

Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

MINUTES

February 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Pawnee Nation Resource Center
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

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W. Bruce Pratt - President	Sammye Adson - First Council seat
Darrell J. Wildcat - Vice President	Dawna Hare - Second Council seat
Patricia McCray - Secretary	Charles Lone Chief - Third Council seat
M. Angela Thompson - Treasurer	Charles Knife Chief - Fourth Council seat

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I. Call to Order & Invocation

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and Mr. Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call - Declaration of Quorum

Secretary Patricia McCray called the roll. President Bruce Pratt - here, Darrell Wildcat - here, Patricia McCray - here, M. Angela Thompson - here, Sammye Adson - here, Dawna Hare - excused, arrived at 6:17 pm, Charles Lone Chief - here and Charles Knife Chief - here. **Quorum established.**

III. Approval of Agenda

Remove: Item #2 Approval of Request to use the Pawnee Nation Tax Exempt for Vietnam Combat Memorial Wall, Walter Lorentz; and Item #13 Approval of Letter of Intent for Contract Health Service, will move to the next Council Meeting.

Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to approve the Pawnee Business Council agenda for February 20, 2018 with changes, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat - yes, Patricia McCray - yes, M. Angela Thompson - yes, Sammye Adson - yes, Charles Lone Chief - yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt - not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Pawnee Business Council President Report

President Pratt reported on the following:

1. Attended the UINOKT meeting in Skiatook
2. Attended the Direct Service Tribes meeting
3. Attended the Budget Formulation meeting

V. Pawnee Business Council Committee and Travel Reports

Charles Lone Chief: Proposal Review Committee update

Patricia McCray: reported on the Enrollment Committee; and attended the Nasharo Council meeting;

Darrell Wildcat: attended the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Tribal Elder Care Listening Session

M. Angela Thompson: reported on the Budget Committee meeting; attended the BIA Budget priority meeting for the Region;

Dawna Hare: reported on the UINOKT meeting;

VI. Pawnee Business Council Travel Requests for Approval

Council Travel Requests:

W. Bruce Pratt: CCCT meeting in Chilocco; April 3-4 Region 6 STAC meeting, Albuquerque;

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

Ms. Ann Collins announced her fundraiser for the Leading Fox Family

VII. Pawnee Nation College Report

Pawnee Nation College President, Mike Burgess reported on the following:

1. Update on enrollment
2. March 10th, Board of Trustees meeting (2 pm)
3. Discussion with City of Pawnee for use of the Hospital
4. Update on added Classes with Bacone, Business classes
5. Networking opportunities
6. Pani-O Program update
7. Provided the monthly financials

VIII. Pawnee Nation Executive Director Report

The Pawnee Nation Executive Director, Andrew Knife Chief reported on the following:

1. Attended the NCAI Winter Session in Washington DC
2. Attended the Department of Justice listening session
3. Visited with Congressman Lucas
4. Roads Inventory List sent to Southern Plains
5. New Tax Fees implementation
6. Meetings with Economic Development Authority
7. Meetings with Workforce Oklahoma
8. 477 Program advantages
9. Meeting with Lieutenant Col Ford

IX. Pawnee Nation Attorney General Report

The Pawnee Nation Attorney General, Don Mason reported on the following:

1. Planning a Taxation meeting with the Tribes
2. Continued work on Probation and parole

3. Continued work on Drug Court
4. Conversation with Chris Steel on TEAM
5. Reported on the Highways and Roads concerns

President Pratt called for a 5 min break at 7:12 pm

President Pratt called the meeting back to order at 7:24 pm

X. New Business

1. Presentation by Curtis Bruehl on Opioid Problem

Mr. Curtis Bruehl and Mr. Matt Seel were present to speak on the opioid epidemic and national health crisis among tribal communities.

2. Discussion and/or Schedule of Meeting for Revisions to the Election Act

Ms. Adson asked about meeting and making revisions to the Election Act. Requested to send an invitation to the Election Commission to join the Council for this meeting. Also requesting a redlined copy of the Commissioners suggested changes. Set up meeting for March 13th at 4 pm.

3. Approval of Resolution #18-09, NAGPRA Grant Submission

Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve Resolution #18-09 for the NAGPRA grant submission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Resolution #18-10, New Applicants, Enrollment

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-10 for fifteen (15) new applicants for enrollment, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

5. Approval of Resolution #18-11, Deceased, Enrollment

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-11 to remove twelve (12) deceased members from the annuity roll, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

6. Approval of Resolution #18-12, Conditional Relinquishment, Enrollment

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-12 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Darrell Wildcat.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

7. Approval of Resolution #18-13, Conditional Relinquishment, Enrollment

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-13 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

8. Approval of Resolution #18-14, Conditional Relinquishment, Enrollment

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-14 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

9. Approval of Resolution #18-15, Support for Bear's Ears Monument

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Resolution #18-15 for support for Bear's Ears Monument, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

10. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Approval of CowboyThon Sponsorship

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to deny the request for sponsorship of the CowboyThon, seconded by Sammye Adson.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

b. Approval of 2018 GPR Investigation Project Budget

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2018 GPR Investigation Project Budget in the amount of \$20,000.00, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

c. Approval of 2018 Law Enforcement (BIA) Budget Modification #3

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Law Enforcement (BIA) budget modification #3, seconded by Sammye Adson.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

11. Approval of Resolution #18-16, Table Creek Treaty (2018 Annuity Drawdown)

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #18-16 for drawdown of the 2018 Annuity (Table Creek Treaty), seconded by M. Angela Thompson.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

XI. Open Forum

Mr. Jimmy Whiteshirt: asked if there are any plans to lay off employees.

Ms. Thompson: that would be the last resort; there have not been any preliminary discussion yet. The budgets are being monitored closely.

Mr. Whiteshirt: concerns from tribal members on the shortage and is asking on their behalf. Presenting to the Council the whistleblower protection act.

Mr. Knife Chief: responded about some of the accusations Mr. Whiteshirt made about employees at the Pawnee Nation. There are protections in place for employees.

Mr. Charles Knife Chief: gave his opinion on the Code of Ethics

M. Angela Thompson: voiced her opinions and concerns on the Code of Ethics; invited anyone who has concerns to come and talk to her

Ann Collins: asked if anyone gives the Council a compliment

Sammye Adson: has a concern about the email she sent out to the rest of the Council members; feels disrespected and is disappointed that no one responded; voiced concerns on the BOK loan;

M. Angela Thompson: responded and gave further information that the TDC Board is looking at

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

XII. Executive Session

1. Annual Evaluation for Attorney General

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to come out of Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson.

Vote: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Adson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief - yes and W. Bruce Pratt – not voting. Motion carries.

Council Action:

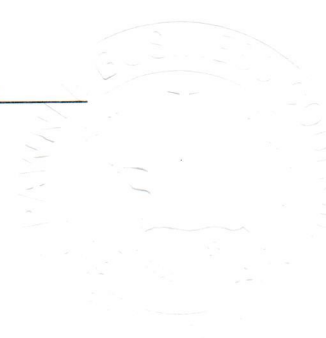
No decision was made, the Attorney General will continue with employment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn.

Vote: All in favor, none against. Motion carries to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

Approved: _____
Date April 5, 2018


W. Bruce Pratt
W. Bruce Pratt, President
Pawnee Business Council

Patricia McCray
Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council