Tribe To Vote On Constitution

THE CITIZEN BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

ELECTION NOTICE

Members of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma are hereby advised that an election will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 1985 to the purpose of voting on a revised Tribal Constitution. This election is being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with Article XI of the tribe’s constitution and regulations contained in Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR 81).

Pursuant to the requirements of 25 CFR 81, only adult tribal members who register to vote in this election shall be entitled to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed revision of the tribal constitution. A notice is being mailed to all members 18 years of age and older at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll with a voter registration form enclosed. Any member who does not receive such a form by mail should request one from the Shawnee Agency. Rt. 5, Box 148, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801.

THE REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SHAWNEE AGENCY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 5:00 p.m., MAY 3, 1985. All voting in this referendum election on the proposed constitutional revision will be done by absentee balloting. The full text of the current constitution and the proposed revised constitution will be mailed with the absentee ballot to all who register to vote.

It is particularly important and is being emphasized and repeated that only adult tribal members who register to vote in this election will be permitted to cast ballots on the ratification or rejection of the revised Tribal Constitution. Immediately after the ballots are counted the results of the election will be posted at the Shawnee Agency and the Citizen Band Potawatomi Ship-Shape-Wano Building.

Members of the election board are Nicki Peltier, Jerry Fox and Ed Hendon.

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________

I, ________________________________, hereby certify that I am a member of the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma and that I am at least 18 years of age or will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the election Wednesday, May 29, 1985. Please send me an absentee ballot:

Yes: ____________ No: ____________

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SHAWNEE AGENCY BY 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1985.

Completion of and return of this registration form is necessary if you desire to become qualified to vote in the forthcoming constitutional election as required by Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81.11. This form, upon completion and return to the election board, shall be the basis for determining whether you qualify to have your name placed upon the list of registered voters and to receive a ballot.

Completion and return of this form is voluntary.

Sincerely,

Leon Bruno, Chairman

Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma

Dear Tribal Member:

Hopefully you have already received an envelope from the Bureau of Indian Affairs containing an election notice and a BIA 8302 Voter’s Registration Form.

It is very important that you as a Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal member register to vote in the upcoming ratification of our Revised Tribal Constitution.

As it states in the election notice, your registration forms must be back at the Shawnee Bureau of Indian Affairs no later than 5:00 p.m., May 3, 1985.

A registered qualified voters list will be posted at the Shawnee Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency and the Ship-Sha-Wano Building at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Complex for 20 days starting May 8, 1985 and ending May 28, 1985.

All voting on the ratification of the Revised Constitution will be done by absentee ballot. The full text of the Revised Constitution will be mailed to all registered voters with an absentee ballot. Votes will be counted and results posted on May 29, 1985 at the Shawnee Agency of Bureau of Indian Affairs and at the Ship-Sha-Wano Building at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Complex.

This is a very critical election for all Potawatomi Tribal members. It is of the very greatest importance that you register and vote in the ratification of the Revised Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Constitution.

Sincerely,

Leon Bruno, Chairman

Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma
A Tax Commission: Why It Is Needed

By GEORGE D. CARTER
Director, Potawatomi
Tax Commission

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As I sat mulling over the report of some recent decisions of IRS, I began to realize just how little I know about the tax systems of the governments that surround us and at times seem to overwhelm our existence. Well, I still don’t know a whole lot about the state and federal systems, but as Director for the Potawatomi Tribe it seems only fair to impart some knowledge of the fledgling tax system that is its Commission.

First, why a Tax Commission? The Potawatomi Tax Commission and the legislation that created it are a progression of several steps taken by federal and Tribal representatives toward the intended goals of economic self-sufficiency, sovereignty, and self-government for American Indian Tribes.

The most far-reaching piece of legislation to date is the Indian Tribal Self-Government Act of 1988, which provides that Tribal governments be treated like states for specific purposes under the Internal Revenue Code.

It is often a very precarious situation that tribal governments are placed in to interface with city, county, and state government entities and maintain our tribal sovereignty. We are in hopes of being able to work with these governmental entities on a government to government basis. By opening lines of communication, and allowing other governments to see that we have far more to offer than just cultural and historic contributions. Also, with the capabilities of absentee voting as proposed in the revised Constitution, we will be able to receive input from our Tribal members living outside the tribal service area, and allow these Tribal members a voice in their government.

Points of Interest:

1. The regular election of the Citizens Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma for the election of the Chairman and two councilmen and the entire Grievance Committee consisting of 3 members.
2. Filing period opens at 8:00 a.m. May 1, 1985 and closes on May 30, 1985 at 5:00 p.m.
3. Method of filing: Written notice stating your name, office filing for, age, birthdate and place of actual residence. A filing fee of $15.00 by cashier check made payable to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma must accompany the filing notice.
4. Submit this to the Secretary of the tribe's office.
5. All persons filing for office will be required to sign a release of confidential information statement.
6. Candidates will be placed on the ballot in the order they are received.
7. Place of voting will be in the Long Room of the Ship-Shell-Wano Building from 7:00 a.m., June 29, 1985 to 2:00 p.m.
8. If you have any further questions please write: Election Committee, P.O. Box 3849, Shawnee, OK 74801.

From The Business Manager

There have been several new developments in the past month for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. We have progressed on all levels of tribal government and organization. We have enhanced our tribal demeanor politically, economically, and materially; from completing parking lots to being involved in Supreme Court decisions, to assisting in legislation that will enable all Indian tribes to acquire the capabilities to deal with the epidemic problem of alcohol and drug abuse among our teen-age Indian population.

We have upgraded tribal programs to enable the Tribe to deal more effectively with our responsibilities, and are currently coordinating efforts to provide better services under the provisions of our Federal grants and contracts.

It is a very exciting and critical time for all Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, and we need the combined knowledge and support of our tribal population to plot a course to take the Potawatomi Tribe into the 21st century.

Stanley Richard Holder
Business Manager

Fire Lake Golf Course Survives Winter Nicely

It appears that the winter of 1984 was kind to Fire Lake Golf Course. Our Bermuda grass areas, fairways and tees are coming out for the spring very nicely. The bentgrass putting greens have had the spring aerification and top dressing and are in excellent condition. One of last year’s major problems has hopefully been taken care of. Approximately 20 acres of rough has been diced and sprinkled with Bermuda grass. These areas should be greatly improved by mid-summer.

We have been getting more and more players from the Oklahoma City area as well as local areas.

We are very encouraged by their comments about Fire Lake. Our weekends are quickly filling up with tournaments and individuals expressing interest in our course. Group outings are being booked throughout the summer. Also, the Fire Lake Men’s Golf Association has booked their schedule for this year, with the highlight being the Second Annual Fire Lake Golf Classic on August 3 and 4. League play is also being encouraged for weekday evenings.

For further information concerning any aspect of Fire Lake Golf Course, please feel free to call Mike Kimmel at (405) 275-4471 during business hours.
New Agency Reports:

Geraldine Warledo Is New WIC Director

For information about the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe's WIC Program (Women, Infants, and Children), call (405) 275-3121, extension 234. We have a new WIC director, Geraldine Warledo. WIC locations are as follows: Potawatomi WIC, Program hours at the Tribal Office are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sac and Fox Tribal Office (five miles south of Stroud). Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Iowa Tribal Health Clinic (five miles south of Perkins), Tuesday, 1 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Kickapoo Tribal Complex, McLoud, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wewoka Indian Health Clinic in Wewoka, Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. We also have a new CNW at Wewoka. Her name is Geraldine Harjo.

Our caseload for the month of March is a total of 1,159 participants. Also we have attended a Health Fair at Wewoka for the month of April. Senior nursing students from OBU along with the CHR and WIC program from Perkins, Tuesday, 1 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Kickapoo Tribal Complex, McLoud, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wewoka Indian Health Clinic in Wewoka, Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. We also have a new CNW at Wewoka. Her name is Geraldine Harjo.

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New Parking Area Opens

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT
For April, 1985
TRIBAL TRUST PROPERTY — A total of 28,406 feet of new parking was completed during the month of April at the Food Distribution Building. This building is located next to the tribal complex on Hardesty Road. The people serviced by the Food Distribution Program will not have to park or walk in the mud any longer.

The parking area at the tribal store and smoke shop was also extended to accept the number of customers that stop there daily. Work will begin this month on 48 to 60 new parking spaces north of the administration building to better serve the people visiting the tribal office.

In the process are plans to improve the facilities at the parking lot grounds, add an Indian village, and gift shop. When the Indian village and gift shop projects are completed, they should remain open the year round to the public.

Assistance and advise will be needed on the above mentioned projects from all tribal members. This village needs to be as authentic as possible.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM — This year only 18 applications are on our list for home improvements. Seven of those homes are under construction at the present time. If you know of anyone living in our service area that meets the qualifications, they are welcome to call or come by the tribal office and pick up an application for home improvement assistance.

CHR Report

1. Provided a Health Screening Clinic at Lexington and Kenwood serving approximately 100 Senior Citizens (provided Blood Pressure check, occult blood screening, blood glucose-dieting screening, anemia screening).
2. We provided a clinic experience for five (5) Oklahoma Baptist University Senior Nursing students for their extended role nursing class. These students were exposed not only to Indian Health Care programs but had a first hand exposure to the current Indian culture. The projects worked on by these students were:
   A. Infant Child Car Seat Program
   B. The application of Commodity foods to special medical diets.
3. Child Health Screening
   A. A $12,000.00 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) addition to our CHR Program was applied for. We intend to use this money to provide Emergency Medical Services training to Tribal members in times of medical emergencies. Supplies for EMS will also be purchased.
   □ Any Tribal members who are interested in First Aid Training (includes First Aid, CPR, First Responder, EMT or Paramedics): Please contact Ken Cadaret at 275-3121.
4. We continue to provide medical certification for WIC mothers and children.
   □ We continue to provide:
      □ Health Service Director: 60% CHR

Child Welfare Report

Indian Child Welfare report for March-April, 1985
1. Program activities for the month of March and April, 1985.
   a) Application was made for the FY-86 contract year in February of 1985
   b) 17 referrals to other agencies, i.e., IHS, BIA, WIC, Tribal enrollment Legal Aid, etc.
   c) Juvenile Behavior Committee
   d) Access for Family Oriented Services for At-Risk Families (one)
   e) Service Plan
   f) Foster Home Screening
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Association members by a resolution which eventually led to the reopening of the Murrow home. The Citizen Band Potawatomi/ICW has made four (4) recommendation and written a service plan.
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CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

PREAMBLE


ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The official name of this Tribe shall be the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma in organizing under this Constitution shall be:

(a) To promote the general welfare of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and its members by exercising to the fullest extent the inherent powers of self-government vested in the Tribe since time immemorial and any additional powers of self-government vested in the Tribe by federal or state law.

(b) To secure for the Tribe and its members the powers, benefits, rights, and privileges provided for in the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967).

(c) To secure the powers, benefits, rights, and privileges as provided by any laws of the United States now or hereafter enacted for the benefit of Indians or other citizens of the United States.

(d) To secure, for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, a charter of incorporation from the Secretary of the Interior that allows the Tribe to enjoy, those powers specifically mentioned in the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967).

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE

Section 1. The membership of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma shall consist of the following persons:

(a) All persons of Indian blood who were bona fide members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and who were enrolled or were entitled to be enrolled on the official census roll of the band as of January 1, 1937.

(b) Each child of Indian blood born since the date of said roll and prior to June 29, 1961, each of whose parents is or was a member of the Band.

(c) Each child of Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma blood born prior to June 29, 1961, of a marriage between a member of the Band and any other person.

(d) Each child who is of one-eighth or more Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma blood born on or after June 29, 1961, one or both of whose parents are members of the Band.

(e) As used in this Article, the term "a member of the Band" means a member of the Band at the time of the child's birth, or, in the case of a posthumous child, if membership rights are claimed through the deceased parent, the parent was a member of the Band at the time of birth.

(f) The burden of proof as to eligibility for membership in the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall be on the claimant for membership in each case.

(g) The Business Committee shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and/or his authorized representative, covering future membership including adoptions and the loss of membership.

ARTICLE 4 - TRIBAL JURISDICTION

Section 1. The jurisdiction and governmental powers of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall, consistent with applicable federal law, extend to all persons and to all real and personal property, including lands and natural resources, and to all trees and air space within the Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151 or its successor, over which the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma has authority.

Section 2. The jurisdiction and governmental powers of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall also, consistent with applicable federal law, extend outside the exterior boundaries of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Country to all persons and property which are within the Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151 or its successor, over which the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma has authority.

Section 3. The jurisdiction and governmental powers of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall be exercised by appropriate legislation enacted by the Tribe, to establish or provide for a tribal judicial system, a tribal law enforcement agency, and other appropriate administrative agencies of the Tribe.

ARTICLE 5 - CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIAN COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be a Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council. The membership of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council shall be all Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians, 18 years of age or older who have not been adjudged incompetent by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 2. The Business Committee shall provide for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council rules of procedure, subject to this Constitution, by appropriate legislation, and the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council shall exercise such authority and powers as are delegated to it by this Constitution.

Section 3. There is reserved to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council the authority to approve all actions of the Business Committee, or to delegate specific authority to the Business Committee to take particular actions, prior to any such action of the Business Committee becoming effective, which results in:

(a) the appropriation and budgeting of available tribal funds held in trust as the proceeds of any claim against the United States or from the proceeds of any law of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and who were enrolled or were entitled to be enrolled on the official census roll of the band as of January 1, 1937.

(b) the sale of any land or interest in lands, and in connection with the purchase of lands or interest in lands, to authorize and cause to be executed a mortgage or encumbrance covering or extending to property not being purchased.

(c) approval of any settlement of claim of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma against the United States.

ARTICLE 6 - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Officers of the Tribe shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary/Treasurer who shall serve for two year terms of office and until their successor shall be qualified and installed in office.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Council and the Business Committee and perform all duties appertaining to the office, and the Chairman shall see that the laws of the Tribe are faithfully enforced. The Chairman shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Council and of the Business Committee.

Section 3. The Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence or during his incapacity to act, and shall undertake such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chairman or by law. In case of vacancy, the Vice-Chairman shall succeed at once to the office of the Chairman until the next special or regular election for the office of Chairman.

Section 4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall correctly record the proceedings of all meetings. He shall make out the order of the business for the Chairman, shall notify all committees of their appointments, shall have custody of all records and all papers of the Council and the Business Committee and perform all duties appertaining to the office. He shall keep a correct list of all members of the Council and a correct list of all enrolled members of the Tribe, shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council and in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, shall call the meetings to order until a chairman pro tem is selected. He shall rend e a written report at the annual meeting, and at the expiration of his term of office, the records and all papers in his possession shall be turned over to his successor.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall receive and keep all moneys of the Council and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep all tribal moneys entrusted to his care in one or more tribal accounts as may be provided by legislation of the Business Committee, and all disbursements therefrom should be made by check. Any check(s) shall amount to more than $50.00, he shall file a bond satisfactory to the Business Committee and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The cost of such bond shall be paid out of tribal moneys.

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ARTICLE 7 - BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be a Business Committee which shall consist of the Executive Officers as provided in Article 6, and two Councilmen who shall serve for two year terms and until their successor be qualified and installed in office.

Section 2. Subject to any limitations in this Constitution, and except for those powers expressly reserved to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council by this Constitution, or delegated to another tribal entity by this Constitution, the Business Committee is empowered to create any of its members from office for misconduct in office, as defined in the Recall and Removal Ordinance, or upon conviction of such member by any Court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude, or if such misconduct or ineligibility is shown by the Secretary of the Interior so long as such approval is required by Federal law.

ARTICLE 8 - RECALL

Section 1. The Business Committee shall enact a Recall and Removal Ordinance establishing the procedures to be followed in consideration of recall actions. Said Recall and Removal Ordinance shall contain the definitions of misconduct in office which shall constitute grounds to recall a member from office. Thereafter, this ordinance may be amended or repealed only by the Council at an election conducted pursuant to Articles 10 or 13 of this Constitution. Such Ordinance shall provide that not more than two recall proceedings may be pending in the Court at any time. A recall proceeding shall not include more than one official, unless the court consolidates two or more actions for good cause shown.

(a) There shall be a Grievance Committee which shall consist of three members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council. The function of the Grievance Committee shall be to act as a fact finding body and to present the facts to the Courts of the Tribe in cases in which the Grievance Committee determines that there is probable cause to believe that misconduct in office has occurred.

(1) The Grievance Committee, pursuant to such procedures as shall be provided in the Recall and Removal Ordinance, shall hear complaints of misconduct in office by members of the Business Committee or Judicial Officers of the tribe. Upon a showing of probable cause that misconduct in office has occurred, the Grievance Committee shall file and prosecute a civil action in the Court of the Tribe to determine and act upon such complaints, and shall undertake such other duties as it may be assigned by appropriate tribal law.

(2) In any recall action filed by the Grievance Committee, the Court, pursuant to the rules of civil procedure, shall have power to hear the evidence and to determine whether the act or acts of misconduct in office have been shown by clear and convincing evidence so that a recall election should be held. If the Court determines that a recall election should be held, the two-thirds majority of those voting in a special election held pursuant to Article 12 (f) shall be necessary to recall the officer from his office. Any appeal taken of the judgment of the Trial Court ordering a recall election shall be expedited by the Supreme Court.

(b) If the Grievance Committee refuses to bring the action in the Court after a complaint is before them, the complaining party may proceed individually pursuant to this subparagraph (B) of this Article if he so desires. In the alternative, a complaining party, in his discretion, may bring an immediate court action pursuant to this subparagraph (B) without previous action by the Grievance Committee.

(1) The Court, pursuant to the rules of civil procedure, shall hear complaints brought by any person alleging misconduct in office by members of the Business Committee or Judicial Officers of the tribe. The Court shall require, prior to hearing any such action, that the complaining party post a bond in such amount as the Court shall deem proper to guarantee the costs, damages, and attorneys fees of the person complaining of the event that the recall action was filed without probable cause to believe misconduct in office had occurred or that the recall action was otherwise filed in bad faith.

(2) In any such recall action, the Court shall have power, to hear the evidence of the complaining party or parties and to determine whether the act or acts of misconduct in office have been shown by clear and convincing evidence so that a recall election should be held. If the Court determines that a recall election should be held, a two-thirds majority of those voting in an election held pursuant to Article 12 (f) shall be necessary to recall the officer from his office. Any appeal taken of the judgment of the Trial Court ordering a recall election shall be expedited by the Supreme Court.

Section 2. No person may be recalled pursuant to this Article unless at least one hundred fifty (150) persons cast ballots in the recall election.

Section 3. Grievance Committee members may be recalled from office according to the same rules and procedures established in the Recall and Removal Ordinance except that the Business Committee shall act in the capacity of the Grievance Committee in such cases.

ARTICLE 9 - REMOVAL AND FORFEITURE

Section 1. Any elective body of the Tribe, and the Supreme Court in the case of the tribe, may remove any of its members from office for misconduct in office, as defined in the Recall and Removal Ordinance, or upon conviction of such member by any Court of competent jurisdiction of a felony or other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude, or if such misconduct or ineligibility is shown by the Secretary of the Interior so long as such approval is required by Federal law.

Section 2. Such removal action shall be taken only upon proof by clear and convincing evidence at a formal hearing during which a verbatim transcript and record of the proceeding is made, and at which the party complained of has the right to not less than thirty (30) days notice, the right to counsel at his own expense, the opportunity to cross examine witnesses against him, introduce any evidence in his favor, and to otherwise be accorded due process of law.

Section 3. A person removed in such a proceeding shall have the right to appeal the removal directly to the Supreme Court upon the record established at the hearing. During such appeal, which shall be expedited by the Court, the officer shall be deemed suspended but not removed from office until a final decision of the Court. For purposes of this Article, removal of an Executive Officer from the Business Committee shall also be deemed a removal from his Executive Office whether or not specifically stated in the removal action.

ARTICLE 10 - INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1. The members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall have the authority to enact legislation consistent with this Constitution by petition to the Business Committee bearing the language of the proposed tribal law, the signatures, roll numbers, and current address of at least ten percent (10%) of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council, residing within the counties of Cleveland, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, Okfuskee, State of Oklahoma provided, that in the general election upon such proposed legislation which shall be called by the Business Committee within ninety (90) days of the receipt of a valid petition, a majority of the voters who cast ballots in such election vote in favor of the proposed legislation. Notice of such referendum election shall be given to the registered voters at least fifteen (15) days prior to such election. The Business Committee shall be bound by a vote enacting such proposed legislation into law from the date of the election at which such legislation was enacted until it expires by its own terms or until changed by voters at a subsequent election.

Section 2. The members of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall have the authority to reject any legislative action taken by the Business Committee by referendum petition to the Business Committee bearing the language of the tribal law sought to be rejected, the signatures, roll numbers, and current address of at least ten percent (10%) of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council, residing within the counties of Potawatamic, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland, Okfuskee, State of Oklahoma, provided, that in the general election upon such legislation which shall be called by the Business Committee within ninety (90) days of the receipt of a valid petition, a majority of the voters who cast ballots in such election vote against the legislation as enacted by the Business Committee. Notice of such initiative election shall be given to the registered voters at least fifteen (15) days prior to such election. If the legislation is rejected by such vote, that enactment is null and void as of the date of referendum.

ARTICLE 11 - COURTS

Section 1. The judicial power of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is hereby vested in one Supreme Court consisting of seven justices and such inferior courts as may be established by Tribal law.

Section 2. The Courts of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall be courts of general jurisdiction and shall have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the constitution, laws, and treaties of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe. The Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction in such cases as may be provided by law, and shall have appellate jurisdiction in all cases.
ARTICLE 10 or Article 13, or upon request by resolution of the Business Committee.

ARTICLE 13 - MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. Annual meetings of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Council shall be held on the last Saturday of June of each year for receiving reports and other business. In every case, any vacancies in any elective office on an interim basis shall be filled to complete the remainder of the unexpired term. The purpose of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Council meeting shall be to give information and to discuss any matter pertaining to the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. Any actions taken with respect to the authority reserved to the Council by this Constitution shall be made only by a subsequent election held in accordance with, and within the time specified in, the election ordinance, which election shall be open to all members of the Council.

Section 2. Such meeting shall be held at the Tribal Office Building designated for that purpose at the Citizen Band Potawatomi Capital Complex south of Shawnee, Oklahoma, unless some other point under the jurisdiction of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma is specifically designated in the call.

Section 3. Special meetings of the council may be called at the discretion of the Chairman, and shall be called by him upon the written request of the majority of the Business Committee or the written request of one hundred fifty (150) members of the Council.

Section 4. The principal object of the special meeting must be stated in the call and may include the words “and for the discussion of other business that may be presented.” Unless these words are added, no other business can be discussed except for the object stated in the call. Any actions taken with respect to the authority reserved to the Council by this Constitution shall be made only by a subsequent election held in accordance with, and within the time specified in, the election ordinance, which election shall be open to all members of the Council.

Section 5. Notice of meetings of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Council shall be given through all appropriate means by the Secretary of the Business Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 6. The agenda for each meeting of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Council shall be compiled by the Business Committee. Following completion of discussion on all agenda items other tribal business may be discussed, subject to the requirements of section 4 of this Article.

Section 7. As required, following the meetings of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Council, the election board shall conduct an election pursuant to the election ordinance to decide the issues presented to the Council.

ARTICLE 14 - MEETINGS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Business Committee shall be held the last Thursday in February, May, August, and November unless otherwise provided by resolution.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Business Committee may be called by the Chairman at his discretion, and shall be called by him upon the written request of three (3) members of the Business Committee.

ARTICLE 15 - VACANCIES

Section 1. Any elected officer of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe who, during the term for which he is elected, is convicted of any felony, shall automatically forfeit his office. Any elected officer found guilty of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, gross neglect of duty, malfeasance in office or misconduct reflecting on the dignity and integrity of the tribal government, may be removed from office by majority vote of the Business Committee. Before any such vote for removal from office is taken, such member or officer shall be given a written statement of the charges against him at least five (5) days before the meeting of the Business Committee before which he is to appear, and he shall be given an opportunity to answer any and all charges at the designated meeting.

Section 2. The Chairman, subject to the approval of the majority of the remaining members of the Business Committee, whether or not the number of remaining members would constitute a quorum, shall have the authority to fill any vacancies in any elective office on an interim basis until the next regular election at which time a person shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term or for a new term in its regular order as the case may be.

Section 3. In case of vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall be elected to the office of Chairman for the remainder of the unexpired term of such person who had vacated his office, and in case the person who had vacated his office was a member of the Business Committee, the person selected to fill such vacancy shall be a member of the Business Committee.
shall succeed at once to the office of the Chairman until the next regular election at which the office of Chairman shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term or for a new term in its regular order as the case may be.

Section 4. During the period in which the Vice-Chairman serves as chairman under these circumstances, the Vice-Chairman's office shall not be considered vacant and he/she shall return to serve the unexpired portion of his/her own term of office (if any) upon election and installation of a Chairman. Should the Vice-Chairman be elected to the chairmanship, his vacancy shall be filled according to Article 12, Section 1.

ARTICLE 16 - RIGHTS OF PERSONS

Section 1. The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma shall not:

(a) Make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble or to petition for a redress of grievances.

(b) Violate the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, nor issue warrants, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized.

(c) Subject any person for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy.

(d) Compel any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.

(e) Take any private property for a public use without just compensation.

(f) Deny to any person in a criminal proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and at his own expense to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

(g) Require excessive bail, impose excessive fines, or inflict cruel and unusual punishment.

(h) Deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law.

(i) Pass any bill of attainder or ex post facto law.

(j) Deny to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right, upon request, to a trial by jury of not less than six (6) persons.

shall be embodied in ordinances, which may be called statutes. Every ordinance shall begin with the words, "Be it enacted by the Council of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma":

Section 4. All final decisions of the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma upon ongoing matters necessary to the orderly administration of tribal affairs, or having general or continuing application shall be embodied in ordinances, which may be called statutes. Every ordinance shall begin with the words, "Be it enacted by the Business Committee of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma".

ARTICLE 19 - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Business Committee or by a petition signed by thirty percent (30%) of the adult members of the Tribe, and if approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the members of the Tribe, and shall be effective if ratified by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 20 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Any previous ordinances or resolutions enacted by the Tribe shall continue in full force and effect to the extent they are not in conflict with this Constitution unless revoked or amended in the future.

ARTICLE 21 - RATIFICATION

This Constitution, when approved by the Secretary of the Interior and ratified by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, in which at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote shall cast their ballots, shall be effective from the date of ratification.

ARTICLE 22 - CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

I, /s/ John W. Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 26, 1936, (49 Stat. 1967), and redelegated to me by 209 D.M. 8.3, so hereby approve this Constitution of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. It shall become effective upon ratification by the qualified voters of the tribe in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote cast ballots; provided, that nothing in this approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under this document that would be contrary to Federal Law.

/s/ John W. Fritz
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.
Date: March 28, 1985

ARTICLE 23 - CERTIFICATE OF RATIFICATION

Pursuant to an order approved by , The Deputy Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs on , 1985, this Constitution of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and was on , 1985, duly ratified/rejected by a vote of , for, and against, in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of entitled to vote cast their ballots in an election called for that purpose.

Chairman, Election Board
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Date:
Potawatomi Dictionary

The Potawatomi have a tendency to elude vowels and syllables, due to the rapidity with which the dialogue is spoken, as compared with that of the Ottawa and Chippewa. The vowels are: A. E. I. O. The alphabets not used in this writing are as follows: C. D. F. G. J. L. P. R. U. V. X and Z, although some Potawatomi use few of the alphabets above. T is used in place of the letter D. TT is pronounced like CH. B is used in place of letter P.

Vowels
A. E. I. O
Ba. Be. Bi. Bo
Ta. Te. Ti. To
Ka. Ke. Ki. Ko
Sh. She. Shi. Sho
Ma. Me. Mi. Mo
Qa. Qe. Qi. Qo
Sa. Si. Se. So
Wa. We. Wi. Wo
Ya. Ye. Yi. Yo
Sa. Se. Si. So

Wait ........................................ BA MA OR BWITI KEN
Rain ........................................ KMO WEN
Big Rain ................................ KTTE KMO WEN
It's Snowing ............................ BO NI ME KET
It's Warm (Material Things) ........ BSE TE
Fight ........................................ MI KA TI
Laugh ...................................... YA YE NO
Runs Fast .................................. KSHE KE
Necklace ..................................... NAB KO WA KEN
Tell Her/Him ............................ WIT MOW
Ugly ........................................ MYAN SE
Tall .......................................... KNO SE
He/She's Short ............................ TTKO SE TE
Corner ........................................ SHO WEN
Medicine ..................................... MESHKA KE
Door ......................................... SHQA TEM
Peanuts .................................. BKA NEW SEN
Short ......................................... MO SHO WKEN
It's Full .................................... MOSHK NE
Empty ....................................... BEK SHAK SEN
Smoking Pipe ........................... BO WA KEN
Needle ...................................... SHAB NE KEN
Thimble ..................................... KAT A QAS WEN
Yes ............................................ E E
Yes, I Heard .............................. E E NKI NO TA KE
No .............................................. TTO
Barber Shop ............................ KASHK O WE WKA MAK
Crying ....................................... MO WAK
Church ...................................... NAM E O KA MAK
Letter ........................................ MS EN A KEN
Ket .............................................. KE TAB KA E KEN
Iron(Steel) .............................. BI WA BOK
Porch Steps ............................. E TTE QE TA SIK
Outside ..................................... SA KETT
Razor ...................................... KASHK O WEN
Radio ...................................... NOTAK TTE KEN
Maybe ...................................... KNE BEET OR QE TAN
Outside ..................................... SA KETT
Talk .......................................... KIK TO
Oyster ..................................... A BI SE
Costume (Indian Regalia) ........ MI SHAT SO WEN
Leader ........................................ NA KA NI
Hay ......................................... MISH QEN
Helper ...................................... NA SHOK MA KET
Matches ................................... SHOK TE SEN
Headband .................................. YA SOT QE B RO WEN
Swing ...................................... WE WEB SO WEN
Sled .......................................... BIS TA BYAN
I'm Glad .................................. NE TTI WEN MO
Hammer .................................... BKETT KAS
Mirror ....................................... WA WAB MO WEN
Wheel ....................................... TET BE SE
Purse ........................................ SHON YA SHKA MOT

Cooking Operations Have Finally Moved Into New Kitchen

Title VI cooking operations have finally moved into their new kitchen located in the Food Distribution Building. The facility is much more modern than the kitchen the program was previously using. The program began having monthly Dinner Dances in February 1985 as a new social activity. The Dinner Dances are held on the first Friday of every month. Dinner is usually served at 6:00 p.m. with dancing afterward. Live music is provided by a local band. Two members of the band are Title VI participants.

Tribe's JTPA Program Designated Native American Grantee, '85-'86

Great news arrived in the Tribe's JTPA office on March 11, 1985. The Tribe's JTPA Program was redesignated as a Native American Grantee for Program Years 1985 and 1986. The Division of Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Labor. Both the 1985 Summer Youth and 1986 Title IV Program Plans have been submitted with funding occurring in June and July respectively.

With summer right around the corner, the JTPA staff is currently gearing up for the 1985 Summer Youth Employment Program. The Summer Program is designed to provide economically disadvantaged Indian Youth work experience during the summer months. This year’s program will provide 70 Indian Youth with employment opportunities with emphasis on continuing education at program’s end.

Applicants must be of Indian Heritage, age 14-21, economically disadvantaged, and reside in the program's four-county service area. Some 45 work sites have been developed thus far and eager youth are beginning to apply daily.

Program information can be obtained by calling the Citizen Band Potawatomi JTPA Office at (405) 275-3121.

John Shea
JTPA Director