

I am announcing my candidacy for the Treasurer of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. The Treasurer position is an important office of our Tribal Government. Through its leadership can create a more dynamic life for our people by ways and means of utilizing our best assets in the most effective ways possible. Our people and our actions are what define us as a tribal nation. We all want the best for our tribal nation and it is going to take cooperation to secure the comfortable life we want that is guaranteed to every Potawatomi. For it is in the Tribal Office that the most fundamental decisions of our tribal nation must be made in the next four years:

- **Strengthen Sovereignty**
 - limiting the States involvement in tribal issues and jurisdiction by repealing the Kansas Act of 1940 that strips tribal criminal jurisdiction, which stands currently as a Federal Law
 - how to best utilize the IRS's Tribal General Welfare Exclusion for our tribal members by developing procedures and various program use to implement these exclusions
 - how to improve our economy and reclaim our land and take care of it the way it should by strategically defining and developing our infrastructure to work for us to better our education and wellbeing
- **Promote Self-Sufficiency**
 - how to conserve freedom and order in while securing hunting and fishing rights by exercising our rights and educating the communities in which our lands encompass
 - how to achieve self-sustainability, reduce unemployment, protect our employees' rights and create economic growth to benefit our community needs by implementing basic tribal laws and use of various programs to create jobs to assist our nation in achieving goals that align with developing and taking care of our lands and waterways
 - and how to give direction to our traditional ethical perseverance, to awaken each and every tribal member to the vulnerabilities of and opportunities that challenge us today and in the future

These are the issues today that we need to focus on making an impact for the betterment of our people. Any pencil pusher can sit behind a desk and sign their name but it takes a special kind of leader who has the drive to listen to the people, stand up for our peoples rights, do as a leader is supposed to and protect these freedoms and rights as a Potawatomi person. This is who I am and this is what I stand for and I vow to pursue this as my personal mission to push to preserve our inherent rights and afforded freedoms to the maximum capability. It is time for a council who will make leadership decisions to ensure we are securing a fruitful future for our children and future generations to come.

As a former Prairie Band Potawatomi Treasurer, I stood up for these same issues in the remaining term I filled for our people. I spoke up against issues that I felt were not in the best interest of the people. At times I felt at odds with some of the decisions being made so I voiced my opinion and was heard, thus changing the way tribal funds and assets were being allocated. Through cooperation we addressed some of the housing and land purchasing needs yet those decisions to build were cancelled by recent council. The buildings that were meant for the startup casino that were sitting idly racking up rental space fees in Illinois and then Texas were finally transported back here which reduced that costly burden, now these

same buildings stand idly by today. We had several investments that mirrored each other and were not truly diversified to reduce risk of loss; which each had their own costs. These investments were consolidated to reduce the cost and minimized the risk. These are some of the issues that crossed my desk that were addressed and I look forward to continuing that promise and oath I made when filling the duties of the Treasurer's office. I am asking for 4 years as Treasurer to show what we can do as a people to define our short term and a long term goals to guide our decisions to ensure every decision is based off of a significant purpose.

Born and raised on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation lands I have always strived to be the best son, brother, father, cousin, uncle, nephew and friend I could be. I care for this land we live on and for our neighbors all over this great place we live our lives. I have a strong investment in our people and our future to raise our children here in a clean and safe environment.

Graduating from the local school district that has an ever presence in our community I went to college and graduated with my Bachelors and my Master's Degree. While attending school I always had the desire in my heart to help our people. While I obtained my degrees I returned and worked for the Prairie Band Casino and Resort in the Table Games, Human Resources, Hotel & Retail and Finance Departments I've learned a lot of the intricacies of how we have continued to be the best casino in the state of Kansas. After graduating I had worked for the Road & Bridge Department, served on the Council for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and worked for the Sac & Fox Casino in Powhattan, KS as the Data Analyst Manager.

When you receive your ballots, please make a decision based on who has made and will continue to make the effort to address the people needs as well as our nation's needs. I ask that you vote Noah Wahquahboshkuk for Treasurer this election.

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