



# PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting of the Delegates**

## MEETING MINUTES

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Cynthia Butler called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

### **II. Opening Invocation**

Chief Gilbert Beard gave the opening invocation.

### **III. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

The roll was called to establish a quorum: Aaron Prim – present, Bruce Pratt – present, Carol Chapman – absent, Carol Nuttle – present, Chris McCray – present, Cynthia Butler – present, Dawna Hare – excused, Denise Miller – present, Electa Hare – present, Gene Evans – present, George Gardipe – excused, Gilbert Beard – present, James Rice – present, Jeneen SunEagle – excused, Jenifer Littlesun – excused, Jordan Kanuho – absent, Joseph Reed – absent, Lisa Gover – present, Louise Stevens – present, Marcus Barnoskie – present, Meghan Cunningham – excused, Misty Nuttle – excused, Pat Leading Fox – absent, Sammye Kemble – excused, Victoria Lefthand – present, and Walter Echo-Hawk – present. **15 Present, 4 Absent, and 7 Excused. Quorum is established.**

**Present:** Virgil Wade and Chad Smith

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the agenda for February 25, 2023, seconded by Gene Evans.

VOTE: 14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

#### **a. PN Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting January 28, 2023**

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting for January 28, 2023, seconded by Victoria LeftHand.

VOTE: 8 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain and 2 absent. Motion carries.

#### **b. PN Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting February 11, 2023**



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Motion made by Denise Miller to table the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention Virtual Meeting for February 11, 2023, seconded by Lisa Gover.

VOTE: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Discussion and action on Article IX – Courts**

The delegates had discussion on Section 6, Judicial Review.

Motion made by Denise Miller to approve the revisions to Article IX – Courts and recommend to move the article to the Convention Floor, seconded by Lisa Gover.

VOTE: 15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries.

### **b. Discussion and action on Article X – Bill of Rights**

The discussion had by the delegates was to take out Section 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and Section 6 sentence to move to duties. Continued discussion on the article and review of court case Hare vs Knife Chief.

Motion made by Lisa Gover to table Article X – Bill of Rights until the next meeting, seconded by.

VOTE: 8 yes, 0 no, 5 abstain and 2 absent. Motion carries.

*Call for a break at 10:33 AM and resume at 10:45 AM.*

*Reconvene meeting at 10:45 AM.*

### **c. Discussion, Update and/or Action on Article III – Membership**

Discussion from the delegates on the workgroup were to do another survey with more specific questions concerning membership. Chief Beard made the suggestion and mentioned that the Skidi Band will be scheduling their meeting on Membership.

Once the survey is developed/created, we will get it posted and sent out to the Pawnee membership.

### **d. Discussion, Update and/or Action on Article VII – Forfeiture, Suspension, Recall, Removal**

Ms. Lisa Gover and Ms. Carol Nuttle went over suggested revisions for Article VII – Forfeiture, Suspension, Recall, Removal, that will be presented at the community forum on March 4<sup>th</sup>.



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**e. Discussion, Update and/or Action on Article VIII – Nasharo Council**

Update from Denise Miller on Article VIII – Nasharo Council. Suggestion from the workgroup is to do a survey and possibly add a new section number and return the provision of Nasharo oversight of the PBC actions and performance.

**VII. Open Forum**

The delegates had discussion on the meeting schedule (calendar of events) moving forward. The following dates were decided on by consensus of the delegates.

March 11, 2023 – Virtual Meeting. Topics of discussion: Nasharo Council, Forfeiture/Removal, Membership and Bill of Rights.

April 1, 2023 – Convention Floor, In-Person Meeting

April 15, 2023 – Virtual Meeting.

**VIII. Recess**

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to recess, seconded by James Rice.

VOTE: 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 0 absent. Motion carries to recess at 12:37 PM.

Closing prayer was given by Denise Miller.