

**Caddo Nation Membership Meeting**  
**Caddo Nation Headquarters – Facebook Live and in person**  
**April 30, 2022**

**Secretary established quorum:** 8 signed in-person, 13 signed in comment box

**Call to order:** 10:08 a.m.

**Council Roll Call:** Bobby Gonzalez, Kelly Factor, Jennifer Reeder, Verna Castillo, Arlene O’Neal, Travis Threlkeld, Phillip Martin, and Jennifer Wilson

Invocation: Chairman Gonzalez

**Motion 01:** by Travis Guy, seconded by Korree Gomez to approve the January 29, 2022 meeting, Motion failed due to lack of votes

**Motion 02:** by Tracy Martine, seconded by Eric Guy to table the January 29, 2022 and add additional details, Motion Carried, 21-0-0

- Chairman Gonzalez gave a presentation about land purchase in Hinton, OK.
- Land purchased to build multi-million dollar child care and develop for Caddo Nation projects.
- Child care facility is funded by Administration of Family and Children Services for \$7.5 million.
- The presentation can be found [here](#).

**New Business**

- Open forum questions and answers, see supplement for details

**Motion 03:** by Tracy Burrows, seconded by Andrea Longoria to put the following resolution to a vote: If a district representative doesn’t hold a meeting within in 30-days, they shouldn’t be paid. The meetings should be held quarterly, Motion Carried 28-0-0

- Persons interested in serving for the constitutional revision committee volunteers:
  - Arnita Pewewardy
  - Andrea Longoria
  - Diana Parton
  - Kristie Chandler

- J. Moss requests that the Caddo Nation become a member of the SW American Indian Chamber of Commerce. The chamber may be able to provide a location for district meetings. He also provided information about his role on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- B. Quinlan recommends finding a way to field volunteer requests from tribal members.
- M. Francis-Rico provided additional information on the past child care program. She supports online meetings and adding an at-large representative to the constitution. Notes that transfer of Power should be added to the constitution.
- A. Longoria is concerned that the members appointed are not going to be fair and impartial. Chairman Gonzalez stated the board will sign a confidentiality statement. She would also like it to be stated that HUD regulations supersede actions of the board.
- K. Parton has questions about Caddo housing programs. She will reach out to the Housing Director.
- K. Gomez would like the tribe to look into purchasing Lake Chickasha.
- R. Lemon has property in Ft. Cobb and would like for the tribe to purchase the land.
- A. Longoria stated she lives in Caddo Housing and has never had an interaction with IT, only the Housing Director and staff. Regarding Regency Oak Elder Apartments, she would like grandparents to be allowed to let grandchildren live with them if they have custody/guardianship.
- M. Threlkeld would like her district representative to provide copies of the financial reports. She would like the district representatives to hold meetings to meet with their constituents.
- Binger Representative Threlkeld committed to hold meetings and also send copies of budget to his constituents.
- Vice-Chairman Factor is working on getting names/applications for a new veteran's memorial.
- Anadarko Representative Martin invites any member to attend our council meetings; we have an open forum on the agenda for every meeting.
- C. Carey referenced a letter from the BIA superintendent's office that says there are no minutes on file since September 2021. She has asked that the Secretary have physical copies of the minutes to provide to members upon request. The Chairman will follow up with the Superintendent to confirm that the Caddo Nation has filed council minutes at the agency. The minutes are in the process of being uploaded to the Caddo Nation's server for tribal member access in the near future.

**Motion 04:** by Marilyn Threlkeld, seconded by Andrea Longoria to appoint Dwayne "Buddy" Britton to the Housing Board, Motion carried, 8-7-5

**Motion 05:** by Andrea Longoria, seconded by Kelly Parton to appoint Jon Moss to the Housing Board, Motion Carried 8-7-4

**Motion 06:** by Donna Benitez, seconded by Tracy Newkumet Burrows to adjourn at 1:38 p.m.,  
Motion Carried 21-0-0

**Certification**

We, the undersigned Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, hereby certify the above Caddo Nation Membership meeting minutes were approved by a quorum of the membership at a duly called meeting convened and held on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at the Caddo Nation Tribal Complex in Binger, Oklahoma, and that the forgoing minutes were duly adopted by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ For, \_\_\_\_ Against, and \_\_\_\_ Abstentions.

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Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman

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Date

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Jennifer Reeder, Secretary

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Date

## **Supplemental: Questions and Answers from April 30, 2022 membership meeting**

**Q:** Who will the childcare facility serve? Will it be open to everyone or only Native American?

**A:** The facility will serve all children in the community.

**Q:** Was there a study performed before we selected the location to build the child care facility?

**A:** Yes, the council hired a consulting group to evaluate the property.

**Q:** Was the land purchased with ARPA money?

**A:** 1.5 million was funded with ARPA funds to purchase the land.

**Q:** Why are children living in Regency Oaks when it's an elder apartment?

**A:** The Chairman is going to look into this and report back.

**Q:** Who is running the housing program?

**A:** Amy Stockton is the Director and she reports to the Chief of Staff, not the IT Director.

**Q:** Why is the council holding meetings virtually and not in person? Do you not want the membership to participate?

**A:** The council is holding membership meetings in person and virtually to allow more out-of-area members to participate and to give local members a safe option to participate during the pandemic.

**Q:** Will the constitution be amended?

**A:** Yes, we are in the process of creating a group of experts and tribal members to review and revise the constitution.

**Q:** When the tribe purchased the land in Hinton, was it put in fee land?

**A:** Not yet, but we are in the process of putting it in trust with the BIA.

**Q:** Are we working with the city and local government to develop the land at Hinton.

**A:** Yes, we're working with the city and local government to build up the property.

**Q:** Will we have extended hours of operation for the childcare facility for parents who work late, various hours.

**A:** Facility hours will be determined by the Child Care Director and based on parent's needs.

**Q:** Why isn't the Caddo Nation hiring enough people to take work off the people who are "wearing more than one hat."

**A:** The Caddo Nation continues to post job openings online, on social media, in the newspaper, and postings at the tribal complex.

**Q:** How did the Housing Board come to be and who's on the board?

**A:** Recommendations were made at the July 31, 2021 meeting and Caddo members voted the following members on the Housing Board: Laura Jarvis, Donna Benitez, and Marilyn Threlkeld