



Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting

AGENDA

August 3, 2019, **11:00 a.m.**, Pawnee Nation Resource Complex
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

James Whiteshirt - President
Darrell J. Wildcat - Vice-President
Patricia McCray - Secretary
M. Angela Thompson - Treasurer

Sammye Kemble - First Council Seat
Dawna Hare - Second Council Seat
Charles Lone Chief - Third Council Seat
Charles Knife Chief - Fourth Council Seat

- I. Call to Order & Invocation
- II. Roll Call - Declaration of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Pawnee Nation Quarterly Reports - Divisions
- V. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports
 - 1. Budget Committee
 - 2. Cultural Committee
 - 3. Education Committee
 - 4. Education Sub-Committee
 - 5. Enrollment Committee
 - 6. Governing Documents Committee
 - 7. Grievance Committee
 - 8. Human Resources Committee
 - 9. Land Management Committee
 - 10. Language Committee
 - 11. Princess Committee
 - 12. Property Committee
 - 13. Proposal Review Committee
 - 14. Tribal Emergency Response Committee
- VI. Pawnee Nation Commission Reports
 - 1. PN Election Commission
 - 2. PN Environmental Regulatory Board
 - 3. PN Gaming Commission
 - 4. PN Liquor Control Commission
 - 5. PN Sports Commission
 - 6. PN Tax Commission
 - 7. PN TERO Commission
 - 8. PN Utility Commission
- VII. Pawnee Nation Board Reports
 - 1. Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Board
 - 2. Museum Board of Directors
 - 3. Pawnee Nation College Board of Trustees
 - 4. Pawnee Tribal Development Board
- VIII. Open Forum
- IX. Adjournment

Patricia McCray

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I. Call to Order & Invocation

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and Mr. Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary Patricia McCray called the roll. James Whiteshirt – here, Darrell Wildcat – here, Patricia McCray – here, M. Angela Thompson – here, Sammye Kemble – here, Dawna Hare – here, Charles Lone Chief – here and Charles Knife Chief – here. **Quorum established.**

III. Approval of Agenda

REMOVE: Language Committee

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

VOTE: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Kemble – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and President Whiteshirt – not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Pawnee Nation Quarterly Reports – Divisions

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to accept the Pawnee Nation Division Second Quarter Reports, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

VOTE: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Kemble – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and President Whiteshirt – not voting. Motion carries.

V. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports

1. Budget Committee

Angela Thompson: budget committee submits recommendations to Council on adding money to budgets are done by budget modifications and sent to the Council for approval; working on budget call for 2020; cash flow monitoring continues; asked President Whiteshirt on planned meetings, the Budget Committee makes plans to meet before the Council meetings to have agenda items ready for Council approval;

2. Cultural Committee

Matt Reed: passed out a list of the Cultural Committee; reported on activity for the second quarter;

3. Education Committee

Ned Williams: the Committee provides scholarships for students; funded 19 students for this fall; the Committee reviews each application, with the requirement of filing for FAFSA;

4. Education Sub-Committee

Dawna Hare: working on the feasibility of the Charter School; needing a design team appointed to carry on the other activities;

5. Enrollment Committee

Patricia McCray: reported on the roll of the Committee; does have one vacancy; attended a roundtable meeting in Lawton; continuing to revise the statute; enrollment at 3567; asked to find out how many are adults and how many are youth;

6. Governing Documents Committee

M. Angela Thompson: will be looking forward to reviewing the Election Act with the Election Commission; will be looking at Constitution amendments coming up;

7. Grievance Committee

No one present

8. Human Resources Committee

Dawna Hare: meet monthly and review policy; look at process on complaints and grievances; ongoing discussion on job placements on 477 program; discussion on a Cultural Leave policy; talked about the Whistleblower policy; discussion on Pawnee Preference; proposing a change in Bereavement Policy;

9. Land Management Committee

Sammye Kemble: reported on the development on Pawnee Nation campus; August 6th next date for the Committee meeting; report on leases; what is the plan on a land use plan; figuring out leases and getting an idea on what is going on with the lands; Mrs. Kemble asked where is the Nation at

with the lands in Nebraska due to the floods?; knows some of the facilities are being worked on; Nasharo will be meeting with the Smies in Kansas on land donation;

10. Princess Committee

Reva Howell: explained the roll of the Princess Committee; meetings with Skiri LeadingFox on the contractual agreement; raised a majority of the budget and ended the quarter with around \$4,500.00;

11. Property Committee

M. Angela Thompson: revision in policy to help make decisions on administrative duties; sees an overlap with the Property Committee and Land Management Committee; would like to define both of the committee to move forward;

12. Proposal Review Committee

Charles Lone Chief: to review and approve grant submittals; 2 grants in the second quarter approved; Shokahee grant of \$100,000.00 for Language Program and Enbridge Pipeline of \$ to plant trees; reported on a few grants that are pending;

13. Tribal Emergency Response Committee

Monty Matlock: reported on essential functions and establishment; two meetings during the second quarter; Emergency Service Coordinator has been hired and will be taking over the responsibilities of the role;

VI. Pawnee Nation Commission Reports

1. PN Election Commission

Mee-Kai Clark: conducted the run-off election during the second quarter; Chairperson was unable to complete the duties of the office and was replaced by the Alternate; reported on election results; recommendation from the Commission is to revise the Election Act; Governing Documents would like to meet with Commission on revisions;

2. PN Environmental Regulatory Commission

Monty Matlock: reported on Commission duties and role; no meetings for the second quarter;

3. PN Gaming Commission

Chris McCray: reported on establishment and role of the Commission; seven investigation, licensing application, 20 vendor applications for the second quarter; would like to have discussion on surveillance; reported on fees for the quarter; discussion on the Gaming Compact;

4. PN Liquor Control Commission

Reva Howell: report on establishment and role; goal is to regulate alcohol and liquor; during the second quarter the Commission has been working on strengthening the Act; report on activities for the second quarter;

5. PN Sports Commission

Pius Spottedhorsechief: no activity for the second quarter; would like to see more events and planning;

6. PN Tax Commission

Martha Only A Chief: reported on the purpose and mission; Commission has monthly meetings; reported on activities and revenues;

7. PN TERO Commission

Suzanne Knife Chief: reported on activities during the second quarter;

8. PN Utility Commission

No one present.

VII. Pawnee Nation Board Reports

1. Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Board

Grant Hawkins: reported on the role of the Commission and Housing Authority; reported on activities for the second quarter; reported on services offered;

2. Museum Board of Directors

Matt Reed: reported on the board's role; no activities for the second quarter; Council would like to meet with the Board and get a vision or plan on where to go for future development;

3. Pawnee Nation College Board of Trustees

Cordelia Clapp: Reported on MOU with Bacone. Reported contacts with other schools because of money situation Bacone is having. Reported on the Agricultural program and how it helps. Reported on the Pani-O project and the garden.

4. Pawnee Tribal Development Board

Jeff Goodfox: reported on activity of the Board for the second quarter;

All Committee, Commissions and Boards reported on activities of the second quarter.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Nation Committee, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

VOTE: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Kemble – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and President Whiteshirt – not voting. Motion carries.

VIII. Open Forum

Carol Nuttle: Thanked the Council for the style of reporting of today's meeting; would like to know what President Whiteshirt was talking about with mentioning the IRS;

President Whiteshirt: the AG gave the explanation on why to hold off on the announcement; During his campaign he got a lot of push back and took action;

Carol Nuttle: asked what the action was about?

Darrell Wildcat: this item was not on the agenda does not feel comfortable talking about it in the open;

M. Angela Thompson: mentioned that it was open forum and feels that she should have been notified as the Treasurer and has concerns about the matter; wants to know that if there is an IRS issue, why hasn't she been informed? Refers to the AG.

Don Mason: President Whiteshirt has asked the IRS to do an audit on the finances of the Pawnee Nation.

M. Angela Thompson: should have this been voted on by the Council? In the Constitution, it states that no one can act without a majority vote.

Don Mason: he proceeded to do this on his own.

M. Angela Thompson: is that in violation of the Constitution?

Don Mason: he said he would check.

M. Angela Thompson: feels the Council should have voted on the decision going forward. She is unaware of what is going on.

Don Mason: will do some homework and get back with the Council.

Carol Nuttle: the people need to know what is going on; we are here for these meetings and are interested, how is this going to affect our tribe and services.

President Whiteshirt: said that is what he was trying to find out from the Council and TDC. Most of the time when he asked questions, he got no response and got crickets.

Carol Nuttle: just want to know what is this concerning.

President Whiteshirt: I am just going forward with what I couldn't accomplish.

Carol Nuttle: are they going to audit our tribal programs?

President Whiteshirt: we will talk about this at a later date.

Charles Knife Chief: feels blindsided by the situation and thinks that such a major subject would have to come from the board.

President Whiteshirt: mentioned that he asked for an audit from the Council and got crickets; asked for a code of conduct and got crickets; asked for an employee protection act and got crickets;

Charles Knife Chief: these things should be an agenda item for the Council to discuss.

President Whiteshirt: said he felt blindsided by this council not doing anything about a forensic audit

Further Discussion on IRS and audit

Dawna Hare: requesting that the Attorney General do an opinion on the IRS discussion

M. Angela Thompson: requesting it to be on the agenda as well; would not step out and not seek the opinions by the Council; we have to abide by that Constitution and are specific duties for officers and authorities; it does say that no Council member can take action without a majority vote of the Council; serious issue in calling in a federal agency to come in to our business; asked to give this Council a chance to work with him [President Whiteshirt].

Charles Knife Chief: concerned about mid-day meetings for those Council members and Tribal members who work to attend meetings; would prefer to have evening meetings;

President Whiteshirt: I call the meetings, not you.

Charles Knife Chief: I think that the Council can decide on what time the meetings are going to be and the President calls the meetings;

Darrell Wildcat: It does create a lot of problems for those who work and asks that evening meetings be considered;

Charles Knife Chief: asked the AG to determine an excused absence

M. Angela Thompson: asked if he would be able to call in

President Whiteshirt: asked what the sense is to call in if you cant vote? You are here to serve the people;

Further Discussion on meetings

Pete Moore: asked about the Budget Committee and has been hearing about budget cuts; did TDC submit a budget for Budget to approve;

M. Angela Thompson: TDC has not submitted their projections yet to the budget committee and mentioned that there is a conflict with the governing documents.

Pete Moore: has a concern with Enrollment, he has seven kids and all of them moved to the Otoe Roll, but he still sees his kids on the Pawnee Roll during elections.

Patricia McCray: will check into that and make sure its is taken care of.

Pete Moore: when he was on the Council, he never missed a meeting; It is your job [Council] to make arrangement to make these meetings; applied for the TDC Board and thinks that we should be giving money to our people; he has some good ideas and wants to help the board;

Pam Cook: wanted to clarify, when you [President Whiteshirt] made the move to contact the IRS, was that before you were in office or not?

President Whiteshirt: long before, I have had several meetings with them [IRS].

Pam Cook: when she was on Council there was no staff attorney general; all the Council members should have the knowledge in the direction you want the tribe to go as you govern; suggested that the Sports Commission be an Entertainment Committee;

Sammye Kemble: he does sit in more than just meetings; has been very active in Oil and Gas issues; helping tribal members to recoup from damages; he is spread thin but has helped in generating revenue for the people;

Chris McCray: updated everyone on the CM/GC projects.

Ashley Wilson: introduced herself as the new Court Clerk for the Pawnee Nation Court;

President Whiteshirt: clarification to Ms. Cook, he initiated this action long before I came into this position; he sees it as a mute issue; he got a petition and some statements from tribal members long before he was seated in this position;

M. Angela Thompson: does like this format it gives us the opportunity to the Chairs to report to the people;

Dawna Hare: likes the format of the meeting as well; concerns with the transition and the transition team that is affecting the employee morale and it needs to be discussed; need to have discussion at the Wednesday meeting;

Don Mason: Ms. Wilson has made the court system a very professional operation at the court;

Carol Nuttle: one suggestion, likes the timing and format, and suggested to highlight one program per meeting;

President Whiteshirt: that's what he is looking for, but he called this meeting to get a good look at what is going on; the key is going to be communication; I am going to find out how to have more communication with everyone; thanked Ms. Nuttle on her suggestion;

Charles Lone Chief: commented that according to the Constitution, it is a requirement that we have these quarterly meetings.

Discussion on the Quarterly Meetings and Format

Ann Collins: is still fundraising and will have some raffle tickets at the next meeting;

Sammye: talking with Herb Adson over the weekend; one of the things that the Cultural team wanted to do was have a dance for the opening of the campgrounds;

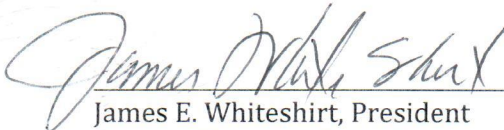
Pam Cook: likes the format; sad to say that there is not enough tribal members here; mentioned that the elders cancelled their field trip to visit with the Wichita's on the last day; they were told they were not invited; was disappointed that they were denied; mentioned that the elders do need transportation, a van for trips;

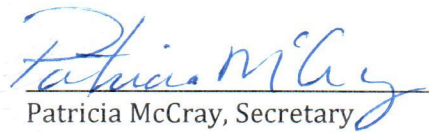
IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

VOTE: Darrell Wildcat – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Sammye Kemble – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes and President Whiteshirt – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 2:18 pm.

Approved: August 14, 2019
Date


James E. Whiteshirt, President
Pawnee Business Council


Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council