



# Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

Chairman – Bobby Gonzalez  
Vice Chairman – Kelly Factor  
Secretary – Jennifer Reeder  
Treasurer – Verna Castillo

OKC Representative – Jennifer Wilson  
Anadarko Representative – Tracey Martine  
Ft. Cobb Representative – Arlene O’Neal  
Binger Representative – Travis Threlkeld

**Caddo Nation Membership Meeting**  
**Caddo Nation Cultural Building**  
**January 27, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## Call to Order

Quorum established: 12 online 11 in person

Chairman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

**Invocation:** Kay O’Neal

## Approval of Previous Minutes

**Motion 01:** by Michael Meeks, seconded by Mikayla Meeks to approve the October 28, 2023 minutes.

**Motion Carried:** 14-0-6

## Chairman’s Update, Reports, and Announcements

- Chairman Gonzalez provided an update on his visit to the 2023 White House Summit Washington where he met with several members of the Administration.
- **Tribal Enrollment:**
  - Current tribal citizenship stands at 7,244.
- **Economic Development:**
  - We are leveraging our land and creating business from 1-40 to Anadarko.
  - The tribe is planning listening sessions in 2024 to help guide the direction of the tribe.
  - Recommend contacting the Election Board if you wish to serve on the board.
  - The new economic development building in Anadarko will be open soon.
  - George’s Department store is on track to open this quarter.
  - We have secured funding to build a Caddo Nation fire station on KRPT road.
- **Opioid Settlement Update**
  - Chairman Gonzalez reported the Caddo Nation received \$500,000 from the opioid case to help deal with addiction issues.

- **Constitutional Reform Update**
  - A report will be provided by Todd Goodman and an update will be provided at the next membership meeting in April.
- **Tribal Employment Rights Office**
  - Working with Diane Kelly at the Cherokee Nation to create an office at the Caddo Nation.

### **Citizen Feedback and Requests**

- **Q:** Anthony Cotter asked if the tribe would be interested in having a recycling business. He will follow up with the council about this idea.  
**A:** The tribe is working with the Department of Energy for funding to supplement our current recycling initiatives.
- **Comment:** Gayle Satepauhoodle would like the Tribal Health Board council rep to ask the board to ask the IHS clinics and hospital to be more responsive to patients. She would like to see the tribe start a transit system.
- **Q:** Frances Kodaseet asked if there's a way to get her to the Caddo Nation AOA for people who cannot drive. Also, did we buy the inventory for George's Department Store?  
**A:** Yes, to both questions.
- **Q:** Frances Kodaseet asked if there is a way that someone can pick up recycled items and dispose of them.  
**A:** Yes, she was provided the contact information for our Environmental Department.
- **Q:** Frances Kodaseet asked why is the tribe not "tooting our own horn" when we buy or open new businesses?  
**A:** The chairman spoke about our new marketing campaigns and our future commercials.
- **Q:** Mikayla Meeks asked for an update on the fire fighter program.  
**A:** The chairman reported that we just trained and adjudicated a new crew of fire fighters to run our new trucks. The Fire Program has a webpage on the Caddo Nation website.
- **Q:** Mikayla Meeks asked for an update on relationship with the Governor and tag issue.  
**A:** The Chairman reported that the council has met with tribal and state leaders in Oklahoma and we stand behind House Bill 1159 recognizes the whole state of Oklahoma as Indian Country. Vice-Chairman Factor reported that only 2 tribal citizens received tickets for tax violations, the citations were dismissed.
- **Comment:** Andrea Longoria would like to see more transparency from the tribe, more action, and empathy from Caddo Nation employees when requesting services. She would also like for emergency services to happen sooner and to have department reports at the membership meetings. Would like to update our Caddo Nation logo/seal.

- **Comment:** Shirley Gouge would like the council to look into putting a ramp/rail at the CHR building to make it easier to get in the building.
- **Comment:** Beatrice Johnston, Caddo Nation Election Board would like to see tribal funding for advanced degrees. Also, asking for new members for the Election Board.
- **Comment:** Kristie Chandler, Caddo Nation Election Board – the Board has carried out 3 elections without incident. Looks forward to meeting with the council to seat new members and go over a budget for the next election.

**Motion 02:** by Andrea Longoria, seconded by Eric Guy to adjourn at 12:42 pm.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 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