

Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting MINUTES

November 7, 2020, **9:00 a.m.**, Pawnee Nation Building 64 Conference Room
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

Walter R. Echo-Hawk – President
Jordan Kanuho – Vice-President
Patricia McCray – Secretary
Carol Chapman – Treasurer

Cynthia Butler– 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

President Echo-Hawk called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and **Mr. Jordan Kanuho** gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary Patricia McCray called the roll: Walter Echo-Hawk- here, Jordan Kanuho- here, Patricia McCray-here, Carol Chapman-here, Cynthia Butler-here, Dawna Hare-here, Charles Lone Chief-here, and Charles Knife Chief-here. Quorum Established.

III. Approval of Agenda

Revisions: Include BIA updates \$7,000 to Resolution #20-95 COVID Fund Allocation

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting Agenda for November 7, 2020 with revision to Resolution #20-95 COVID Fund Allocation, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of PBC Special Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2020, seconded by Carol Chapman.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

2. Approval of PBC Special Meeting Minutes October 29, 2020

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2020, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

V. Pawnee Business Council President Report

President Echo-Hawk reported on the following:

1. Expressed condolences to the mourners
2. Prayers for those who are sick
3. Appreciation to the staff during busy three-month period
4. Recap of Pawnee Public School reopening
5. COVID expenditures and work
6. Recap of Council Trainings
7. Recap of EPA violations
8. Committees appointments and meetings began
9. Reported on ice storm
10. Reported on Internal Summit
11. Reported on 2021 Tribal budgets
12. Reported on Fundraising Advisory Committee
13. Reported on joint meetings to come

VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports

Fundraising Advisory Committee, Chair President Echo-Hawk

1. Report on first donation

Governing Documents Committee, Chair Councilwoman Butler

1. Working on system to separate law and resolutions
2. Working on Election Act revisions
3. Reported on possible Pawnee Nation Constitutions revisions
4. Reported on getting provisions in place for a secretarial election

Princess Committee, Chair Councilwoman Butler

1. Reported on currently fundraiser
2. Reported on Pawnee Nation Princess Appointment process
3. Reported on possible programs
4. Update on Princess social media

Education Committee, Chair Treasurer Chapman

1. Update on draft for mission and vision statement
2. Update on new Education Committee goals

Budget Committee, Chair Treasurer Chapman

1. Reported on CARES meetings

Planning Committee, Chair Vice-President Kanuho

1. Update on committee set up
2. Update on the I.H.S proposal

Communications and IT Committee, Chair Vice-President Kanuho

1. Meeting to be set soon

Agriculture Committee, Chair Vice-President Kanuho

1. Meeting to be set soon

Intergovernmental Committee, Chair Councilwoman Hare

1. Meeting to be set soon
2. Update on committee set up

Land and Property Management Committee, Chair Councilwoman Hare

1. Meeting to be set soon
2. Update on concept paper

Enrollment Committee, Chair Secretary Patsy McCray

1. Update on meeting on October 19, 2020
2. Update on revisions to Election Statutes

Human Resources Committee, Chair Councilman Lone Chief

1. Update on review of HR Policies and Procedures
2. Update on goals for Committee

VII. Pawnee Nation College Report

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

1. New partnership with Nebraska Indian Community College
2. Report on COVID within PNC
3. PNC will go online after Thanksgiving Break
4. Report on Pawnee O Project
5. Report on possible gardening classes
6. Next Board of Trustee Meeting is set for December 5, 2020
7. Update on student count
8. Graduation has been set for December 11, 2020
9. Report on leather company and LLC

VIII. Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Report

George Gardipe reported on the following:

1. Report on repairs and emergencies
2. Reported on completed projects
3. Report on emergency assistance
4. Report on ongoing projects
5. Report on MOU with Americorp
6. Report on sanitation equipment
7. Report on virtual training

IX. Pawnee Nation Tribal Development Report

Jeff Goodfox, TDC Chair, reported on the following:

1. Report on COVID exposure
2. Report on facility closure and cleaning
3. Report on Gaming revenues
4. Report on Howler's revenue
5. Report on staff count
6. Report on possible Sports Grill

X. Pawnee Nation Executive Director Report

Muriel Robedeaux, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. Report on COVID exposure
2. Report on ice storm
3. Report on COVID Projects

XI. Pawnee Nation Attorney General Report

Chad Smith, Attorney General, reported on the following:

1. Report on fees
2. Report various court cases

XII. Approval of Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Divisions

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Nation Divisions Quarterly Report, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – abstain, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

XIII. Approval of Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Committees, Commissions and Boards

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the Pawnee Nation Committees, Commissions, and Boards Quarterly Report, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – abstain, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

XIV. Approval of Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Financial

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the Pawnee Nation Financial Quarterly Report, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – abstain, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

XV. New Business

1. Approval of PBC Committee Appointments
 - a. Land and Property Management Committee
 1. Paul Echo-Hawk
 - b. Governing Documents
 1. Victoria Lefthand
 - c. Education Committee
 1. Joseph Reed

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Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the PBC Committee Appointments, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

2. Budget Committee Recommendations

a. Approval of 1006-132 Property Management Budget Mod #5

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve 1006-132 Property Management Budget Mod #5, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

b. Approval of Pawnee Seed Preservation Project Budget Transfer to Indian Collection

Motion made by Carol Chapman to table the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project Budget Transfer, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

3. Approval of Resolution #20-95 COVID Fund Allocation

Building One Technology Network Upgrade- \$3,216.00

Fitness Center Technology Network Installation- \$9,419.00

COVID Storage and Distribution Technology Network Installation- \$9,310.00

BIA Restroom updates to address public health COVID needs- \$7,000

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-95 COVID Fund Allocation with amendments, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Resolution #20-98 Emergency Declaration (Ice Storm)

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-98 Emergency Declaration, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

XVI. Executive Session

Motion made by Dawna Hare to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

1. Discussion and/or Approval of Earth Justice Retainer Agreement

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to exit Executive Session, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

COUNCIL ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion and/or Approval of Earth Justice Retainer Agreement

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Earth Justice Retainer Agreement, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho-yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief- yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries.

XVII. Set the Next Meeting Date

The next PBC Special Meeting has been set for Friday November 13, 2020 at 12:00 pm

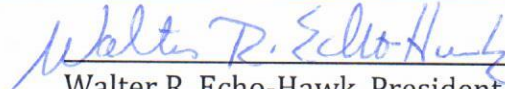
The next PBC Special Meeting has been set for Monday November 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to adjourn, seconded by Patricia McCray.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho – yes, Patricia McCray – yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – yes, Charles Lone Chief – yes, Charles Knife Chief-yes, and President Echo-Hawk- not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 1:38 pm.

Approved: December 7, 2020
Date


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President

Pawnee Business Council


Patricia McCray, Secretary

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