and his step-son Michael-Paul Culbertson. In his free time, he loves to laugh and tease with family and friends, as well as participate in Pawnee ceremonies and war dances.

Yvonne Vera Kaulaity



November 26, 1936 -
July 14, 2019

Yvonne Vera (Leading Fox) Kaulaity of Oklahoma took her journey to heaven on Sunday, July 14, 2019. Funeral Service for Yvonne Vera (Leading Fox) Kaulaity was at 10:00 am, Thursday, July 18, 2019, at the Pawnee Nation Multipurpose Building Pawnee, Oklahoma. Prayer

in Service and Wake was held at 7:00 pm, July 17, 2019, at the Roam Chief Hall, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Final resting place North Indian cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Funeral will be under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home. Officiated by Pastor Josh Leading Fox.

Yvonne was a loving and caring Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. Devoted to her family, she lived a life of self-sacrifice for others rather than herself. Her commitment to her health career and the care of others has touched the lives of many in the communities she lived and worked in. Her nursing career took her to

California, Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado, Enid, Oklahoma, Lawton, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and her hometown of Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Yvonne was the eldest daughter of Chester Leading Fox and Lillie Carson, and she was born on November 26, 1936. She was 82 years old. Yvonne was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation - Skidi Band, and descendent of the Iowa and Otoe-Missouria Nations. She cherished all the memories and loved all of her Indian people. Yvonne started her young life at Pawnee "Gravy U" Boarding School. She left immediately for Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Upon her graduation at Haskell, Yvonne continued her education at Saint John's Nursing Academy, where she completed all requirements with high honors. At this point in her life, Yvonne was pressed by the Holy Spirit to become a Nun within the Catholic Church. Her loving Grandmother, Mary (Maw) Dupee-Irving, stressed to her Granddaughter that there were other paths to serve mankind in caring ways. Yvonne chose Nursing and health care for the sake of humanity, yet, owed her life servitude to Jesus Christ.

Yvonne is survived by her children, Joe Bruce Kaulaity, Carol Kaulaity of El Reno, Lillie Kaulaity-Nelson of Lawton, Mary Kaulaity of El Reno, Sandra Kaulaity-Kelley of OKC and adopted son Jake Adams Leading Fox of Pawnee. She is survived by her sisters; Hazel Downing and Kay Leading Fox, and brothers; Charlie Leading Fox, Chester Leading Fox, Greg Leading Fox, Pratt Leading Fox, Pat Leading Fox, Lance Leading Fox, Chris Leading Fox, and her son in laws; William Nelson Sr. and John Kelley.

Yvonne leaves behind her sweet loving legacy to her eighteen (18) Grandchildren and her twenty-five (25) Great-Grandchildren. Indeed, a Good Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother passed through us all.

Yvonne is preceded in death by; Grandmother Mary Elizabeth "Maw" Dupee-Irving, her parents; Father Chester Leading Fox and Mother Lillian Mae Carson, her son; Michael James (Skidi) Kaulaity, her sisters; Darlene Carson and Jean Mitchell, her brothers; Bert Bahylle, Anson Carson, Gary Leading Fox, Randy Leading Fox, grandson; "DJ" Sindone, great-grandson; Nathan Tutor.

Alexis Joy Warrior

July 24, 1959 - July 18, 2019

Alexis Joy Warrior passed away on July 18th, 2019 in Oklahoma City one week shy of her 60th birthday. She was born to Melvin Collins Jr and Emalyne Horsechief Collins on July 24th, 1959 in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Alexis grew up in the Ponca City area, graduating from PoHi. On February 11th, 1979, Alexis married her soul mate, Dominick Warrior, in Wichita, Kansas. They were able to enjoy thirty-one years together before he passed on August 2010. Dominick supported her in receiving two associate degrees from NOC; one in Child Development and one in Business Administration. These degrees served her well with her calling as the Director of Early Child Development for the Ponca Nation Tribe Headstart and Day Care. From 2007-2012 Alexis ran both establishments on her own. She also brought the daycare up to a two-star recognition from DHS.

Alexis is fondly remembered for her loving, compassionate, honest, forgiving and giving qualities. She was there for everyone she knew. She believed in people and thought everyone deserved a chance. Alexis had the ability to see the good in everyone. She was a true rock for those who knew her. She made a great difference for all the children under her care, but her grandbabies were her world.

Left to mourn her passing are her daughters; Lyndsey Warrior, Domico Warrior, Yvonne Warrior, and Dominique Warrior, grandbabies; Azariyah Warrior, Kaden Warrior, Solomon Warrior. Mihonga Roughface, Jeriah Buffalohead, Mikah Buffalohead, David Ray Warrior, Vinola Warrior Hernandez, Dominique Tsoodle, Suzacha "Mona" Buffalohead, Matthew G Buffalohead, III and Sevetlana Tsoodle, sisters; Deborah Overland, Laura Jones, and Melvina Collins, brothers; Melvin Collins and

Mark Collins. She is preceded in death by her husband; Dominick Warrior, and parents; Melvin Collins, Jr and Emalyne Horsechief Collins.

Funeral services in Alexis honor were held at 10 am Sunday, July 21st, at the Ponca Indian Cultural Center in White Eagle with Pastor Bruce Johnson presiding. Burial in the Ponca Indian cemetery followed. Services concluded with the tribal feast at the cultural center. Casket bearers were; Solomon Warrior, Kaden Warrior, Jeriah Buffalohead, Brett Eppler, Dusty Collins, and Michael Smith. Honorary casket bearers were; Mark Collins, Matt Buffalohead III, Melvin Collins, Mike Page, James LeClair, Wayne Criesforribs and Steven Gomez.



Mikal Henry Rice

August 18, 1984 -
August 7, 2019

Son of Diana OnlyAchief and Rodney Rice Sr.

Husband to Mary Rice and father to Soaring Eagle D. Rice.

Brother to Rodney Rice Jr., Michelle Price, KerWynn Gibson, and Runninbear Gibson.

Survived by many relatives, family and friends. Mikal loved to help, motivate and teach anywhere and everywhere he went. Mikal inspired others in one form or other by his Passion of "stay positive " and lending advice from an

open mind, heart and soul. Mikal was a Big Kid at heart. He laughed hard, play hard and most of all, he loved hard.

"Mikal a man of faith, belief deep within and no church or baptism can say otherwise. I stay humble, respectful and my prayers will be unheard because I need no others to help me pray, only Atius". -Mikal Henry Rice

Harper Jo Driscoll

June 1, 2019 - August 14, 2019



Harper Jo Driscoll passed away at her home on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Harper was born June 1, 2019, to Marty Driscoll Jr. and Kelsey Kitchel. Harper was always a happy baby always smiling, and she was a very active baby. Harper will be dearly missed

by everyone who knew and loved her.

Harper was preceded in death by her sister, Jhoslynn La Rae Jones, grandparent, Denise Moore, and great grandparent Don Jewel.

Harper is survived by her parents, twin sister Keagan Driscoll, sisters; Teleigh Jones, Kara Driscoll, and Quanning Driscoll, brothers; Joshua Jones, Dominick Driscoll, and Kody Driscoll, grandparents; Jeffery and

Denise Jewell, Marty Driscoll Sr., great grandparents; Larry and Cheryl Kitchel, Luettia Jewel, and Neva Moore, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of friends.

Services were held graveside in the Highland Cemetery 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, August 21, 2019, with Rev. Warren Pratt Jr. officiating.

Services were entrusted to the Poteet Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Pawnee.

Pawnee Nation District Court

As of October 1, 2019, all Open Court proceedings will begin at 1 p.m.; Closed Court proceedings will begin at 1:30 p.m. All CIVIL matters will be heard before the Associate Judge of the District Court on the first Friday of every month. All new CRIMINAL, VAW, JUVENILE & GUARDIANSHIP matters will be held the last Friday of the month before the Chief Judge of the District Court. The Pawnee Nation District Court Judges will determine if any active cases will need to be transferred to another Judge. The Pawnee Nation Prosecutor and Public Defender will appear on the Chief Judge's docket the last Friday of every month, unless otherwise appointed.

As of September 27, 2019, the contract for the current Associate Judge, Phillip

Lujan, appointed by Pawnee Business Council, will end on September 27, 2019. The deadline to apply is September 13, 2019, if interested, please submit a written request with resume to James E. Whiteshirt, President, Pawnee Business Council, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma at: P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. Please call (918) 762-3621.

As of October 1, 2019, the update Pawnee Nation Uniform Fee Schedule will take effect. This update is to appropriately reflect the costs to the Court in order to continue to provide efficient and prompt customer services.

On October 7, 2019, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court Justices will convene for their annual meeting. More details to be announced as needed.

The Court would like to recognize Ms. Carol Chapman-Young and her family for their generous donation to the Walter Echo-Hawk Law Library. The Court law library will move to the Pawnee Nation Resource Building. More details to be announced as needed.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the Pawnee Nation Court Clerk, Ashley R. Wilson. Ms. Wilson began working for Pawnee Nation May 6, 2019. She may be reached at **(918) 762-3011** or **(918) 762-3621 ext. 141**.

Respectfully
Ashley R. Wilson
Clerk of the District Court for Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NOW on this 26th day of July 2019 it has come to the attention of the District Court that it is necessary for the Court to promulgate rules and issue orders for the orderly administration of the Court and to establish a uniform schedule of fees for those persons using the District Court of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

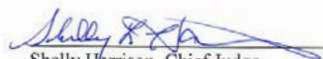
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED that the attached Uniform Fee Schedule is hereby made applicable to all cases, in all instances and to all parties having business before the District Court of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that nothing in this Order shall preclude the Supreme Court of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma from establishing its own rules and issuing its own Orders regarding practice and procedure and fees before that Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that the Uniform Fee Schedule be posted in a conspicuous place in the Court house, may be reproduced as necessary for the orderly administration of the Court, and the collection of fees are mandatory unless specifically waived by the Court for cause.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that the Uniform Fee Schedule is effective **OCTOBER 1, 2019**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Shelly Harrison, Chief Judge
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

DISTRICT COURT UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE – Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

All Civil Actions

Filing fee for any application, complaint, petition or other original action	\$45.00
Any proceeding to modify, vacate, or contempt after final judgment	\$35.00

All Criminal Actions

Filing fee for ANY original action on a Criminal Complaint	\$55.00
ANY proceeding to modify, vacate, or contempt after final judgment	\$45.00

Service of Process

Tribal Police	\$50.00
Publication	\$35.00
Certified Mail	\$10.00

Supreme Court

ANY original action	\$150.00
Assembly of Record (per page)	\$2.00
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Request for Jury Trial (deposit)	\$200.00
Transcript Preparation (audio)	\$50.00
Transcript Preparation (per page)	\$ 4.00
Law & Order Code (USB copy)	\$10.00

Bar Association of the Supreme Court for Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Application for Admission to Practice	\$55.00
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2019 Hawk Chief Fun Run/Walk



The Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program sponsored the annual Hawk Chief Run/Walk on July 6, 2019. The race started promptly at 8:00 a.m. There were (452) walkers/runners present and (22) volunteers to make this event successful. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out, much appreciated!



WOMEN CATEGORY

1ST PLACE: **ALEXA ECHO-HAWK**, 24.50
 2ND PLACE: **WHITNEY LINDER**, 25.18
 3RD PLACE: **ALICE COTTLE**, 25.19



MALE CATEGORY

1ST PLACE: **VALENCIA FEATHERS**, 19.56
 2ND PLACE: **DERRICK BIBLE**, 20.06
 3RD PLACE: **FRANKIE DEROIN**, 20.10

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Monday's--Zumba-6pm & RIPPED-7pm

Tuesday's--YOGA-6pm

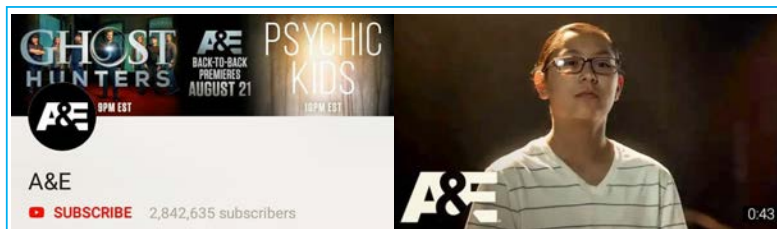
Where: Pawnee Nation Gym, 806 Morris Rd.

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Thursday's-- Mix & Match 6pm (Meet at Old I.H.S bldg. 400 Agency Rd, inclement weather at the gym)



Classes are hosted by Pawnee Nation Division of Health and Community Services Wellness Program
 For more information, call 918-762-3873 ext. 4, Suzy Knife Chief



Kaeson Augustine a pawnee, seminole, navajo and mexican will be appearing on a new series called #PsychicKids on the A&E Network starting Aug. 21st thru Sept. The show focuses on youth with spiritual gifts and the paranormal. Kaeson is the son of Marcus Frejo and a pawnee descendant of Big Axe, White Eagle, Red Fox, Leading Sun, Little Eagle and Paul Little Eagle. On his Seminole side Black Tiger.

Pawnee Seed Preservation Project Summer Internship



Sky Seeing Leading Fox recently had the opportunity to work with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project. Starting, she did not know what to expect, and she knew nothing about the project or anything about corn.

When Sky Seeing Leading Fox arrived in Nebraska, she immediately got to work on the corn and made fences to help protect the corn from the



storms that night. Ronnie and Kahheeta taught her a lot about the corn. She learned the basic anatomy of the corn and how to document and photograph the corn. Sky Seeing Leading Fox learned about the different varieties of Pawnee corn and what makes them different from each other. She can say after her first internship with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project; she is more aware and appreciative of the project.



Title VI Thoughts

Elder Advisory Board update: President Blade McLendon, Secretary Kathy Wichita, and Treasurer Ann Collins invite elders and caregivers to attend the monthly meetings held on the fourth Thursday every month following breakfast at 10 am.

Planning Time: Staff will be focusing on conducting a needs assessment to go along with our program design for the 2020-2023 applications for the Elder Program.

Calendar Note: Current information and menu is posted on the website and Facebook: Pawnee Nation Elders. If you

have questions for the Elders, please feel welcome to post a question for them on our Facebook. We will be sure to have an elder respond!

Helping Hands of the Elders-Helping-Elders have conducted homebound visits, getting fragile elders out and about to go shopping and socialize at the Elder Center. We are harvesting from our gardens and Helping Hands have been shelling beans for the pantry. Also (17) elders are attending Pawnee County Farmer's Market every Friday ... *eating fresh!*

Quality Movie style Popcorn: Before too long we will have popcorn available at the Center *every Friday* for your home movie night! Donations for the popcorn are welcome to support Elder outings. They would like to go to Oklahoma City to take in the museums and art galleries.

Volunteers are welcome ... Seniors come on by and join us at the Elder Center (901 Agency Road) Monday – Wednesday noon meals and Thursday breakfast at 9 am. Contact Title VI staff at 918.762.4042.

Pawnee Seed Preservation Project Summer 2019 Narrative -Kahheetah Barnoskie

Another exciting summer for the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project. As it has for the last couple summers, the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project (PSPP) has worked with farmers and friends from the Pawnee homeland to grow the ancient



Pawnee corns in Nebraska. These farmers work hard to grow our Pawnee corn, returning every kernel they grow back in the fall.

And this was a tough year for growing. Many intense storms brought flooding throughout Nebraska this year, causing so many crops to be planted late or not at all this spring.



Luckily this year, PSPP had over a dozen gardens growing Pawnee corn in its homeland this year.



This summer, PSPP had two Pawnee interns up in Nebraska helping maintain and document Pawnee corn gardens; a



handful of Summer VISTAs working with Pawnee Nation College to maintain Pawnee gardens in Oklahoma; and

many volunteers lending a hand in the gardens, at events, at farmers markets, and with the processing and selling of the Pawnee cornmeal. Thank you to all those awesome people!

And another special thank you to an amazing friend and sponsor of the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project, Heather Henson. Heather recently bought some prairie land in Nebraska along the Platte River.



The summer VISITAs got to visit and help with an ongoing plant survey on that land this summer guided by new friends,

The Crane Trust. To aid with Pawnee visits to this land, and other homeland sites,

Heather also graciously donated two beautiful yurts to the PSPP. One of which was assembled



and available to view at the Pawnee Indian Veterans Powwow.

So, as the summer comes to an end, the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project looks



forward to autumn and the harvest season. Look for news about the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project online on Facebook, as there will be another fun Fall Harvest event this year in October after the harvest in September.

Also look for the different varieties of cornmeal available to purchase from the PSPP, message us on Facebook to order.



<https://www.facebook.com/pawneeseedpreservation>

Pawnee Nation Title VI Advisory Board Raffle



Blanket 5'6" x 6'8"



Price: (1) ticket for \$2.00
OR (3) tickets for \$5.00

Drawing will be held on
September 26 at 10:30am

For more information, please call Title VI Program at (918) 762-4042.