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President's Report

I hope you all had a blessed holiday and a safe and happy new year. We have completed a calendar year and are beginning a brand new year. This is our sixth newsletter and we wanted it to be something that would provide a little more information on what the Committee has been doing the last 6 months. Elections were held on July 21, 2012, so we are a little shy of an actual 6 months but I think we, as a Committee along with our staff, Commissions and various other people, have accomplished a lot of things. However, there are plenty of other things to accomplish over the next 6 months, the next year and throughout our term which expires in July of 2016.

One of the things that has been implemented is the requirement for the various boards to begin submitting quarterly reports in line with their ordinances and if there was not a requirement for a report that they voluntarily submit a report. We have included summaries of the reports in this newsletter and tried to hit on the highlights.

I have attended various meetings in state and attended the Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC in December. I have included a report in this edition. I will also be attending the Inaugural Ball at the National Museum of the American Indian during the inauguration this year representing the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes as approved by the Wichita Executive Committee. NCAI will be hosting a tribal leaders meeting with key administration and Congressional members the day after the inauguration.

It was mentioned that the Committee ran together and we all vote the same. I can tell you that we have differences and the Committee does not all always vote the same. We don't always all see things the same way and that is good because it leads to discussion on the issue. However, as a Committee, we have agreed to work together and get through those differences for the betterment of the Tribe. In the end, we all want to see good things for our people. As a Committee, I believe that we will continue to do our best to keep our Tribe moving forward.

There are a lot of opportunities available to us. We have a great team of people working with us and as we move along other opportunities will arise with the creation of new jobs and various positions for others to assist but it takes time, planning and working together to make things move. I think you will see that we are trying to accomplish that.

I would like to encourage each of you as your tribal leader to pray for our Tribe, our people, especially our children and elders. We are all enrolled Wichita, Wichita descendants, work with or are associated with Wichita tribal members in some way. We lost our third tribal member this year, today on January 10, 2013. Ten days into the new year. Death can effect our Tribe at any age. Time is too short. Love each other. Hug your elders when you see them. Be an inspiration to a young child. Every one of you are leaders in various capacities and we all have the ability to do great things. May God bless each of you this year!

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Wichita Executive Committee Report

Below are various issues that the Committee has dealt with from the election in July to September 30, 2012 and then for the Quarter ending December 31, 2012. These things are carried out by the President and/or Tribal Administrator. In business, there are a lot of legal issues especially when it comes to Indian law. In order to protect the Tribe, we have to seek legal advice especially in regards to Tribal Sovereignty. Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP are the attorneys contracted by the Tribe to assist with legal issues. They specialize in Indian law. The Committee would like to acknowledge their assistance in helping us get some of these things moving by helping us to address the legal issues. They have been legal counsel for the Tribe for more than 15 years.

Legal Issues

- **Federal Charter**-Approved 11/27/12 waiting approval from Secretary of the Interior.
- **LLC Code**-Approved 11/27/12.
- **Land Issues**-We have evaluated potential acquisitions of additional properties to improve our land base.
- **Site Plan**-We are looking at options for developing the existing land base.
- **Wichita Sports Commission**-We changed the Act to allow for the regulation outside tribal jurisdiction.
- **Paycom**-We addressed several contract issues.
- **WCD Lands**-The Tribe is looking at the division of jointly held lands.
- **WTIDC**-Removal of Commissioner-A request for removal of V.V. from WTIDC was presented, a hearing was held, both sides were heard and a decision to remove V.V. was made.
- **Trust Applications**-We have two trust applications pending.
- **Right-of-Way Issues**-We will need to address in the new year.
- **Amending the Liquor Ordinance**-We are waiting approval from the Secretary of the Interior.
- **SBA Issues**-An inquiry to companies was made and we assisted in the responses.
- **Tobacco Compact**-Governor Fallin issued letters on 12/21/2012 to allow the compacts to expire 06/30/2013. The Tribe has responded to the letter issued to the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes regarding the Tobacco Compact.

Commissions

- **Commission Positions Filled**-Katherine Cunningham-WTIDC, Margaret Bell-WGC

Programs

- **Staff Meeting**-Met with Staff
- **FY-2013 Budgets**
- **Child Care Center**-Meetings with DHS
- **Audit Issues**-Addressing Grant inquiries
- **638 Programs**-BIA Review
- **Paycom**-Direct Deposit for employees
- **Finley & Cook**-Contracted the Finance Office Out
- **CHR Budget**-Carryover funds
- **Program Reports for Newsletter**
- **Next Newsletter**-Information on Grades, CAP/Gown, ACT Fees, Diabetic Assistance for dentures, partials and shoes
- **Created new positions**-Tribally Funded Social Services Director, Public Health Nurse and Procurement
- **Transportation Truck**-Should purchase through IRR funds in January
- **Expanded Services**-Expanded to tribal elders out of state by providing gift cards for elder hams and turkeys
- **AoA**-Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners-We had a lot of tribal members who attended for the first time.
- **CHR**-Get to the Goal Program
- **Elder Payments**-Went out in December

Other

- **Anadarko Industry Blog**-Monthly Newsletter Article that hadn't been done before
- **Website**-Approved website developer on 01/08/2013-Includes language module
- **Run-Off Election**-Held for Treasurer position
- **Hired a Tribal Administrator**-Sam Caruso
- **Newsletter**-This is the sixth Newsletter
- **Wichita History Blog**-By Gary McAdams
- **Youth Video Workshop**-Several tribal youth participated
- **Travel Plaza**-01/14/2013 will be the selection of Design Build Team. Numerous meetings have been held
- **Tag Office Renovated**
- **Met with Sugar Creek Casino Staff**
- **Wichita History Lecture** -08/19/2012
- **Voter Registration**-6 employees registered to vote in 2012 election
- **Added WTE Vacancy Announcement**-There are no current vacancy announcements for WTE or AI in this edition.

Tribal Nations Conference

Tribal Nations Conference
Washington, DC
December 5, 2012
By President Terri Parton

On December 4, 2012, I traveled to Washington, DC for the Tribal Nations Conference held with President Barrack Obama. I arrived on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 by 12: 00 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., I had a meeting at the Department of Justice regarding 638 Law Enforcement Contracting and discussion on the COPS grant. At 7:00 p.m. that evening I attended the NCAI Tribal Leaders Preparatory Meeting for the Summit. The meeting included discussion on the Lane Duck Session, Sequestration, budget, Carcieri, and Stafford Act (FEMA) and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act). Discussion was also held on the Fiscal Cliff, treaty rights, economic sustainability, cultural protection of sacred places, natural resource management, water rights and I.H.S. contract support costs.

On December 5, 2012, I attended the 2012 Tribal Nations Conference. Ken Salazaar, Secretary of the Interior, gave the opening remarks. In his opening remarks, he talked about the Hearth Act, Cobell, Tribal Law and Order Act, long standing water disputes, Native American languages, education, increasing BIA Law Enforcement. Other speakers included heads of Education, Treasury, Commerce, HHS and Agriculture.

Later in the day I attended one of the Breakout Session. I attended the Governance and Nation-to-Nation Relationship. Some of the panel included David Hayes (Deputy Secretary), Tony West (DOJ) with Tracy Toulou (DOJ) present, Stacey Ecoffey (HHS), Stephanie Birdwell (VA) and Tracie Stevens (NIGC). Discussion was held on the Contract Support Costs, Carcieri Fix, administrative wide policy on Sacred Sites, the MOU regarding Sacred Sites, trust reform, conflict of interest issues, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), trust reform regarding education, Department of Justice laws and how they are interpreted. Landless Tribes, highly fractionated lands and taking lands into trust were also discussed.

After the Breakout Sessions, tribal leaders went back to the auditorium to hear reports from the various panels. Some of the concerns expressed by tribal leaders during the other breakout sessions included:

- Law Enforcement-need for police resources and training
- Need for Law Enforcement presence on reservations
- Violence Against Women Act
- Mining Impacts on Sacred Sites
- Land into Trust
- Carcieri Fix
- NAGPRA and need for regulatory change
- Preserving Natural Resources
- Preserving Water
- Treaty Rights
- Protecting water quality
- Importance of access to capital
- Government Contracting
- Importance of land ownership
- Ability for tribes to raise taxes
- Broadband infrastructure
- Need for good roads
- High school dropout rates
- Native Languages and Ester Martinez Act
- Affordable Care Act
- Impact on loss of services for IHS
- Lack of contract support cost
- Special Diabetes Programs
- Building Stronger relationships
- Working effectively with tribal governments

President Obama then delivered his speech to the tribal leaders. A reception was held for tribal leaders in the office of Ken Salazaar after the conference. Later that evening, a reception for tribal leaders was held at the National Museum of the American Indian. I met Mr. Washburn along with individuals from the museum, National Park Service, FEMA, and had discussions with other Oklahoma Tribal Leaders.

On Thursday, December 6, 2012, I attended the Tribal Leader Listening Session: Energy Development in Indian Country. This panel included Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Tracey LeBeau (DOE), Janie Hipp (USDA) and Sarah Bittleman (USDA). Pillar Thomas from DOE was the moderator. It was explained that there were 8 agencies present that have funding available. USDA has the most funding. Mr. Washburn explained the importance of working on federal issues. Ms. LeBeau discussed technology innovations, Indian Country representing 10% of energy potential, the "START" program and utility development in Indian Country. Ms. Bittleman explained that USDA's involvement in
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energy development from seed to fuel tank to electricity to the light switch. Discussion was held on wind, solar, biofuels and geothermal energy. Discussion was held on business development in rural America and various grants and loans. Ms. Bittle discussed growing new crops, windfarms, maintaining tribal cultures and sacred sites. One main topic was Technical Assistance and Capacity Building. Discussion was held on potential loans for energy development. Ms. Bittleman explained that the USDA could also help tribes with small scale projects. Jody Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native Americans also joined the meeting.

Additional discussion included 8(a) mentorship programs, major transmission lines taking 10 to 20 years of planning, rural water issues and biomass projects. Several questions were asked specific to concerns energy concerns of the individual tribes.

After the Listening Session, I had discussions with someone from the DOI-Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development. Discussion included grants, loans, loan guarantee's and other resources for tribes as far as technical assistance.

Later in the day, before catching the plane home, I attended the Department of Energy Workshop. Ms. LeBeau and Ms. Pillar were present. Discussion was held on capacity building and their workgroup. Renewable energy and the "START" program were discussed. DOE can offer technical assistance on energy planning. Discussion was held on the military looking to tribes to buy energy, energy savings contracting and the Native Youth Multi-media Energy Education Project.

I returned home late in the evening on December 6, 2012.

A lot of information was provided from the Department of Energy on grant information.

President Additional Meetings

In addition to working with the Committee, I also attended various other meetings on behalf of the Tribe over the last Quarter. The number in front represents the number of meetings. I may have missed a few but this is a pretty good list based on my notes:

- 3-WCD
- 3-Health Board
- 1-Anadarko IHS Rededication
- 1-Tribal Leaders Tobacco Roundtable-Gladys Walker and Jesse Jones also attended
- 1-Labor Force Report Meeting
- 1-Tobacco Grant Contract Meeting
- 1-DHS Meetings
- 1-Governor Fallin-Native American Heritage Month with Tribal Leaders
- 2-Transportation Planning
- 1-UINOKT
- 1-EPA Region 6 Presentation
- 1-Land Buy Back Conference Call
- 1-Riverside School Board Meeting
- 1-Riverside Groundbreaking
- 1-BIA Informational Meeting
- 1-Tribal Nations Conference

Wichita Executive Committee Meetings and Compensation

Meetings:

- 13 Special Meetings-July 21-September 30, 2012
- 10 Special Meetings-October 1-December 31, 2012
- 1 Regular Meeting-October 8, 2012-In accordance with Governing Resolution.

Compensation for Elected Officials:

- Committee Members are compensated \$100 per meeting. President is compensated \$100 if meeting is after 5:00. Most meetings are after 5:00. Many Committee Members work outside of being Committee Members which is common with other tribes. Many meetings last 5, 6 or more hours. Regular Meetings will run close to 10 hours.
- Gaming Oversight Committee-\$50 per meeting. They meet weekly normally for two hours.
- President's salary is \$39,478.40. On average 55-60 hours per week.

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Vacancy Announcements

Sugar Creek Casino Casino Job Postings

Cage Cashier
Part-Time Event Staff
F&B Supervisor
F&B Cook
F&B Cashier
Slot Attendant
Security Officer
Payroll Clerk
Accounts Payable

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Indian Preference Considered.
Please apply at the Players Club or online at sugarcreek.net

Applications may be faxed to (405) 542-2949 or mailed to
Sugar Creek Casino 5304 N. Broadway, Hinton, OK
73047

(As posted on January 4, 2013.)

**Tribal Enrollment
As of 01/11/2013
2,651**

Tribal Offices Closed

January 21, 2013, Martin Luther King Day
February 18, 2013, President's Day
March 29, 2013, Good Friday

Dates to Remember

Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair
April 1 & 2, 2013
3rd Annual American Indian Festival
Wichita, Kansas
July 13-14, 2013
Annual General Council Meeting
July 20, 2013
Wichita Annual Dance
August 15-18, 2013

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission has one vacancy:

Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission
If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume, no later than January 31, 2013 to:

**Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405) 247-2430**

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Oklahoma's Promise
Oklahoma State Regents for
Higher Education
1.800.858.1840

Email: okpromise@osrhe.edu

www.okpromise.org

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Inspectors

The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission has immediate openings for both male and female inspectors for the boxing and MMA events at Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, OK. Duties include monitoring fighters and seconds, both prefight and during the event to ensure the safety of the fighters and ensure strict adherence to the rules and regulations set forth by the commission. No experience is necessary. All inspectors will obtain training and certification by the commission. Applicants must be available on Friday and Saturdays to be considered. Applicants must be willing to submit to a background investigation and drug test. Interested parties may obtain an application at the Administration Building at the Wichita Tribe Complex located 1 1/4 miles North of Anadarko on Hwy 281. Indian Preference applies. Closing date is January 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. however the Commission will continue to take applications for future events. If you have any questions, please call Commissioner Matt Roberson at 405-623-4191. Tribal Members are encouraged to apply.

Wichita History

New Year's Eve at Camp Creek

This month we are publishing excerpts from the field notes of Karl Schmitt, an archaeologist/anthropologist, who spent parts of 1948, 1949 and 1950 camped among the Wichita at a place known as Camp Creek which was the center of Wichita culture and tradition from the late 19th century until the mid 1960s.

The event which Karl Schmitt wrote about is a "Watch Night" held at the request of Maude Stephenson, the wife of Dance Chief Rollin Stephenson. The following are the notes he wrote about what he observed at camp creek on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1949.

We got to Camp Creek about 8:30 p.m. There were about 50 people present when we arrived. As the evening went on the group finally reached about 85 counting the assorted children. Among those present were Nellie Brown and George Lamb, Bill Campbell and wife and children, Raymond Rollin and Maude Stephenson, MacCarty Stephenson and family, Raymond Stephenson, Newton Lamar, Millie Stephenson, Flora and Ike Gabbard and children, Helen Stevens and daughter and son-in-law and children, Roy Niastor and wife and child, Roy Niastor's 2 half sisters, Colonel Moore and wife (Pawnees), Bigbow (Kiowa), Keahbone and wife (Iowas), Frank Boison and wife (Kiowas), Minnie Caley, Clara Moonlight and Henry Moonlight (Caddo), Rose Hunt and at least 4 or 5 daughters, George Bates, Ruebe Keyes (G. Bates' son-in-law and a Caddo), Gladys Miller, Stacy Luther and son, Frank Ross, Wallace Miller, Kate Miller, Houston and Belle Miller, John Miller, Catherine (Stephenson) Wolfe, Frank Swift, Keahbone's son who is married to a Hunt Girl, another Kiowa who is married to George Ashley's daughter, a fat Kiowa drummer (a Asah –not Spencer).

Very shortly after we arrived Maude Stephenson stood by her seat and gave a talk in English. She said that this "Watch Night" was in honor of her nephew (Colonel Moore), that she wanted the almighty to bless everyone there, that the Wichita and Pawnee weren't like other tribes who held a watch night just for fun --- the Wichita and Pawnee were serious and thought about the almighty. She said that when she finished she wanted George Lamb to get up and talk and say what he thought about the New Year ---that George was what you call "your dadawitco z" and had been so ever since she could remember. After George she wanted to hear Minnie

(Caley) and after Minnie, she wanted to hear Belle (Miller).

When Maude finished George got up and went in front of the north-south bench and gave short talk in Wichita ---about 4 minutes. I don't know what it was about, but caught references to todikits or young people ---I imagine that he was praying that everyone would have a good year and that the young people would grow up.

When George L. finished Minnie Caley stood by her seat and gave another 3 or 4 minute talk in Wichita. I asked George what she was saying --- George said she was talking about the New Year --- gave no details. Minnie was quite emotional ---talked very high ---sort of crying.

When Minnie finished Belle Miller got up stood by her seat and spoke about 3 or 4 minutes in Wichita. She was also emotional ---talked high --- semi-crying. She also talked about the New Year.

Five War Dancers had come in and sat down on the north-south bench which apparently had been reserved for them. George Lamb conducted them to their seats ---he did this for almost everybody who came in. He told people where to sit ---including us ---we were seated in the SW corner. The dancer came in before Maude made her talk. They had dressed in a tent which had been thrown up by the Deitrich's arbor of last summer (just to the NE of the dance arbor). The tent belonged to Rollin S. Dancers were the elder Keahbone (he had been going to dance on Xmas day but didn't have a place to change into his costume), Bill Campbell and his-son Jimmy, Wallace Miller, and Roy Niastor.

In dancing there was little of the modern jitterbugging type ---most of it was more sedate keeping step in time to music. Roy Niastor danced like Albert Wits ---shook his head and feathers in time. Wallace Miller would out up once in a while ---whirl around quickly or dance bent over and legs spread. Many of the times only two dancers would get up and then they often purposely got in step as they started.

Singing and Dancing

After Belle Miller had finished her talk, Rollin Stephenson took charge of the drumming and singing. He handed a drumstick to Frank Ross and one to Houston Miller and they went up and sat at the drum. He asked Frank Boison, who refused, and then Colonel Moore, who also refused (he didn't indicate refusal but just never went up to join the drummers). In the beginning these four did the singing -- Rollin, Houston, Frank, and Stacy -- all

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Wichitas. After they had been singing for eight or ten minutes, a Kiowa about twenty-five got up and did a very energetic war dance with lots of yipping – obviously quite drunk. At the end of the song, he climbed over and took a seat at the drum without invitation. I later heard him tell Rollin that he was supposed to dance but he didn't have his costume. When this Kiowa fellow sang, he quite often yipped and made animal-like noises during the singing. This obviously made a number of the Wichitas unhappy. Rollin told him at one time to stop it – he also cautioned him several times about the way he was beating the drum. After Rollin told him to stop yipping, George Lamb got up from his place and told him in English "You sing right! You sing good songs!" George was obviously very angry. The Kiowa answered to the effect 'all right old man I'll sing good – I'll sing one good song for 1950.' This same Kiowa addressed Rollin several times and said things like "all right, old man, I'll listen to you" and "old man, you sing good." Later another Wichita, Frank Swift, came in and sat down at the drum. When Swift came in, Houston Miller turned away from the drum and stopped beating the drum – he still kept time by beating the palm of his hand with the drumstick or tapping on the drum stand – his main reason for turning away seemed to be that he wanted to dance. Later, another young Kiowa got up and took a seat at the drum – George Bates said that he was married to George Ashley's daughter. Finally a fat Kiowa (an Asah?) took a seat at the drum. The three Kiowas sat gether and obviously the Wichitas sat together.

The drummers sang mostly war dance songs. Those that Rollin led and which were obviously either Pawnee or Wichita songs the Kiowas had a hard time with – they were either silent or almost so while they were being sung. The Kiowas would lead songs too and all the Wichitas seemed to be able to follow them all right. During the war dance singing, many of the women spectators, particularly Maude S., Minnie Caley, Flora Gabbard, Belle Miller, Martha Niastor, Niastor's two half-sisters, Clara Moonlight, Mrs. Moore, and Gladys Miller, got up and danced. Houston Miller danced quite a bit with springy steps and a fanny shimmy. Rollin got up to dance once – he danced somewhat similarly to Houston but danced down the south side of the house and turned and waved his hand at the guests (sort of like a stomp dance leader waving at the fire.) Wallace Miller stopped dancing and

drummed for a half hour from about eleven to eleven thirty.

Singing and Dancing – cont.

Round dance songs were sung from time to time. These came in groups of four. The first time they sang them the young drunken Kiowa led them. At the end of the first song, he said in English "one down, and three to go." Then "two gone", then "three gone". The women got up to do the round dance.

The older ones wore shawls, the younger ones wore coats. Gladys Miller asked me to dance with her twice and Wallace Miller asked Iva once.

Rollin led one set of four horn dance songs, which seemed rather popular – lots of people got up and danced. This is like the Kiowa buffalo dance. During the fast parts they bounce energetically in place and during the slow drum rolling parts they walk around. Houston Miller was very energetic. In some way he could almost jump up and down vertically and sort of shimmy sideways at the same time.

Talk by Burgess

About ten thirty Burgess, the Creek missionary, and his wife came in. George Lamb sat them on a bench in the northeast corner. They sat and watched for about an hour. About eleven thirty George Lamb made a motion to Burgess to come up by the drummers and told people in English that this man wanted to say a few words to them. As Burgess came up to the dancers' bench he waved hello to Rollin, then to George Lamb, then to me – he called me istahayquats (red white man, literally stranger red.) He said he wanted to say a few words at the beginning of a new year. He gave a relatively unemotional talk and didn't talk down to his audience. He avoided accusing his audience. He made such statements as "you and I know" Christ came to bear our sins – in general spoke in terms of "we" rather than "you." He also stated that there was no salvation for us without accepting Christ. After he gave his talk he and his wife left and the singing was immediately resumed I later asked George how he came to be there. George said he didn't know who he was until Helen Stevens asked him if it would be all right for Burgess to give a talk. George told me 'sure it's all right, anybody can get up and talk.'

Flag Song

At approximately eleven-fifty-five Rollin

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and the drummers started singing the flag song. Iva heard one of Roy Niastor's half-sisters say, "This is our national anthem." Rollin motioned with his drum stick to everyone to stand up. The song started in a very subdued fashion – the drummers tapped very lightly on the extreme outer edge of the drum. After singing it once in a subdued fashion they came out in a loud voice. Most of them danced in place – sedate war dance step. The song lasted about four minutes.

Quitting Song

Just before midnight, Rollin started the "quitting song". This is a war dance song. Everybody got up and danced – the only time I've ever seen George Lamb dance. After they had been singing for a couple of minutes, Nelly Brown came over and tried to hit the drum. Bill Campbell (her son) grabbed a drum stick from one of the drummers and hit the one big stroke in the center of the drum. Roy Niastor also grabbed a drum stick and hit the drum. George Bates told me that when somebody stopped the song like that, it meant they had to give something away "give a dinner". (I imagine for the drummers or the war dancers.)

Prayer by Houston Miller

After the singing and drumming stopped, Houston faced east and gave a long prayer. This one was delivered in extremely fast speech and was very emotional. I asked George Bates what he was saying and he said Houston was talking about the New Year and that he was praying that everyone would be back next year.

Speech by Rollin

After Houston, Rollin got up and gave a short talk in Wichita. Frank Ross told me later that Rollin had resigned his position as dance chief, that he had held it for three years now, that they were going to have an election at the community house New Year's afternoon for a new dance chief. Iva later asked Maude why Rollin was resigning. She said she guessed Rollin was discouraged – that the people didn't back him up the way they should.

Speech by George Lamb

George Lamb gave a short speech in Wichita over which there was some confusion. First he told the people that there was going to be a dinner and election next Sunday – then some body reminded him that tomorrow was Sunday, so he got up to correct himself – then somebody said "not tomorrow – today is Sunday."

Blessing

George Lamb picked Belle Caley Miller to

bless the food. She went to the east side of the community house and faced west over the food. She gave an emotional talk in high pitched Wichita. She did not take any of the food and rub it in her hands or hold her hand aloft while praying.

Eating

After Belle gave the blessing, George Lamb got up and picked four women to be waiters. However, after they started serving others got up to help. Clara came over toward the dancers with an angel food cake and started passing it out to them. When she got over toward George Lamb, her father-in-law, she said something to the effect "You didn't appoint me a waiter, but I wanted to make sure these dancers got served." Iva apologized for not bringing anything to eat to George Lamb and he said something about it's not being a regular dinner but just a light lunch. Food consisted of pressed ham, cheese, and hamburger sandwiches; donuts; cookies; cake; canned peaches; and coffee.

Some people left before they started eating. Everybody left when they were through.

Note: If you would like to read more about the traditional life of the Wichita from the mid twentieth century; Karl Schmitt's field notes are reposted at the Western History Collections, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Program Offered by IHS

IHS-DSFC Program can provide assistance to address water and wastewater needs at Indian Homes

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program provides water and wastewater facilities for individual Indian homes. The program is able to provide water and wastewater services to New and Like-New Indian homes (including mobile homes) and to existing Indian homes in need of water and sewer repairs. The SFC program is looking for all possible Indian homes in the area so that their needs may be evaluated.

To request an application for services you may contact the IHS OE&E Field Office in Lawton via mail at Indian Health Service, OE&E Lawton Field Office; 1515 N.E. Lawrie Tatum Road; Lawton, Ok 73507; via phone at 580-354-5661. Or you could always pick up an application in our office located at the Lawton Indian Hospital.

WTIDC & the Future

Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission (WTIDC) Quarterly Report 10/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

The Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission submitted their report on December 27, 2012. Below are some highlights of their report.

- CrossTimbers-Closed
- CrossTimbers-Cleaned and sold unused food items
- WTIDC Fuel-working on fuel sales
- Wichita Industries-working on joint venture
- Looking at long term business objectives
- Revenue-received disbursement from AI
- Submitted WTIDC Financials ending 09/30/12
- Submitted Wichita Industries Financials ending 09/30/12
- Submitted CrossTimbers Financials ending 09/30/12
- AI/WTE-Assisted in responses to inquiries to companies.
- WTIDC Commissioner Hearing-Requested removal of Commissioner and attended hearing. Commissioner was removed.

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission

The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission regulated their last event on December 8, 2012 at Sugar Creek Casino. They have an upcoming event on January 26, 2013 at Sugar Creek Casino and they are currently looking for inspectors, preferably Wichita. Please see page 5 under vacancy announcements if you are interested.

Wichita Tribal Administrator & Staff

The Wichita Executive Committee would like to recognize our Tribal Administrator, Sam Caruso, and the Wichita Tribal Staff for helping us to carry out many of the program goals that we are accomplishing. We appreciate all of your hard work.

Elder Payments

There are still several elders who have not requested their Elder Payments. They may contact Juanita Moore at (405) 247-2425 ext. 134 for more information.

The Future

Now that we are in a new year, the Committee will be looking at what they want to do during the next 6 months, year and in the future. We have had several discussions, have listened to tribal membership and will begin to address some of the bigger issues. As it has been explained before, some of the things that we will look at addressing are:

- Absentee Voting
- Blood Quantum Issue
- Revenue Allocation Plan
- Dance Building
- New Grants
- Website-Integrating language into the website
- Membership Ordinance

Again, we all have different views on some of these issues. Our membership has different views on these issues. We will begin to address them but do not promise that any of them will be implemented. All of these things take planning.

These ideas are not all of the ideas that have been discussed but are some major issues that we will need to address.

Wichita Little Sisters

The Wichita Little Sisters are back in full swing with the New Year. Charlie McAdams currently serves as the Wichita Little Sisters Princess. The Wichita Little Sisters will be performing the National Anthem at the Anadarko High School Basketball game on Friday, February 1, 2013, They will be co-hosting a pow-wow on February 2, 2013 and participating in the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair on April 1 and 2, 2013. As more events become scheduled they will be participating in those events also. The Wichita Little Sisters meet on Sunday afternoons normally at 3:00 p.m. at the Wichita Tribal Complex. Please contact Cassandra McAdams at (405) 638-1817 for more information regarding the organization.

Anadarko Industries & Wichita Tribal Enterprises

Anadarko Industries & Wichita Tribal Enterprises Reporting to the Tribe by Terri Parton

As soon as the elections happened in July 2012, one of the first things that the Tribe did was put out a newsletter. As the newly elected President, I contacted Tom Short, President & CEO of Anadarko Industries about submitting a monthly article. Tom wanted to start at the beginning so that everyone would know how and why Anadarko Industries was formed. He has faithfully committed to providing monthly blogs so that our tribal membership could learn about Anadarko Industries which is also a model for Wichita Tribal Enterprises. Both companies report to the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission. The Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission has AI and WTE in their report information but I wanted to provide to our tribal membership some of the communication that we as tribal leaders have with and available from AI and WTE.

The Tribe has access to monthly reports on a tribal portal. We can access current reports and reports done over the life of Anadarko Industries and Wichita Tribal Enterprises. I print out these reports and they are available at any time for the Wichita Executive Committee to review. This does not include other reporting mechanisms to the WTIDC.

We have also met with the Chairman of WTIDC. We have a meeting scheduled with WTIDC for January 14, 2013 where we will discuss Anadarko Industries and Wichita Tribal Enterprises. We also communicate via email and phone. There is communication happening between the companies and WTIDC and the Tribe. That being said, there is always room to improve things, to make things run more efficiently and to keep the lines of communication open.

We have also been discussing working on an internship program for this summer. We hope to have some additional discussions and hopefully give at least one tribal member the opportunity to work for Anadarko Industries/Wichita Tribal Enterprises over the summer. It is still being discussed and there are details that need to be worked out. We hope to make this a joint effort between AI/WTE/WTIDC and the Tribe. It is a start.

Finally, the Wichita Executive Committee would like to thank Pam Ugalde, the Business Development Specialist from Anadarko Industries. She

designed an ad for the Anadarko High School Yearbook for the Tribe using all of the logos of our enterprises. Thank you Pam!

On behalf of the Wichita Executive Committee, I would like to congratulate Robert White and the employees for the hard work on the NASA KSC Institutional Support Services (KISS) Contract award that was announced on January 2, 2013. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

What is in the Monthly Reports?

These reports are submitted to the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission along with other information and they are available to the Wichita Executive Committee at any time.

Monthly reports include:

- Business development-Proposal Activities
- Contract and Operational Activities
- Accounting Summary.

Quarterly Reports include:

- Executive Summary
- Operations
- Contracts including
 - ◇ Number
 - ◇ Customer
 - ◇ Type
 - ◇ duration and value with options
 - ◇ highlights of active contracts
- Business development
- Listing of business opportunities including
 - ◇ Agency
 - ◇ teaming partner
 - ◇ contract type
 - ◇ Value
 - ◇ RFP date
 - ◇ period of performance
 - ◇ NAICS code
 - ◇ procurement type
 - ◇ procurement dates
 - ◇ comments
- Business environment
- Financial results
- Budget Actuals and Forecast
- Revenues by year

Anadarko Industries

Anadarko Industries LLC
Submitted by Tom Short, President/CEO

CONGRATULATIONS TO WICHITA TRIBAL ENTERPRISES (WTE) AND ROBERT WHITE FOR WINNING A NEW CONTRACT WITH NASA. The NASA KSC INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES (KISS) CONTRACT award was announced on January 2, 2013.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR!

This is the second significant contact awarded to WTE by a NASA Center. The first NASA contract awarded to WTE was the NASA JSC Financial Business Management Services (FBMS) contract. The performance on the FBMS contract has been outstanding and there is an excellent chance that WTE will be able to expand the scope on this contract in 2013. Lisa McCann is the Program Manager and she is doing a great job. Like other AI and WTE employees, Lisa has a history with us from her days at Johnson Engineering (JE). Both she and her husband worked at JE, and her husband worked for AI on the KISS contract. It is great having Lisa on the WTE team.

This is a good lead-in for the follow up to my last blog which talked about the importance of building a team that has the experience required to not only pursue and win new business but also manage that business after a contract is awarded. As you may recall, I introduced our two corporate vice presidents that share management responsibility for operations and business development in the last newsletter. Overall we have a very small corporate office and this accentuates the importance of putting together a versatile team that can work across normal organizational lines to get the job done. Everyone in the AI and WTE organizations has the capability to contribute to both operations and business development priorities, so we have the talent required to get a lot done with only ten people on the corporate staff.

The picture to the right was used in the AI Christmas greetings to employees and customers and I thought this would be a good way to briefly introduce the rest of our AI corporate staff.

As you can see, the picture has signatures above and/or below each person so the information provided begins with Mark Ovesney and alternates from the bottom to the top as you move from left to right.



As you can see, we have a total of ten employees in the Houston Corporate Office including me, Kenn Hall and Mike Reeves. Information about Kenn Hall and Mike Reeves was provided in a previous article so this article provides information about the rest of the corporate staff. All of these folks make significant contributions to our work on operations and business development.

Mark Ovesney is the newest member of the corporate staff. He came on board in July of 2012. Kenn Hall and I have known Mark for over fifteen years. Prior to joining our staff he was a Raytheon Project Manager and the Engineering Lead in the Space Vehicle Mock-up Facility (SVMF) at the NASA Johnson Space Center. His technical expertise and management background provides the versatility required for both engineering and management assignments.

Next is Lawrence Best, who is our Program Manager on the Boeing Engineering Support Services (ESS) contract here in Houston. With over 100 employees working on this contract he has plenty of business experience working across the board on HR activities like hiring, and acting as the focal point for customer service. He also handles the financial administration support required on this contract. As with others, Lawrence was a known quantity because he previously worked with both Kenn and me at Johnson Engineering. His versatility and capability to cover so many contract administration activities has been a very valuable contribution.

Mike Reeves is the next person in the photo and the lady to his left is Pam Ugalde who is a very important member of our business development team. She and Mike stay very busy working on proposals.

Anadarko Industries Continued

She has 18 years of experience in new business development work and she has been with AI since 2006. She and her family came to Houston when her Dad joined the space program as an active duty USAF officer assigned to work on the Space Shuttle Program. She began her own aerospace career working for MEIT, who is still one of our partners and a company that helped AI get started as a subcontractor. Pam also worked with several successful small businesses before joining AI. All of that experience has contributed to Pam's value to our team.

Amy Eskridge joined the corporate office as our Contract Administrator in October 2012 so she is now involved with all of our contract work. Amy originally joined the AI team in 2007 as the Program Manager on our CSC contract that provided procurement services to CSC on their JSC Center Operations Support Services (COSS) contract. As noted on previous biographies, Amy previously worked with me as a Purchasing Manager and she has worked in aerospace procurement related services since 1991. Amy is another valuable member of our corporate team that has unique experience with government contracting and aerospace operations.

Next in the photo is Victoria Edgington, who was our third fulltime AI employee. She joined AI in 2005 and started working with Kenn and me when we were all three working out of our homes. She came to us with several years of sales and IT development related work which qualified her to handle program/contract management work on government work. She has worked with Kenn on various operational assignments including all of our contract work with the U.S. Forest Service and the contracts with the USDA in Fort Collins, Kansas City, St. Louis and Washington D.C. Victoria has also been directly involved with the management of our Logistics contract work at NASA JSC, and with CSC, and she supports the team on business development activities.

Melissa Lewis has been with AI since 2008 and she has the thankless job of trying to assist all of us with our administrative requirements. This includes monthly contract performance reports, travel arrangements, and distribution of financial reports to the owners and Board of Managers. In addition, she tracks task orders and other modifications on all of our contracts, handles purchase requests for the corporate office and the JSC CISS contract, and other government reports like the mileage on GSA vehicles assigned to the CISS contract. Prior to joining our staff at the corporate office, Melissa was working on our contract

with Hamilton Sunstrand, where she was one of four employees providing administrative support on the H-S EVA 1 contract with the NASA Johnson Space Center. She is also the Corporate Office support person for our employees in the various field locations that do not have any administrative support at their locations.

Last but definitely not the least is Tram Cao. Prior to Mark Ovesney joining the team Tram was our newest employee. Tram has over ten years of directly related experience in project accounting, financial reporting, and analysis for federal government contracts. She joined AI in 2011 and has proven to be a very valuable addition to our team. She had worked for more than ten years with another small government contractor. Initially Tram handled the financial requirements for us on the new Boeing contract and she was promoted to fill the Finance Manager position. In this position she provides the financial support for all current contract work and is responsible for pricing for business development and contract change activities. Tram has also recently received her Master's Degree in Business Administration and Finance. We are lucky to have Tram on our team.



Note: These articles are being presented to educate those tribal members not familiar with Anadarko Industries, its concept and why the Tribe chose to pursue this type of business.

**Please visit the Anadarko Industries website at:
www.anadarko-industries.com**

WTC & WGC

Wichita Tax Commission (WTC) Quarterly Report 10/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012

The Tax Commissioners met on October 10th, December 1st, and December 11th, 2012. The bullet points below are various issues that they have discussed or approved during the last quarter.

- FY-2013 Tax Commission budget.
- Smoke shop personnel policies and procedures.
- Proposed new smoke shop in the Tribal Travel Plaza.
- Smoke shop business and oversight.
- Paying contractor out of Oil and Gas proceeds.
- Identifying tribal oil and gas leases within the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes' jurisdiction.
- Oil and Gas production licenses.
- Surety bonds.
- Use of Oil and gas tax funds.
- Mineral production.
- Appeals.
- Record retention.
- Extending temporary alcohol licenses for SCC employees.
- Cost of living raises for the WTC employees.
- Approving employee alcohol license for SCC employees.
- Reviewed a revised copy of the Oil and Gas Severance Tax submitted by Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker.
- Reviewed and revised copy of the Wichita Tax Commission Rules and Regulations submitted by Hobbs, Strauss, Dean & Walker.
- Financial reports were submitted to the WTC with the exception of the smoke shop.
- Met with William Norman and Laura Codopony of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker to discuss the Rules and Regulations that address the Administrative Appeals.
- Fingerprinting for alcohol licenses.
- Discussion on two tribal members who have altered their tribal tags.

Wichita Gaming Commission (WGC) Quarterly Report 10/1/2012 thru 12/31/2012

This Report focuses on the productivity of the Wichita Gaming Commission and staff for the period 10/1/2012 through 12/31/2012, as well as our Goals for Next Quarter.

The Wichita Gaming Commission has successfully completed the following for Q4-2012. The WGC approved the revisions to Table Games Policy on October 2, 2012. The Wichita Gaming Commission office has successfully passed both the NIGC TBIS Audit as well as the State Gaming Compliance Audit in November 2012. WGC staff has completed the EPHS audit and an IT Audit on the gaming facility. IGS has completed our Operations audit for FY 2013. The Wichita Gaming Commission as well as staff has attended the following training in Q4: NIGC Background Investigator training, G2E – UNLV Certificate of Completion and Level 2 Game Protection Certification

The Wichita Gaming Commission will focus on accomplishing the following goals for Q1-2013:

- Complete revisions on Sugar Creek Casino policies.
- Continue to work on changing over from Tier B to Tier C.
- Focus on filling all staff vacancies within the Wichita Gaming Commission office.
- Review and correct audit findings in the Operations Audit.
- Complete state certification for Sugar Creek Casino to become a Certified Problem Gambling Facility.

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Wichita Housing Authority

Wichita Housing Authority Report

Below are highlights of the report submitted by the Wichita Housing Authority to the Wichita Executive Committee for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Wichita Housing Authority is the Indian Housing Block Grant recipient for the Wichita Tribe who is the grant beneficiary. Wichita Tribal Law (P.L. 92-100-002) established the housing authority as the Tribal Designated Housing Entity.

- 12/24/2012 received 09/30/2012 monthly financial statement from accountant.
- Received an extension for the APR.
- Expanded its Maintenance Operations staff for special projects related to grounds owned and maintained by the WHA.
- There is currently no housing development activity planned or underway.
- Appropriations for the FY 2013 federally funded NAHASDA operations have not been made by Congress as of 12/27/2012.
- The Authority operates and maintains 187 single family residential units.
- Its office facility has an attached community facility, swimming pool and remote maintenance facility at the Kitikiti'sh: Hid Dod Community.
- During the first quarter the Wichita Housing Authority passed the U.S. Department of Labor inspections regarding Davis Bacon Wage Rate criteria and Maintenance Wage Rate Determinations.
- The WHA units and files were reviewed by the Oklahoma Finance Agency.
- A representative from Raymond James Tax Credit Funds also performed a review of the files and inspected the properties of both Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects.
- The WHA also hired Travois, Inc. to do a field review of the LIHTC files and properties.
- The WHA staff and organization was praised by these entities for excellence in operations.
- The Wichita Housing Authority just completed its 20th year in existence.

The Wichita Housing Authority Celebrates its 20th Year in Existence

The Wichita Housing Authority just completed its 20th year in existence. The Authority has developed 187 homes, a office/community center with gymnasium, community year round swimming facility, situated on approximately 140 acres of land. Congratulations to the Commissioners, Executive Director and all of the staff for their hard work throughout the years.

Below is a list of the Commissioners and their years of service with on the Wichita Housing Authority Board:

20 Years-Shirley Davilla, Chairwoman
14 Years-John Haddon, Vice Chairman
16 Years-Myles Stephenson Jr., Secretary
14 Years-Betty Wolfe, Treasurer
10 Years-Grace Fields, Commissioner

Benjamin Hatfield, Executive Director
WHA Chairman-04/92 to 07/97
Executive Director-07/97 to 06/99
Executive Director-09/01-Present

Current Staff Listing:

Debra Spybuck Lonewolf, Deputy Director
Darren Gabehart, Finance Director
Simona Foreman, LIHTC Housing Specialist
Katherine Bell Cunningham, NAHASDA Housing Specialist
Diane Pewo, Housing Administrative Assistant
Jesse J. E. Jones, Maintenance Administrator
Halbert Pewo, Maintenance Worker
Ben Autaubo, Grounds/Maintenance Worker
John C. Pewo, Maintenance Worker
Charles Harrison, Grounds/Maintenance Worker
Mike Cramer, Custodial/Grounds Maintenance
Angela French, Custodial/Grounds Maintenance
Marcy Laferr, Iscani Community Pool Manager
Alec Marshall, Assistant Pool Manager
Josh Sullivan, Water Fitness Instructor

The Wichita Housing Authority also employs numerous Lifeguards for the swimming pool.