

I have had the honor to serve as the current Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's Tribal Council Vice-Chairperson. Prior to that, I served as a tribal Gaming Commissioner, monitoring the casino for regulatory compliance during the Harrah's Prairie Band Casino era, and the transition when the PBP nation voted to self-manage the casino. I also served on the tribal council back in the pre casino days. My parents Agnes Wabski Wamego and Joe Kitchkommie lived on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation. My Dad, after serving in the Army, moved our family to Topeka where I was raised attending schools there. I also attended Washburn University. My employment history has been in local agencies/companies, customer service, payroll, problem solving, scheduling and timekeeping for employees. I retired from the BNSF railroad when I came back to work for the nation. During my tenure as Vice-Chairperson I've seen our self-managed Prairie Band Casino be very successful with increased revenues and tribal distribution. After the state entered gaming, allowing for state casinos, it's been challenging and although the PBC&R continues to do well, the state competition has impacted the revenues of the casino. Tribal distributions and per cap are not increasing. The annual budget for government services depends largely on tribal supplements.

The PBP Tribal Council and the state agreed upon a tobacco tax compact which has the potential for more revenue after implementation July 2016. Next we will be looking at negotiating a sales tax compact with the state of Kansas. It will be vital to have a sales tax compact with the state regarding economic development activity at 150th and Highway 75. Like other tribes, the success of our casino has peaked and is now declining. The general consensus was that for the PBP to be successful and stay ahead in the field of economic development we would need to diversify in areas other than gaming. In meetings and discussions all would agree that diversification was needed.

In January 2010 the General Council approved the PBPN Corporate Implementation (the LLC), including a capital investment. The overall purpose of the LLC was to diversify, manage and expand financial assets and after five years of operation the LLC will distribute dividends back to the tribe. I think it's fair and prudent for the nation to ask of the LLC a transparent and true accounting of the LLC now that we are past the five year mark. I support the LLC board with this endeavor.

We are pursuing the Shab-eh-nay reservation plan in Illinois, if successful, it will provide for more economic development that the nation can provide for improved housing, education, health care, cultural programs and other services to all tribal members. That project is progressing positively.

Regarding Cobell buyback plan, the PBPN has been recognized as having one of the most successful implementations across the country, leaving open the possibility of obtaining more monies for the nation to do more purchasing fractionated lands by those individuals that opt to do so.

I have been the tribal council liaison to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation working to ensure that there is good communication between the council and the board and casino management.

If allowed to continue on the tribal council I will continue to uphold the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Constitution and the Law and Order codes of the nation. Rather than promising that I will always fund

one or two programs or a specific department, I will promise to represent each and every Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal member fairly, regardless of where you reside. I will continue to represent the PBPB Tribal Council office of the Vice-Chairperson positively and respectfully. I will continue to be mindful of the accountability of budgets, including tribal council's accountability and transparency of administrative and travel budgets. I will continue to maintain my personal office without the expense of an administrative assistant as I have done during my term. I will continue to be available for any persons needing my assistance. I cannot always grant everyone's request if there is a budgetary concern or if tribal council disapproves, I will however; get the request discussed. I will be upfront in my communications.

I support amending the enrollment ordinance if the nation votes to do so. That change has to come from the entire PBPB by a vote after everyone has had the opportunity to look at options and analyze before making that important decision.

Serving as Vice-Chairperson has been rewarding, sometimes challenging, always extremely prideful. I believe in the Prairie Band Potawatomi people, we are resilient, stubborn, proud, mindful of our past and ways we were taught.

I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

I am Sog-mah-Kwe.

Joyce Kitchkommie Guerrero