

# Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting MINUTES

February 6, 2021, 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 9:09 am and **Mr. Jordan Kanuho** gave the invocation.

## II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

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

Present: Bob Dimmick, Deb EchoHawk, Ella Blackowl, Goerge Gardipe, Jeff Goodfox, Kirsten Colbert, Mee-Kai Spottedhorsechief, Mike Burgess, Misty Nuttle, Reva Howell, Electa Hare-Redcorn, Brian Kirk, Pius Spottedhorsechief, and Les Ridingln

## III. Approval of Agenda

**ADD:** New Business 3. Approval of Resolution #21-18 MOU with Indian Collection and the Pawnee Seed Preservation Society Inc., 4. Approval of fixed priced contract with Osborne Heating and Air

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting Agenda for February 6, 2021 with changes, 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.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

### 1. Approval of PBC Special Meeting Minutes January 6, 2021

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2021, seconded by Carol Chapman.

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.

2. Approval of PBC Special Meeting Minutes January 15, 2021

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2021 with changes, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho – yes, Patricia McCray-abstain, 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 PBC Special Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2021, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

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

4. Approval of PBC Special Meeting Minutes January 28, 2021

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2021 with changes, seconded by Carol Chapman.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho – yes, Patricia McCray-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – ahu (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:

- Completion of COVID programs
- Mail out of COVID Surge Response Assistance checks
- Thank you to staff for their work during COVID spending
- Creation of Pawnee Nation balance budget for 2021
- Update on third clean audit in a row
- Update on COVID vaccinations
- Update on possible additional CARES funding
- Update on TDC
- Update on Pawnee Nation Strategic Plan

**VI. Pawnee Business Council Committee Reports**

President Echo-Hawk reported on the following:

Fundraising Committee

- Update on purpose of Fundraising Committee
- Update on Fundraising Committee members
- Update on Articles of Incorporation, Pawnee Evening Star Fund
- Update on list of fundraising priorities

Vice President Kanuho reported on the following:

Agriculture Committee

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- Update on BIA end of year spending funds
- Update on Bison Ranch opportunity
- Planning Committee
- Update on proposal for 638 for Mental Health Facility

Councilwoman Hare reported on the following:

- Acknowledgement of the staff that has passed
- Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Update on Intergovernmental Affairs Committee roster
- Update on meeting information
- Update on future training
- Update on future membership
- Update on Intergovernmental Committee scholarship
- Update on local government relationships
- Land & Property Management Committee
- Update on development of purpose of committee
- Update on Land & Property Management Committee roster

Councilman Knife Chief reported on the following:

Medical Advisory Committee

- Update on COVID recommendations
- Update on COVID monitoring

Treasurer Chapman reports on the following:

Budget Committee

- Update on COVID deadlines that were met
- Update on possible future CARES funding
- Update on planning for future CARES funding

Education Committee

- Congratulations to the new Education Director, Suzy KnifeChief
- Update on how COVID has affected serving the students
- Update on collaboration with Pawnee Charter School
- Thank you to committee

Councilwoman Butler reported on the following:

Governing Documents Committee

- Update on Governing Documents Committee roster
- Update on Secretarial Election
- Update of committee standard operating procedure (SOP)
- Update on Resolution
- Update on Election Act proposal
- Update on town hall recommendations
- Update on Constitutional revisions
- Update on Governing Documents scholarship
- Scholarship deadline May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Update on ICW angel tree participation
- Update on committee projects

Princess Committee

- Update on Princess activities
- Update on Princess Committee roster
- Update on social media pages
- Update on fundraising

- Update on future programs
- Update on Princess Committee Scholarship
- Scholarship deadline June 15, 2021
- Update on ICW angel tree participation

Councilman Lone Chief reported on the following:

Human Resources Committee

- Update on Human Resources Committee roster
- Update on policy revisions

Secretary McCray reported on the following:

Enrollment Committee

- Update on Enrollment Committee roster
- Update on number of applications for recommendation to the Nasharo Council
- Update on how to meet safely

**VII. Pawnee Nation College Report**

Pawnee Nation College President, Mike Burgess, and Board Chair Les RidingIn reports on the following:

- Update on new partnership
- Update on Bacone membership
- Update on grants
- Update on faculty
- Update on fundraising arm of PNC
- Update on possible infrastructure

**VIII. Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Report**

George Gardipe reported on the following:

- Update on Housing COVID exposure
- Update on Housing vaccines
- Update on number of units
- Update on collaboration on housing disinfecting
- Update on housing inspections
- Update on housing renovations
- Update on trainings
- Update on emergency assistance

**IX. Pawnee Nation Tribal Development Report**

CEO, Bob Dimmick, and Board Chair, Jeff Goodfox, report on the following:

- Update on gaming revenue
- Update on reports
- Update on the Wolf Grille
- Update on employee numbers

**X. Pawnee Nation Executive Director Report**

Executive Director, Muriel Robedeaux, reported on the following:

- Update on the Rehabilitation Center
- Update on child care renovations
- Update on study hall program
- Update on green house project
- Update on IDC proposal
- Update on Pawnee Nation planning projects
- Update on COVID expenditures
- Update staff during COVID exposures



**XI. Pawnee Nation Attorney General Report**

Attorney General, Chad Smith, reports on the following:

- Filed motion for attorney fees for election cases
- Update on Tribal Court cases
- Update on EPA case

**XII. Approval of Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Divisions**

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Divisions, 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.

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

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to table Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Committee, Commissions, and Boards, 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.

**XIV. Approval of Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Financial**

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve Pawnee Nation Quarterly Report, Financial, 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.

**XV. Open Forum**

The following topics were mentioned in open forum:

- Ella Blackowl
  - Disappointment with the process of the Comment Period for the Election Act. Suggested an SOP to address the Communication on Comment Periods.
  - Mentioned that the Election Commission never responded to the comments from Tribal members.
  - Encouraged Pawnee Tribal members to participate in PBC meetings and to be proactive. Bring solutions to the table and choose to participate.
- Pius Spottedhorsechief
  - No questions or comments.
- Mee-Kai Spottedhorsechief
  - Voiced her concerns on the CARES Act distribution and asked for more efficient processes to handling the assistance programs.
  - Made some suggestions for the assistance programs concerning the gift cards.

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- Suggested that the Nation purchase a canopy, chairs and mats for funerals to cut cost for families when they bury their loved ones.
- Misty Nuttle
  - Commended the Attorney General and the Business Council work working together.
- Kirsten Colbert
  - Thanked the Council for the work they are doing.
  - Thanked the Pawnee Nation staff for all they do.

**XVI. New Business**

1. Discussion on Kansas Bison Ranch
2. Approval of Resolution #21-17 InterTribal Buffalo Council Membership for the Pawnee Nation

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #21-17 InterTribal Buffalo Council Membership for the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief.

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

3. Approval of Resolution #21-18 MOU with the Indian Collection and the Pawnee Seed Preservation Society Inc.

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve Resolution #21-18 MOU with Indian Collection and the Pawnee Seed Preservation Society Inc., seconded by Carol Chapman.

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

4. Approval of fixed price contract with Osborne Heating and Air

Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the fixed price contract with Osborne Heating and Air, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho – yes, Patricia McCray-yes, Carol Chapman-yes, Cynthia Butler-yes, Dawna Hare – ahu (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 February 23, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

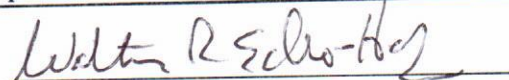


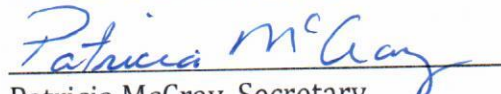
**XVIII. Adjournment**

Motion made by Jordan Kanuho to adjourn, 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 to adjourn at 2:12 pm.

Approved: February 23, 2021  
Date

  
Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President  
Pawnee Business Council

  
Patricia McCray, Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council