



## Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

October 7, 2015, **9:00 a.m.**, Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building  
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

Misty M. Nuttle - President  
W. Bruce Pratt - Vice President  
Phammie Littlesun - Secretary  
M. Angela Thompson - Treasurer

Sammye Adson - First Council seat  
Dawna Hare - Second Council seat  
Adrian Spottedhorsechief - Third Council seat  
Liana Chapman Teter - Fourth Council seat

- I. Call to Order & Invocation
- II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes – PBC Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2015 and PBC Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2015
- V. Pawnee Business Council President Report
- VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports
- VII. Pawnee Business Council Travel Reports
- VIII. Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation CEO Report
- IX. Executive Director Report
- X. New Business
  1. Presentation on Affordable Health Care (15 Minutes)
  2. Approval of Resolution #15-80, Amendments to Proceeds of Labor Resolutions
  3. Approval of Park Project Location, Pawnee Pride
  4. Budget Committee Recommendations:
    - a. Approval of Donation Request for Employee Club for \$300
    - b. Approval of Playground Purchase, Health Education (\$19,823)
    - c. Approval of Donation Request for Supplemental Funding for Playground Purchase, Pawnee Pride Program (\$3,500)
    - d. Approval of Payment for Independent Evaluator, Pawnee Nation College (\$5,570)
    - e. Approval of Staff Attorney Salary Increase
    - f. Approval of Donation Request for Employee Appreciation Day (\$1,500)
    - g. Approval of Donation Request for Native American Church for \$300
    - h. Approval of Donation Request from Tribal Member for \$300
  5. Approval of Fuel Man Policy, Finance Department
  6. Approval of Final SORNA Application Packet
- XI. Open Forum
- XII. Executive Session
  1. Indian Child Welfare Concerns
  2. Tribal Historic Preservation Office Discussion with Council
- XIII. Adjournment

**\* Tabled Items:**

1. Museum By-Laws
2. Approval of Violence in the Workplace
3. Approval of Resolution #14-73, Bonus Policy
4. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Pawnee County

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## I. Call to Order & Invocation

**President Misty M. Nuttle** called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M. Mr. Bruce Pratt gave the invocation.

## II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

**Secretary Phammie Littlesun called the roll.** President Nuttle – here, Bruce Pratt – here, Phammie N. Littlesun – here, M. Angela Thompson – excused, arrived at 9:50 am, Sammy Adson – excused, Dawna Hare – here, Adrian Spottedhorsechief - here, and Liana Chapman Teter – here. **Quorum established.**

## III. Approval of Agenda

**Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the agenda for October 7, 2015, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.**

**Vote:** Bruce Pratt – yes, M. Phammie Littlesun – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

PBC Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2015

**Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the Pawnee Business Council Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2015, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.**

**Vote:** Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun - abstain, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

PBC Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2015

**Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to table the Pawnee Business Council Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2015, seconded by Phammie Littlesun.**

**Vote:** Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun - yes, Dawna Hare – no, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

## V. Pawnee Business Council President Report



President Nuttle reported that within the past two weeks there have been some ongoing efforts to address some issues. There is being developed a program evaluation schedule. The first step is to develop a form in looking at the programs objectives and goals. On September the 24<sup>th</sup>, attended the Audit exit interview where three findings were reported. As a result of the exit interview, there were meetings held and a draft plan will be developed. The Orange Team won on staff fun day and Ms. Nuttle offered a pizza party for the winning team on behalf of the Council. September 29<sup>th</sup> she met with Division of Health and Community Services Director and staff on the playground project. September 30<sup>th</sup> she attended the Strategic Planning meeting. October 2<sup>nd</sup> attended the Board of Trustees Meeting. Attended a meeting to discuss the annuity process and they are looking into purchasing additional software. 2016 indirect cost proposal has been reviewed and finalized and is ready for submission. Title VI has a request to host an author who wrote the book on White Fox. Deb is wondering if this is what the Council would like to pursue or they will do a reception on their own on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hare asked if this is the same author that our representatives from Sweden had concerns with.

President Nuttle mentioned that in discussion with Eva Olson she never mentioned the name of the author but is guessing this is the same in question.

Mr. Knife Chief addressed the Council and mentioned that this is an academic fight between our representatives in Sweden and the gentlemen who wrote the book. There is a difference in opinions and reporting facts. Mr. Knife Chief said that he would not endorse the book by the author. His advice is to not hinder the work being done by Eva and Louis and to not endorse the work of the gentleman.

## **VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports**

Mr. Bruce Pratt reported there was a repatriation meeting on September 22. Discussion was on the topics reported to the Council at the last meeting. On September 26<sup>th</sup> was the Praise Gathering thanking Atius for the rain. He attended the Budget Committee meeting, exit interview and was able to speak to employees and pray at the Employee Fun Day.

Ms. Chapman Teter asked about the repatriation of some scalps and wondered if they have been contacted about this.

Mr. Knife Chief said that the National Museum of History has contacted the Pawnee Nation on 3 Comanche scalps that belonged to a Pawnee Scout. There is going to be further meetings and discussion on the remains.

Ms. Littlesun reported on the Nasharo Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was on the budget and wondering who they go to get things done. She asked if the Treasurer could go and explain their budget to them. Some of the issues are about donations and how they go about getting them information. They have also asked about their Constitution Training for the Council. Ms. Littlesun is pleased with the progress on the Strategic Planning meetings. She is working on the policy for the fee waiver for cultural events.

Mrs. Chapman Teter reported that there was a meeting on the Code Talkers being inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. She has passed around the letter being sent out to the recipients and the itinerary. Attended the Board of Trustees meeting and will pass out the updates from the meeting.

Mrs. Hare reported she attended the property meeting and there is an HR Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 10 am. She asked if President Nuttle could attend to help with direction on Policy development.



Mr. Spottedhorsechief attended the property meeting, budget meeting, audit exit interview and repatriation meeting. He attended Fun Day and the team he participated on came in third and he had a good time interacting with the employees.

**VII. Pawnee Business Council Travel Reports**

*There were no Travel Reports to be reported by Council.*

**VIII. Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation CEO Report**

Mr. Roger Smith was present to report to the Council. Mr. Smith reported on working on the expansion with StoneWolf and there are two opportunities for financing. They are looking at an \$11.5 million budget for financing. There will have to be discussion with Council and the Bank of America and sit down to explain the financing.

Ms. Thompson asked the status on the construction company.

Mr. Smith said that as far as contracting with one, once the financing is secured then they will be looking into construction companies.

Ms. Thompson asked if TDC has done a feasibility study on a grocery store.

Mr. Smith said that TDC has not done one on a grocery store. He mentioned that there are a lot of examples of a small community having a grocery store and the Osage is an example of that and how much money they have lost with such a small community.

Ms. Thompson mentioned the Citizen Band Potawatomi had built a store and does not make a profit on inventory but on the taxes. She would like to review a feasibility study on the grocery store if there is one done in the future.

President Nuttle asked about the joint meeting with the Council and TDC and where are they at with the planning.

Mr. Smith said that he was told the Council will be setting it up.

Ms. Thompson said that the recommendation was to have the meeting here locally and that they had items for the agenda.

President Nuttle said that the Council do have agenda items and will get those to Mr. Smith.

**IX. Executive Director Report**

Ms. Muriel Robedeaux, Acting Executive Director reported on what she has been working on since Ms. Gover departure. She has been working with Education and the Planning Director on a grant for the after school programs and working on the budget. There were a lot of questions and discussion on the proposal. Ms. Robedeaux also helped in working on the audit and finalizing information for the indirect cost rate proposal for 2016. She is still working on the restricted 2015 indirect cost rate proposal for the department of Education.

President Nuttle asked how many more years do we have to do the Department of Education restricted.

Ms. Robedeaux said that as long as we have the contract. It is a five year contract.

Ms. Thompson asked who was writing the proposal for the after school program.

Mrs. Yerbic said that the consultants along with Richard Baker have written the proposal and they are reviewing and making changes and recommendations.

*President Nuttle called for a 10 minute break at 10:23 am.*

*President Nuttle called the meeting back to order at 10:39 am.*

**X. New Business**

**1. Presentation on Affordable Health Care (15 Minutes)**

Mr. Leroy Downs and associates addressed the Council on offering their assistance with Affordable Health Care for Tribal Members.

**2. Approval of Resolution #15-80, Amendments to Proceeds of Labor Resolutions**

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #15-80, Amendments to the Proceeds of Labor Resolutions with changes, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

**3. Approval of Park Project Location, Pawnee Pride**

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the location of the Park Project on the East side of the Roundhouse, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

**4. Budget Committee Recommendations:**

**a. Approval of Donation Request for Employee Club for \$300**

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request of \$300 for the Employee Club for the Employee Fun Day, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

**b. Approval of Playground Purchase, Health Education (\$19,823)**



**Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the purchase of the Playground equipment in the amount of \$19,823, seconded by Bruce Pratt.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

- c. Approval of Donation Request for Supplemental Funding for Playground Purchase, Pawnee Pride Program (\$3,500)

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request of \$3,500 for the supplemental funding for the Playground Project for the cement slab under the pavilion to come out of the Pawnee Business Council budget, donation line item, seconded by Bruce Pratt.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

- d. Approval of Payment for Independent Evaluator, Pawnee Nation College (\$5,570)

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the payment of \$5,570 for the Pawnee Nation College Independent Evaluator, seconded by Dawna Hare.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

- e. Approval of Staff Attorney Salary Increase

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the increase in the Staff Attorney salary to \$69,885, seconded by Phammie Littlesun.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

- f. Approval of Donation Request for Employee Appreciation Day (\$1,500)

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request for \$1,500 for the Employee Appreciation Day on October 12, 2015, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**



- g. Approval of Donation Request for Native American Church for \$300

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request of \$300 to the Native American Church, seconded by Bruce Pratt.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – abstain, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

- h. Approval of Donation Request from Tribal Member for \$300

**Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request of \$300 for Tribal Member, seconded by Bruce Pratt.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - abstain, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

5. Approval of Fuel Man Policy, Finance Department

**Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to table the Fuel Man Policy, seconded by M. Angela Thompson.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

6. Approval of Final SORNA Application Packet

**Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to approve the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act application packet, seconded by M. Angela Thompson.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

## **XI. Open Forum**

Ms. Elizabeth Blackowl had a couple of concerns. Concern is about the funding for the Cultural Resource Division and where the money is coming from if the budget was passed with a deficit. She is requesting the Council look at the qualifications for the Elder's Assistance program. Her concern is for those elders who do not qualify especially during the winter months.

Mrs. Hare also has a concern with using the state guidelines.

Ms. Thompson said that when revising the guidelines they looked at bringing them up a notch from the states poverty guidelines to raise the amount of money they can make a year. She will get with the division director on making further revisions and will be looking at Handicap and Elder's assistance.

Mr. Spottedhorsechief said that to his understanding the Cultural Division is going to be funded from the revenue of the 106 consultations. The Tribe is long overdue for a Cultural Department and it is needed.

Ms. Thompson mentioned that they are going to be monitoring internally ways for cost savings.

Mrs. Ramona Horsechief had some concerns about signage and promoting for the Pawnee Nation. She attended the Saturday Night event in town and there were no signs or anything promoting the Pawnee Nation. The stores that were purchased were still being associated with Gary Vance when they are in our ownership.

Mr. Spottedhorsechief did mention that signs are being developed for future plans. He is not sure how soon but they are being developed.

President Nuttle made a few announcements. The Quarterly Meeting will be on Saturday, November 7th. A Calendar is being developed for Native American Heritage Month with activities and events. Also the fall festival will be coming up as well.

Mr. Spottedhorsechief mentioned that the Youngdog Dance will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> starting at noon.

*President Nuttle called for a lunch break at 12:35 pm and to return at 1:40 pm.*

*President Nuttle called the meeting back to order at 1:53 pm.*

**Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to go into Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson.**

**Vote: Bruce Pratt – yes, Phammie Littlesun – yes, M. Angela Thompson – yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Adrian Spottedhorsechief – yes and Liana Chapman Teter - yes, President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.**

**XII. Executive Session**

1. Indian Child Welfare Concerns
2. Tribal Historic Preservation Office Discussion with Council

**Motion made by Bruce Pratt to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Phammie Littlesun.**

**Vote: All in favor, none against, one not voting. Motion carries.**

*No Council Action was taken after Executive Session.*


**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Bruce Pratt to adjourn, seconded by M. Angela Thompson.**



**Vote: All in favor, none against. Motion carries to adjourn at 4:00 pm.**

Approved: January 25, 2016  
Date

  
W. Bruce Pratt, President  
Pawnee Business Council

  
Adrian Spottedhorsechief, Interim Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council