

**Caddo Nation Membership Meeting**  
**Caddo Nation Cultural Center**  
**October 29, 2022**

Roll Call: All council members present, Travis Threlkeld participating via Zoom

Call to order at 10:19 - (23 signed-in person, 17 signed-in online)

Invocation: Bobby Gonzalez

**Motion 01:** by Eric Guy, seconded by Arnita Pewewardy, to approve the July 30, 2022 minutes.

Motion Carried, 19-0-1

- Chairman Gonzalez provided opening remarks and a presentation of 2022 Caddo Nation highlights. His updates included:
  - Inventory of land acquisitions
  - 5 homes at Halfmoon Circle received new roofs
  - Development of property on I-40 - Caddo Nation Childcare center underway
  - Making improvements to Caddo Nation museum; new roof in 2022
  - Improvements to all Caddo dance grounds
  - Emergency management funding
  - Future economic development of industrial park
  - Improvements to Caddo Nation travel plaza – new gas dispensers in 2022
  - New firetrucks and equipment
  - Renovation of conference room in main building created new office space
  - EPA building received new roof
  - Cultural building improvements, new media
  - Storm shelters at Caddo complex
  - Housing board established, new governing documents
  - Building relationships with local, state, and federal entities
  - Community building renovation; new roof in 2022
  - Coming soon: new PA system at Caddo Nation dance grounds
  - Coming soon: new roads at Halfmoon Circle
  - Coming soon: Looking at building a new tribal headquarters
  - Working on redacting council meeting minutes, resolutions, etc. to make them accessible online
  - Working on forming a constitutional reform committee; plan on holding public meetings in the first quarter of 2023;
- Michael Meeks reported about Child Care program:
  - 127 families and 230 children served

- 42 licensed centers and 42 relative care providers
- Recently expanded service area to 17 counties in Oklahoma
- Breaking ground on new early care facility in Hinton, OK, on the west side of Sugar Creek casino; facility will include an aquatic center, fitness center, and community garden; facility will focus on Caddo culture and heritage
- Center will use categorical eligibility for all income levels
- Child Care Program is planning several events in November for Native American Heritage Month – check the Caddo Nation website.
- Chairman Gonzalez recognized Eric Travis Guy for his role in making truck driving classes available to tribal members – to date, 2 tribal members have received their CDL
- Chairman Gonzalez reported that the gate is now open on WCD for members who want to go hunting/fishing.
- **Motion 02:** by Andrea Longoria, seconded by Eric Travis Guy to adjourn at 12:39 pm  
Motion carried, 27-0-0

### Q&A Session

**Q.** Will there be a summer culture/ heritage camps so out of state member can bring their children?

**A.** There's currently a Native summer learning camp that's sponsored by the Caddo, Delaware, Kiowa, Apache and Comanche tribes; In 2022, 160 kids participated at 5 camp sites within a two month period. The camp focus is on Native STEM, culture, art and literature.

**Q.** Will the child care aquatic center be open to the public or just tribal citizens?

**A.** Possibly, the plan is to make the center a community-oriented space.

**Q.** Which Agency provided funding for Child Care Program services?

**A.** The grant comes from the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Childcare.

**Q.** Can the childcare program help out of state Caddo children?

**A.** A discussion needs to happen between the tribal government and the Administration of Children and Families.

**Q.** What role does our in-house attorney hold?

**A.** He works part time as the Nation's Policy Analyst and Tribal Preservation Officer. Conner and Winter's law firm is the tribe's attorney of record.

**Q.** Have we done a Caddo census lately?

**A.** The Enrollment Board is preparing to send out a census to all 7033 Caddo tribal members.

**Q.** What's being done about the trespass on WCD lands?

**A.** The Caddo Nation recently responded to the BIA regarding the Wichita tribe's lack of a lease agreement to have a business on WCD lands. It's now up to the BIA to make a decision. We expect a decision within the next 30-days.

**Q.** Questions about securing/protecting Caddo trust property.

**A.** The Chairman is going to visit with some of the land owners and survey the damage to come up with a plan to secure these properties.

**Q.** Can district representative advertise their district meetings and community events?

**A.** Yes, meetings and events are announced on the Caddo Nation website and social media.

**Q.** Can Caddo members still get into the First Americans Museum free by showing their Caddo tribal ID?

**A.** Yes, until December 31, 2022.

**Q.** Will there be a blood quantum adjustment in the future?

**A.** This will be addressed during the process of revising our tribal constitution. We currently have a way to consolidate blood quantum if you descend from more than one tribe.

### **People signed-in online**

1. Katelyn Stumblingbear
2. Kathleen Hays
3. Kearston Freeman
4. Kristie Chandler
5. Lauren Haupt
6. S. Samaniego
7. Sharla Moore
8. Tabbetha Moore
9. Diana Parton
10. Polly Edwards
11. Kelly Irvine
12. Jessica ?
13. Ann Edmonds Pennoke
14. Betty Sponsel
15. Donna Black
16. Francey Freeman
17. Korree Gomez
18. Lavenia Pau-Kune
19. John Moss