

Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

AGENDA

May 20, 2020, **3:00 p.m.**, Pawnee Nation Building 64 Conference Room
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

Charles Lone Chief – Interim President
Charles Knife Chief – Interim Vice-President
Patricia McCray – Secretary
Dawna Hare – Interim Treasurer

Vacant - First Council Seat
Second Council Seat
Third Council Seat
Fourth Council Seat

- I. Call to Order & Invocation
- II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 1. PBC Special Meeting 05-05-2020
- V. Pawnee Nation Executive Director Report
- VI. New Business
 1. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Approval of 2020 BIA Housing Demo Project GMP
 - b. Approval of 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response Budget
 - c. Approval of 2020 CARES Act Budget
 - d. Approval of 2020 477 Carryover Budget
 - e. Approval of 2020 PN Election Commission Budget Mod #4
 - f. Approval of 2020 CSBG Budget Mod #1
 - g. Approval of 2020 LiHEAP Budget Mod #2
 - h. Approval of 2020 Health Ed Budget Mod #2
 - i. Approval of 2020 Title VI Part A Budget Mod #1
 - j. Approval of 2020 Title VI Part C Budget Mod #1
 2. Approval of Resolution #20-46, PN Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Appendix A, Procurement Policy
 3. Approval of Resolution #20-47, Behavior Health Treatment Facility, Land Allocation
 4. Approval of Resolution #20-48, HUD ICDBG CARES Act Funds, Submission
 5. Discussion and/or Action on COVID
- VII. Set Next Meeting Date
- VIII. Adjournment

Patricia McCray

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I. Call to Order & Invocation

Interim President Charles Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm and gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary Patricia McCray called the roll: Charles Lone Chief – here, Charles Knife Chief – here, Patricia McCray – here and Dawna Hare – here. Quorum Established.

III. Approval of Agenda

ADD: New Business, Item 5. Approval of Resolution #20-49, PN COVID-19 Relief Fund Plan; 6. Approval of Resolution #20-50, COVID-19 Allocation; and Item VII. Open Forum

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for May 20, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. PBC Special Meeting May 5, 2020

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Pawnee Business Council meeting minutes for May 5, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

V. Pawnee Nation Executive Director Report

The Pawnee Nation Executive Director, Muriel Robedeaux reported on the following:

1. Update on bringing Employees back to work
2. Update on PPE Supplies for programs to reopen
3. Update on Reopening Plans for each building
4. Have been working with budget committee on budget call
5. Question on Supplies, Programs are slowly getting items in from orders

VI. New Business

1. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Approval of 2020 BIA House Demo Project GMP

No action needed from Council.

- b. Approval of 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response Budget

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response Budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

- c. Approval of 2020 CARES Act Budget

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve 2020 CARES Act Budget, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

- d. Approval of 2020 477 Carryover Budget

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 477 Carryover budget, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

- e. Approval of 2020 PN Election Commission Budget Mod #4

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 PN Election Commission budget modification #4, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

f. Approval of 2020 CSBG Budget Modification #1

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 CSBG budget modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

g. Approval of 2020 LiHEAP Budget Modification #2

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 LIHEAP budget modification #2, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

h. Approval of 2020 Health Ed Budget Modification #2

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 Health Education budget modification #2, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

i. Approval of 2020 Title VI Part A Budget Modification #1

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Title VI Part A budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

j. Approval of 2020 Title VI Part C Budget Modification #1

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Title VI Part C budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

2. Approval of Resolution #20-46, Revisions to PN Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Appendix A, Procurement Policy

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-46 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures, Appendix A, Procurement Policy, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

3. Approval of Resolution #20-47, Behavior Health Treatment Facility, Land Allocation

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-47 for the Behavioral Health Treatment Facility for land designation, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

4. Approval of Resolution #20-48, HUD ICDBG CARES Act Funds, Submission

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-48 for the HUD ICDBG CARES Act funds submission, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

5. Approval of Resolution #20-49, PN COVID-19 Relief Fund Plan

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-49 for the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Fund Plan, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

6. Approval of Resolution #20-50, Cares Budget Allocation

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-50 for the CARES Budget allocation, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries.

VII. Open Forum

Karen Haymond: why not pay out all the money all enrolled members regardless of age?

Dawna Hare: looking at the guidelines, it's really hard to justify paying out that full amount to our tribal membership without having to pay the funds back.

Bobby Robedeaux: Why are we doing mandatory COVID testing?

Charles Knife Chief: That was a decision by TERC, there are places that are requiring testing and some that are not. A lot of places are encouraging the testing. There are concerns but it is important to have the screening processes in place in all of our facilities.

Tonette Ponkilla: Has three statements, not questions. 1. How is this a Constitutional meeting happening today. 2. According to the Constitution, the current meeting should have had one-member call point of order, and 3. When we have one official officer, the Secretary on Council, why did she not cover the Presidency.

Charles Knife Chief: since those were just statements, there were not questions, please move on to the next.

Pam Cook: 1. What does the 4,743,400 entail? and 2. No cooking facilities for the election day would cause unsanitary conditions status.

Charles Knife Chief: We covered in detail the money, the total, and where it is going. Not sure about the second question.

Dawna Hare: the Pawnee Nation buildings are not going to be rented until August 1st and the Committee is following CDC recommendations. The Committee will be monitoring monthly. The building will be open for the election to continue.

More discussion on CARES Funding allocation.

Patricia McCray: Someone referred to the question on why the Secretary is not the acting President and I have asked Interim President Lone Chief to explain how that came down and why we are seated the way we are.

Charles Lone Chief: The Attorney General made an opinion and the way he interpreted the Constitution, said it was up to the remaining seated Council members to choose who wanted to be in that position. Further than that, he stated that when he [Mr. Lone Chief] was moved into the Acting Vice President position, he [Mr. Whiteshirt] had the opportunity to protest the appointment at that time and he did not. When [Mr. Whiteshirt] was recalled, automatically I [Mr. Lone Chief] was already there so I [Mr. Lone Chief] was moved into that position. That was the Attorney General's opinion and it was up to the existing Council members.

Chad Smith: You can reference to the Constitution, Article 6, Section 1, it says: "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." In March, Mr. Lone Chief was selected by the Council to fill the vacancy left by the recall, he was serving as the Vice President when the April recall occurred. By operation of law, Mr. Whiteshirt was replaced by the acting Vice-President Lone Chief. So, he [Mr. Lone Chief] ascended to the office by the operation of law according to the Pawnee Nation Constitution.

The Council was asked if they would send a press release and post the Attorney General opinion. The consensus was yes to both.

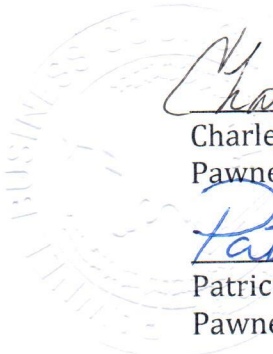
VIII. **Set Next Meeting Date** – The next Meeting will be the Quarterly meeting on June 6th.

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Patricia McCray - yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Knife Chief – yes, and Interim President Lone Chief – not voting. Motion Carries to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

Approved: June 24, 2020
Date


Charles Lone Chief
Charles Lone Chief, Interim President
Pawnee Business Council
Patricia McCray
Patricia McCray, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council