



Caddo family, my name is Kelly Factor and I am running for Vice-Chairman.

I grew up in Anadarko and graduated from Anadarko High School in 1984. My mother was raised in Binger. I grew up participating in Caddo dances at the tribal complex ground and at Murrows. I am a former Caddo Tribal Princess from way back when! I am a great-great- granddaughter of Chief Whitebread; great granddaughter to Ralph and Ellen Murrow; granddaughter of Kenneth and Melva Jean Beaver Smith and daughter of Marion "Bunky" Beaver-Howell.

After high school, I received a bachelor's degree in social work and master's in Administration and Health Promotion/Disease Prevention from OU. I moved to DC to take a job at the Indian Health Service Headquarters in Rockville, MD, later moving to Cali for a job as Director of Family & Community Health, then became the Director of Health Promotion/Disease Prevention for Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health. There, we provided health education, wellness programs, and education and technical assistance to 7 reservation communities in the area. A large part of my position as the Director was not just overseeing staff and projects/programs, but also grant writing. Grants kept our funds coming in and allowed us to retain and hire staff, as well as provide a variety of programs; many targeting the native youth. These included activities, pregnancy prevention programs, cultural preservation, tobacco education, etc.

I later went active duty and soon became a Commissioned Officer and was hired as the Clinic Director of the Anadarko Indian Health Center. I started and completed a renovation of the old facility I had been going to since I was a child. All the while serving as the CEO of the Lawton Service Unit, including the Indian Hospital. Shortly after completion of renovating the Anadarko Clinic, I applied and was selected as the Clinic Director over the El Reno and Watonga Indian Health Centers, serving numerous times as the CEO of the Clinton Service Unit. We met with tribal leaders on health issues within our IHS Service Units. I would be beneficial at representing us at these monthly meetings in that I have years of experience knowing the ins and outs of our healthcare and what needs to be done.

I retired in 2017 as a Commander, so I am now a proud retired Native American woman veteran. I enjoy spending time with my husband, children, and two grandkids. I shared this information to give you an idea of the person I am, no hidden agenda, just a concerned Caddo member that cares about our tribe and wants to bring my knowledge and experience to cohesively move us forward as a tribe. I too have had many unanswered questions and my goal is to find out what has happened to our programs and work together to lift ourselves back up.

I would like to see many improvements in our tribe, with an emphasis on Education, Cultural Preservation, Economic Development, CHR, Youth and Elder programs, and revamping our current tribal constitution. It is my hope to have a strong, dependable, educated, compassionate, honest person for our Chairman and I want to be able to work with him/her in a positive manner and get our tribe back on track and moving forward cohesively. We need to be more transparent with Caddo members rather than feeling in the dark. Our tribe should be working for our people.

I sincerely appreciate your time in reading this and humbly ask for your support. Respectfully submitted,

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