

Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting MINUTES

July 15, 2025, **5:30 p.m.**, Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building
808 Morris Rd
Pawnee Tribal Reserve

Misty M. Nuttle – President
Jordan Kanuho – Vice-President
George Gardipe – Secretary
Carol Chapman – Treasurer

Cynthia Butler – First Council Seat
Dawna Hare – Second Council Seat
Carol L. Nuttle – Third Council Seat
Jenifer Gover LittleSun – Fourth Council Seat

I. Call to Order & Invocation

Madame President Nuttle called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Councilwoman Gover LittleSun gave the invocation.

II. Roll Call – Declaration of Quorum

Secretary George Gardipe called the roll: Misty M Nuttle – here, Jordan Kanuho – here, George Gardipe – here, Carol Chapman – here, Cynthia Butler – here, Dawna Hare – titaku (here), Carol Nuttle – here, and Jenifer Gover-LittleSun – here. **Quorum established.**

III. Approval of Agenda

ADDITION: New Business 6. Approval of Committee Appointments a. HR Commission, b. Communications Committee, c. Tourism Committee, d. Governing Document Committee

Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for July 15, 2025, with additions, seconded by Jenifer Gover LittleSun.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025

Motion made by Carol Chapman to table the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2025, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– no, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– no, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

V. Pawnee Business Council Travel Report & Request

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President Nuttle reports on her travel to the Standing Bear Committee Meeting in Ponca City

- Included representatives from Osage, Tonkawa, Ponca, Otoe, and Pawnee tribes.
- The meeting focused on nominations for head staff for the upcoming Standing Bear Powwow (Sept 26–27).
- Logistics are underway; updates will be shared as nominations are confirmed.

VI. New Business

1. Introduction and Discussion with newly elected Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization Officers

Marvin Hand (Paul), President and Sean Williams, Vice President introduced themselves as new officers of the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization. As the newly elected officers they wanted to discuss the following requests:

- Making the current homecoming location permanent.
- Freezing the Roundhouse during homecoming.
- Collaborating on seasonal events like the Fall Equinox Feast.
- Funding assistance for the Veterans and Christmas dances.
- Offering support for tribal events (e.g., flag bearers at funerals and inaugurations).

2. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Approval of 1095 Housekeeping/Grounds Maintenance- Pawnee Behavioral Health Center Budget

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve 1095 Housekeeping/Grounds Maintenance- Pawnee Behavioral Health Center Budget, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

b. Discussion and/or action on Donation Request

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the \$200 Donation Request, seconded by Carol Chapman.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- kaki (no), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

c. Approval of Southern Plains Tribal Health Board- Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center, Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment Budget

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board- Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center, Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment Budget, with changes, seconded by Cynthia Butler.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and/or action on Tribal Management Grant Consultant Contract Amendment

Motion made by George Gardipe to deny the Tribal Management Grant Consultant Contract Amendment, seconded by Jordan Kanuho.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

4. Approval of Resolution #25-35 Request for Secretarial Election

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-35 Request for Secretarial Election, seconded by Carol Nuttle.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– no, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

5. Approval of Resolution #25-36 Secretarial Election Amendments

Motion made by Jenifer Gover LittleSun to approve Resolution #25-36 Secretarial Election Amendments, seconded by George Gardipe.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– no, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

6. Approval of Committee Appointments:

- a. HR Committee**
 - 1. Cynthia Butler, Chair
 - 2. Reva Howell
 - 3. James Rice

4. Rhonda James
- b. Communications Committee**
 1. Cynthia Butler, Chair
 2. Jenifer Gover-Littlesun, PBC
 3. Ericka Sun Eagle-Shawnee
 4. Haley Teter
 5. Gilbert Beard
- c. Tourism Committee**
 1. Cynthia Butler, Chair
 2. George Gardipe, PBC
 3. Herb Adson
 4. Lindsay Teter
 5. Joseph Reed
 6. Ericka Sun Eagle-Shawnee
- d. Governing Documents Committee**
 1. Jenifer Gover LittleSun, Chair
 2. Cynthia Butler
 3. Angela Thompson
 4. Chris McCray
 5. Shannon Foye
 6. Ella Mae Blackowl
 7. Herb Adson, or CRD Representative

Motion made by Carol Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Business Council Committee Appointments, seconded by Dawna Hare.

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– yes, Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries.

VII. Open Forum

Liana Teter commented on the following:

- When and how the proposed amendments (A–T) would be presented to tribal members.
- How many opportunities there would be to learn about the changes before voting.

Joe Buford and Michelle Reed reported on the following:

- Requested a formal commitment from the council to meet with the Seed Preservation Society to address internal issues and promote unity.
- Ancestral corn seeds were “held hostage.”
- Over \$5,000 in property was mishandled.
- Acting as a whistleblower and requested a letter of support and acknowledgment.

Angela Thompson objected to the new 3-minute limit for public comments, stating it restricts tribal members’ voices and may violate constitutional rights.

Treasurer Carol Chapman supported this concern and added that she felt censored during a previous meeting when her microphone was cut and her comments were removed from the YouTube recording.

Denise Miller criticized Treasurer Chapman for refusing to release funds approved by the council, emphasizing that the council is the supreme governing body and its decisions must be followed.

Ella Blackowl commented on the following:

- Lack of transparency from the Seed Preservation Society (e.g., meeting notices, board changes).
- Council members attending meetings virtually while participating in powwows.
- Inconsistent participation in the Constitution Convention by council members.

VIII. Set the Next Meeting Date

The Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting has been scheduled for August 2, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Multipurpose Building.

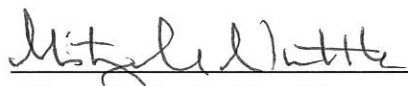
The next Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting has been scheduled for August 5, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Multipurpose Building.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by George Gardipe to adjourn, seconded by Cynthia Butler

Vote: Jordan Kanuho– yes, George Gardipe– yes, Carol Chapman– yes, Cynthia Butler- yes, Dawna Hare- ahu (yes), Carol Nuttle– ahu (yes), Jenifer Gover LittleSun – yes, and President Nuttle – not voting. Motion carries to adjourn at 7:13 PM.

Approved: August 5, 2025
Date


Misty M. Nuttle, President

Pawnee Business Council


George Gardipe, Secretary
Pawnee Business Council