



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #21-90
NOVEMBER 6, 2021

RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council met in Quarterly session on November 6, 2021, on Pawnee Nation Microsoft TEAMS, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Nation and its citizens have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic as evidenced by rising food costs, food scarcity, and negative COVID-related economic impacts on Pawnee households, a vulnerable population; and
- Whereas,** to respond to the negative impacts caused by COVID-19, the Pawnee Nation and its citizens must take steps to achieve food sovereignty and to mitigate pervasive local food insecurities in an effort to support our citizens and their households economically; and
- Whereas,** to support our efforts in achieving food security and stability, the Pawnee Nation must purchase 1, 120 acres of land in Maramec in order to continue to support production of a food source to aid its citizens and in order for that food source (cattle) to be cropped in a long-term and sustainable way; and
- Whereas,** the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allows for the calculation of Revenue Loss, the allowable use of which "provide[s] recipients with broad latitude to use the Fiscal Recovery Funds for the provision of government services."; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council considers providing food aid to our citizens' households to be a critical provision of governmental services; and
- Whereas,** the Pawnee Business Council, based upon the recommendation of the COVID and Property Committees, recommends that \$3,165,000 for the ARPA Food Insecurity Expansion Program be set aside as follows:
1. Pawnee Nation Revenue Replacement Funds- \$2,413,000
 2. PN American Rescue Plan Act Budget- \$752,000 for cattle and related expenses
- Whereas,** these funds should be automatically transferred to the Pawnee Nation or in the special account set up for allocation.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the following sums for the ARPA Food Insecurity Expansion Program; 1. Pawnee Nation Revenue Replacement Funds- \$2,413,000 2. PN American Rescue Plan Act Budget- \$752,000 for a grand total of \$3,165,000.

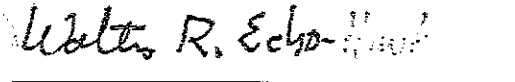
CERTIFICATION

I, George Gardipe, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 6th day of November 2021 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 6 were present, 2 absent, comprising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 6th day of November 2021

ATTEST:


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Nation Business Council


Walter R. Echo-Hawk, President
Pawnee Nation Business Council