



Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

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Caddo Nation Membership Meeting

Caddo Nation Headquarters - Zoom

July 30, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: 10:36 a.m.

Roll Call: Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman; Kelly Factor, Vice-Chairman; Jennifer Reeder, Secretary; Verna Castillo, Treasurer; Phillip Martin, Anadarko Representative; Arlene O'Neal, Fort Cobb Representative; and Jennifer Wilson, Oklahoma City Representative

Invocation: Chairman Gonzalez

Absent: Travis Threlkeld, Binger Representative;

Motion 01: by Becky Quinlan, seconded by Jon Moss to adopt the January 29, 2022 minutes, 19-0-2. Motion Carried.

Motion 02: by Jon Moss, seconded by Christie Chandler, to adopt the April 30, 2022 minutes, 20-0-2. Motion Carried.

New Business

Chairman Gonzalez provided his update.

- Caddo Nation Updates
 - For those who are unable to view the Caddo Nation reports online, you may contact the main office for a copy.
 - The Caddo Nation has now reached 7000 members as of July 2022.
 - Membership meetings will be virtual until the COVID-19 numbers come out of the high transmission rate. The Caddo Nation follows CDC recommendations.
 - Out of 58 programs, all audits are clean.
 - We now have over 70 employees.
 - Our land base has quadrupled.



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- Constitutional Reform
 - We're doomed to fail with a one-tier government
 - The Chairman has been consulting with the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development on constitutional reform.
 - We're planning to hold meetings with Chickasaw Nation legislators to discuss resources needed to transition from a one-tier government.
 - We will eventually hold public meetings to gather tribal member input.
 - Constitutional revision is a long process; our goal is to have constitutional revisions on the ballot for the next election.

Old Business

- WCD land issues:
 - The Caddo Nation will do everything we can to protect the interests of the tribe and to work with the Wichita and Delaware tribes to grow economic development.
 - The DOI has made a decision that all WCD lands are held jointly by all 3 tribes.
 - The Caddo Nation holds 56.9%.
- Court system
 - We are setting the foundation for creating our own court system.
 - Caddo Nation policy analysis and lawyer, J. Rohrer, is working on policies and looking for funding.
 - For now, CFR court has temporary jurisdiction over intertribal disputes.

Open forum questions and answers

- See supplement for details

Discussion

- Jon Moss and Eric Guy would like to be on the constitutional reform committee
- Kristie Chandler would like to acknowledge Sharla Moore's leadership as the Election Board Chairman (and the other Election Board members) in successfully completing two back to back elections.
- To help with Economic development, Jon Moss requests that the Caddo Nation become a member of the SW American Indian Chamber of Commerce. The chamber may be able



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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.

Oklahoma City Representative, Jennifer Wilson, gave an update on back-to-school backpacks being handed out in Norman by the Caddo Nation childcare program. She also announced that Caddo Festival will be held on November 6 at the First Americans Museum.

Fort Cobb Representative, Kay O’Neal, gave an update on Caddo Mounds activities.

Anadarko Representative, Tracey Martine, gave an update on when she will hold her district meeting.

Motion 03: by Kristie Chandler, seconded by Becky Quinlan to adjourn at 12:28 p.m 11-0-0. Motion Carried.

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.

Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman

Date

Jennifer Reeder, Secretary

Date



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Supplemental: Caddo Nation Membership Meeting – Questions and Answers

Q. How can we get a copy of the reports and minutes?

A. <https://mycaddonation.com/membership-meetings>

Q. Do we have a date for when our council will be meeting with the Chickasaw Nation's legal counsel regarding constitutional reform?

A: The chairman talked to the speaker of the house about setting dates and times.

Q. Has the chairman met with Chief C. Hoskins, Jr.?

A. Yes, they discussed constitutional reform, grants, ARPA. The Cherokee Nation and their TERO office has offered to help the Caddo Nation develop a Tribal Employment Rights Office.

Q. When will a Hearing Board be seated?

A. There's a list of members who are interested in serving but none of them ran for hearing board seats during the July 2022 election. There's also no ordinance for a board to operate. For now, CFR court has jurisdiction for all intertribal disputes. The hearing board will eventually be replaced with a court system. This will happen when the constitution is amended.

Q. Will virtual membership meetings continue after the pandemic?

A. Yes, virtual meetings are part of the tribal council's strategy to remain transparent and reach as many members possible. We also want to add at-large representatives when the constitution is reformed.

Q. What are we doing to bring our educated people home?

A. Our tribal members are the Nation's most important asset. The Chairman has been meeting with many tribal members who are experts in their field to help move the tribe forward. He will continue to reach out to tribal members and welcomes anyone to contact him with ideas.

Q. How is enrollment being confirmed for the participants?

A. The secretary has everyone sign in and reviews the list of participants. If there are any questions, she reaches out to the enrollment office to confirm membership.

Q. Regarding AOA and Transportation program. Can we provide transportation for our elders to travel between Regency Oaks Elder Housing to Felix Hendrix building to partake in the Elder



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activities including meals held at the building?

A. The chairman will follow up with the AOA director on this issue.

Q. Regarding Communications to Members: The 5 tribes conduct business with members through information portals that require private sign on information. Can the Caddo Nation set up something like that?

A. We are currently evaluating IT companies to enhance tribal member access to services.

Q. Regarding cultural matters: are we moving forward with any cultural/language/conservation programs or facilities?

A. Yes, we recently hired a Language Preservationist to develop a Caddo language program and preserve the language of our remaining elder Caddo speakers. We also have a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer who is working on the backlog of repatriations. We have applied for a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grant. If we get the grant, we will hire someone for that office.

Q. Has anyone followed up on Lake Chickasha?

A. The chairman talked to a few people, including the City of Chickasha about the lake. There's a lot of issues related to debt and crime.

Q. What is the Council going to do about the last Chairman's reported wrong doing and misuse of funds?

A. Any fraud/embezzlement identified will be turned over to the proper authorities. There are ongoing investigations related to past Administrations.

Q. When will district representatives have their meeting following this membership meeting?

A. District Representatives will be holding their meeting within 30 days. Some of the meetings will be both virtual and in person.

Q. Has the Historical Preservation officer discussed with the council the issues around the artifacts at the Ross Perot Museum in Dallas?

A. Not at this time. The office has been inundated with burial discoveries.

Q. Is there a way for information about people running for an election could send information about themselves and what they stand for so people like me that have no way of knowing who to vote for.



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A. The Election Board posted candidate biographies to the Caddo Nation website during the election.