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President's Report

I hope everyone is doing well. This year is already flying by. I will just hit on a few topics and then you will find information on other things in the newsletter.

Special General Council Meeting

A Special General Council Meeting has been called for May 18, 2013. A petition was presented on March 28, 2013 with 17 signatures and additional signatures were received later that day. The petition was to call a Special Council Meeting on April 13, 2013 for the purposes of adopting a Revenue Allocation Plan, discussion of a Tribal Constitution and other business.

The petitioners did not submit the Revenue Allocation Plan that they were proposing to be adopted with the petition. The individuals who presented the petition were given until April 12, 2013 to submit a plan for review. No plan was submitted so it was unclear what was being proposed.

There are other topics that the Committee would like to discuss and the WEC discussed the meeting agenda prior to posting. You will find a copy of the agenda in the newsletter. We would like input from our tribal membership on various issues that continue to come up.

During the meeting no one person will dominate the discussion and people should feel free to talk about their ideas of why we should or should not proceed in a certain direction on any issue. The meeting will not be about any wrongs done in the past rather than discussion on how we can move forward, address the issues and move on to other things. We hope that this new meeting approach, along with the Input & Feedback, will help all tribal members regardless of where they live, to be able to provide input on various issues.

Dance Building

The Corp of Engineers will be sending an engineer to look at the Dance Building so we can have something solid to base our discussion on at the meeting on the 18th.

Oral Histories

We have worked with the Sam Noble Museum and transferred the oral histories that were done a few years ago onto DVD's. We hope to get those out to the individuals or families in the near future. We will also be setting up a TV in the museum so that we can run these during the day for people to come and watch at some point in the near future.

Website

We have received the layout and we are working on individual pages now.

Conclusion

I believe that this Committee is committed to making positive changes, however, it takes time. Everyone can come up with great ideas but you have to have a plan and people to implement them. We are doing that but as you will see in the newsletter there are a wide array of issues that we deal with daily. We won't be able to satisfy everyone but I hope that we can continue to improve.

Please remember all of the families who have lost loved ones this year, those who are ill, our elders, our children, and all of our Wichita people. May God continue to bring many blessings in your lives.

Wichita Executive Committee Report

Wichita Executive Committee
Activity Summary
January 1-March 31, 2013

Please note that this is just to give you a summary of the various issues discussed by the Committee and in some cases the things approved. This is not all inclusive but it is being provided to you to give you an idea of the various things that come before the Committee. Listed are the main topics with brief listings of things discussed.

01/08/2013-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator Report-Website presentations and personnel
- Wichita Tribe Sports Commission-License fees, fight cards, judges, inspectors, reappointment of Commissioners, forms, etc.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session -See the Regular Meeting 01/14/2013 regarding ongoing issues
- Minutes-Approved several meetings
- Enrollment-Enrolled 4
- Old Business-Cops grant
- New Business-Finley Cook Invoices, OK Archeological Survey Request, AIPRA, IHS support letter

01/14/2013-Regular Meeting

- Tribal Administrator Report-Sam Caruso-EPA Grants, Social Services Program, drug testing
- WTIDC Report-Discussion on AI WTE, Internship, CrossTimbers, Travel Plaza. Payment to the Tribe, WI, etc.
- Finley & Cook Report-December Financials, Invoices and Monthly Accounting Fee, WTSC, Elder Payments outstanding, Internal Audit at SCC, Insurance Claim, etc.
- Merit Meeting-Discussion on Property
- Sugar Creek Casino Report-Glen Coleman-Approvals for Casino, etc.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Federal Charter, LLC Code Training for WTC, Liquor Ordinance, Wright Properties, Site Plan for Hotel , Wichita Sports Commission, WCD Lands, Trust Applications, Right-of-Way Issues, SBA, Tobacco Compact, etc.
- Old Business-WHA-APR, WTSC, WTIDC Chairman Stipend, Selection of DB Team for Travel Plaza
- New Business-WTSC Account, Wires & Pre-funding for Paycom

01/29/2013-Special Meeting

- Wichita Travel Plaza Meeting with MASKA-Discussion on drawings, bonds, utilizing Indian owned businesses, TERO program, electrical, liquidated damages, etc.
- Tribal Administrator Update-Sam Caruso-TSSF Position, Social Services Budget Shortfall, CHR Carryover, EPA, HR, Vacancies, drug testing, Public Health Nurse, WCDC Cook/Substitute Teacher, Special Diabetes Program Assistant, Indirect Cost Proposal, etc.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session
- Finley & Cook, Paycom, Audit & CDARS-Monthly Accounting, Credit Memo, Monthly Accounting Fee, Outstanding Invoices, Paycom, Sarbanes Oxley Act-Fraud Discussion Regarding Time, Travel, Supplies for Audit, CDARS Account
- Oil & Gas Lease Resolutions
- Resolutions for Release of Funds-WTC, Indirect Cost, Tribal Funded Programs & WGC Quarterly Distributions
- Old Business-Tribal Funded Youth Incentive Awards, Absentee Voting, Blood Quantum Issues, Revenue Allocation Plan
- New Business-Enrollment Maintenance Agreement for Progeny, Oklahoma Archeological Survey Requests, Tribal Member Requests, 27th Annual Reservation Economic Summit

02/05/2013-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator Report-Sam Caruso-Audit Day Care Center, CCDF lunch policy, Substance Abuse Proposal, Trainings, Website, IDC Proposal
- Wichita Travel Plaza-Contract and funding
- Absentee Voting, Blood Quantums, Revenue Allocation Plan-Discussion on Input and Feedback in newsletter
- Sugar Creek Casino-Review of Audit for FY-2012, F&B, point system, Smoke Shop Reports
- Transportation Planning-G2G Agreement-Discussion
- Self-Governance Application Information –Discussion
- ICDBG Grant Discussion-Dance Building renovations, funeral home and community participation meetings
- WTC Request for Funds-Partial Funding approved until reports are submitted
- Old Business-Tribal Funded Youth Program for Incentive Awards, ACT & Sr. Cap & Gowns, business tabled from last meeting
- New Business-American Indian Exposition discussion, Cultural Program Request, CrossTimbers CCDF Proposal for building, Insure Oklahoma and Fund Balance Policy.

Wichita Executive Committee Report Cont.

02/19/2013-Special Meeting

- Finley & Cook-Discussion on January Financials-65 page report, BIA contracts, cash account analysis, audit prep, Paycom, transportation truck purchase, DHS Audit, IDC Proposal, collateralization of accounts
- Tribal Administrator Update-Child Care Center, checks on hold, general assistance, NICOA worker, vacancies, personnel, fitness center
- Sugar Creek Casino-external audit, F&B etc.
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session - See the Regular Meeting 01/14/2013 regarding ongoing issues
- Minutes-Approved
- Enrollment-Enrolled 5
- FDPIR-In-kind Contribution
- Old Business-Smoke Shop Financials, UNIOKT, Children's Center
- New Business-Finley & Cook Invoices, Education Assistance approval for President that was applied for prior to elections, Wichita Travel Plaza Lights, Sovereignty Symposium approval for WEC to attend, NIGC & IHS consultation meetings, CrossTimbers building, tribal member complaints, etc.

03/05/2013-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Energy & ICDBG grants, CCDF School Age Project, TERO, DFV, TSSF, property transfer to WHA and WTSC, BIA contracts, background check proposal, F&C proposal for WCDC, new hires, maintenance, salaries, Substance abuse program, Clean Water Act, etc.
- Wichita Gaming Commission-Introduction of new commissioner, Internal Audit, Update on manuals, F&C agreement, tribal member complaints heard, etc. Wichita Gaming Oversight Subcommittee
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session - See the Regular Meeting 01/14/2013 regarding ongoing issues
- Minutes-Approved
- Enrollment-Enrolled 3
- Old Business-personnel issue-tabled the rest because of time
- New Business-tabled because of time

03/19/2013-Special Meeting

- Tribal Administrator-Carryover funds, TERO conference & Job Fair, Health Programs, EPA Solid Waste Codes, WCDC, AoA Program, ANA grant, etc.
- Wichita Tribe Sports Commission-Last fight, Upcoming fight, promoting native athletes, license fees, inspectors, drug testing, annual conference, etc.
- Sugar Creek Casino-air control system, promotions, vacancies, IT
- Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP-Executive Session-See the Regular Meeting 01/14/2013 regarding ongoing issues
- Wichita Travel Plaza-Approval of 90% design
- ICDBG Grant-Historical Center proposal submitted
- Old Business-CT Lease, Approval of Health Services Guidelines, Approval of G2G Transportation Agreement, Approval of Feasibility Study, Approval of Generator Agreement, Approval of background checks for commissioners appointed moving forward, Tribal member request, resolution for payroll, Motor Fuels Budget revision, tabled appointments to Commissions, Internship with AI/WTE, HSDW invoice, Oklahoma Archeological Survey Requests, NAGRPA MOU, WTC remaining funding for 2nd quarter approved, Approved amendments to the General Revenue & Taxation Act including Chapter 6 -Oil & Gas Severance, Chapter 3-Tobacco Tax, and Chapter 1-General, Approval to purchase IPads for WEC for meetings

03/26/2013-Special Meeting

- Finley & Cook-February Financials-, CSBG and DFV Grant funding, CCDF engagement, audit responses, Revenue Reporting policies and procedures, check approval process, BIA trust funds, 2012 Audit, etc.
- Wichita Gaming Commission-Financials, complaints, HR, Cage Fights, Bike Show, OTGRA
- Enrollment-Enrolled 2
- Review of Input & Feedback Responses-Discussion
- Review of Last 9 Months-Reviewed lists of things the Committee has implemented
- Annual General Council Meeting Time and Agenda-Iscani Gym at 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2013
- Old Business-WTP-Generator Agreement and concrete quotes

Tribal Offices Closed

May 3, 2013, Employee Picnic Day
May 27, 2013 Memorial Day
July 4, 2013, Independence Day (4th of July)

Tribal Enrollment
As of 03/31/2013
2,656

Groundbreaking for Wichita Travel Plaza

Wichita Travel Plaza Groundbreaking

The Groundbreaking for the Wichita Travel Plaza was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Tribal Member and distinguished and respected elder, Doris McLemore, gave the invocation.

Tribal Members also in attendance included Nasi Mandujano, Peggy Evans and Juanita Moore. Kathy Winters and Edith Littlechief, tribal employees, also attended the Groundbreaking.

The Wichita Travel Plaza project is a project funded by HUD. The Wichita Travel Plaza is expected to be completed by September 30, 2013.

Pictured above: Randy McLemore, County Commissioner; Carla Hall, Anadarko Chamber of Commerce; Jesse Jones, Vice President; Oscar Codopony, Caddo Electric; Shirley Davilla, Committee Member; Gerald Collins, ICDBG Director; Terri Parton, President; Kevin Vanover, Starr Design; David Kerns, MASKA; Myles Stephenson, Jr., Secretary; Jerry Marcum, Mayor; Weldon Bowman, Starr Design; Tom Slamans, Consultant and Tracy Brown, BIA.

Pictured to the left: Terri Parton, President and Doris McLemore, Tribal Elder.

Inauguration & Casino Funds

Inauguration
Washington, DC
January 20-23, 2013
By President Terri Parton

On January 20, 2013, I traveled to Washington, DC for the 2013 Inauguration of President Barrack Obama. On Monday morning, I went to the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Inaugural viewing reception. I was able to view the Inauguration ceremonies at the museum on a jumbo screen and also walk outside and listen to some of the ceremony. Later that evening I attended the Native Nations Inaugural Ball. Chaske Spencer served as the MC. There were several musical entertainers and the comedy group 1491s also gave performances.

Walter Lamar, Blackfeet/Wichita, was also in attendance with his wife, Cynthia. Mr. Lamar introduced me to several people including Gary Davis of National Center for American Indian Economic Development and Kevin Gover, the Director for the National Museum of the American Indian.

The funds raised through ticket sales for the ball support the production of additional programs about Native American history and affirm the relevance and impact of Native Americans, past and present according to information provided regarding the tickets.

On Tuesday, I attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Setting Our Nation-to-Nation Agenda at 10:00 a.m. Jefferson Keel, gave the introduction. Discussion was held on the Obama Administrations accomplishments with Native American issues over the last four years. Those issues included the level of satisfaction, land restored to trust status, Cobell Settlement, Tribal Trust Settlements, Water Settlements, Energy Development, Hearth Act, Tribal Law and Order Act, Indian Health Care/ Affordable Care Act, Stafford Act and improvements in consultation. Discussion was held on land into trust, tax issues, law enforcement and sacred sites.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Kevin Washburn, discussed some of the accomplishments previously listed. Mr. Washburn explained that he strongly believes in self-governance. Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs and Charlie Galbraith, Deputy Associate Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs were also present and available for questions and answers. Questions and discussion included topics on energy, self-governance, taxation, land into trust, trust responsibility, land consolidation through the Cobell Settlement, VAWA, Carcieri fix, the budget and sequestration, cultural resources and voter ID. The meeting was over at 3:20 p.m. I returned on Wednesday.

Casino Payments to the Tribe for the Last 12 Months

This is not based off the net but rather the payments actually received by the Tribe from the casino.

Total: $2,607,044.34
Average Per Month: $217,253.70

Where does it go in the budget?
Tribal Programs including Indirect Cost, Tribal Government, Tribal Social Services, Education, Indian Child Welfare, Newsletter, Land Projects, Cultural/Language Program, Burial Assistance, Inkind for FDPIR, Fitness Center, TERO, Cemetery Project, Employee Insurance, Tribal Cultural Activities including the Annual Dance, Legal Fees, Wichita Travel Plaza.

These programs provide assistance to tribal members and jobs. As we move along we will provide more information.

REZ 2013
Las Vegas, Nevada
March 11, 2013–March 14, 2013
By President Terri Parton

I had hoped to put my report in this newsletter. I did get the Washington, DC report in here. The tribal statistics and some of the other information was more important to get out in this newsletter. Time was also a factor. I apologize and hope to have in the April Edition.

Wichita History

Early 20th Century Settlement Patterns

This month we are again publishing excerpts from the Doris Duke Oral History Project. The interviewer is William E. Bittle and the interviewee is Bertha Provost. Bertha played a principal role in the documentation of the Wichita language. She worked for many years with linguist, Dr. David Rood, on his Ph.D dissertation and subsequent monograph titled "Wichita Grammar" which was published in 1976 and was dedicated to her. Of Bertha, Dr. Rood wrote in the Monograph's preface; "She not only speaks both English and Wichita fluently; she is also an extremely intelligent lady, able to cope with my opaque questions and express her intuitions clearly, thus leading me out of the darkness in the manner of a gifted teacher. I could not wish to know a kinder, more genteel person, nor a more capable coworker."

In the interview Bertha is responding to questions about how Wichitas lived in her early childhood. The time she is talking about could probably be termed a middle transition period between the old village life and the more modern setting.

William Bittle-(If you could tell me something about what the Wichita village looked like when you were growing up?) Bertha-"I was born and raised southwest of Gracemont. Oh, it's about…course the road don't cut across there. It's about two miles, no…a mile and a half. Right around two miles south, and just about a mile west…that's where my home was. We used to have a great big grasshouse. And then they had an arbor made out of that same thing, grass, and we all ate under there. Sit around under there."

Bittle-(Was there a Wichita village when you were born?) Bertha-"No, I'll tell you how they lived. They always lived in families, like. Like my grandfather used to have two wives. All the way. Our grandmother was his first wife… they were both young when they married. Course my grandmother was a long younger than him. Well, he goes off an gets him another woman. And then he lives with the young one. And he had a daughter out of another woman. They were right there close to us. Say, about…oh say pretty close. And they had a home. And then my grandmother's nephew, her sister's children, they had another home a little way from us again, with her family. Two brothers that lived together. They were married to two sisters. They all lived in one home. And there was Houston Miller, he's pretty closely related to me. And they were almost in our yard.

Bittle-(Was he in another grass house?) Bertha-"No, they didn't have no grass house. But these other homes, I remember since I came, it seems, they had little frame house. Both of them. Now our big grass house was an eight bed house. See, the beds are all on the side…I remember my grandma and I was on the inside, on the southeast side. And all the rest…we had…and somebody said where was your kitchen, and I said, the fireplace. What did you all eat, I said. We had a bid old canvas, mother would have it just thrown down. Maybe an old table cloth. And I said we had pie tin plates, and we just throw them around and never break them. And tin cups to drink out of. Kind of dishes we had. Old spoons, cheap spoons in those days, we had them.

"I told them, I said we got along fine. Mother raised a big family. Now these two brothers, I said, when he came down, he had five children with him. And my brother and I, and I had two…a twin brother and sister…we were already in that home. And there was two boys…that was my grandmother's nephews…I bet there was about fifteen or sixteen children of us…in that same house, we all used to eat together."

"And mother used to put up a tipi outside. She'd always stay in there. Her brother and somebody else. But I always slept with my grandma. We got along all right."

The Doris Duke project contains four cassette tapes of Bertha's interviews wherein she talks about numerous topics. The project also contains interviews of Bill Campbell, Ethel Wheeler, Joe Wheeler, Frank Miller and George Bates. For those of you who have internet access, you can find the tape transcriptions at digital.libraries.ou.edu/whc/duck/browse.asp?sid=13.

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For further information

You may contact your local high school academic counselor, our office, or:

Oklahoma's Promise
Oklahoma State Regents for
Higher Education
1.800.858.1840
Email: okpromise@osrhe.edu
www.okpromise.org

Special Council Meeting

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

Special General Council Meeting

May 18, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Location: Iscani Gym Located behind Walmart in Anadarko, Oklahoma

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation

III. Discussion on Revenue Allocation Plan

IV. Discussion on Absentee Voting and Election Board

V. Discussion on Blood Quantum as an Amendment to the Governing Resolution

VI. Discussion on Conflict of Interest as an Amendment to the Governing Resolution

VII. Discussion on Quarterly Meetings as an Amendment to Governing Resolution

VIII. Discussion on Changing the name of the Governing Resolution to Constitution as an Amendment to the Governing Resolution

IX. Discussion on the Development of a Constitution

X. Lunch-Provided by the Tribe

XI. Discussion on Development of Other Programs and New Grants

XII. Discussion on Language Program & Other Cultural Activities

XIII. Discussion on Indian Exposition, Director & Princess

XIV. Discussion on the Dance Building

XV. Discussion on Budget for FY-2014

XVI. Adjourn

This meeting will be for discussion only. No actions/votes will be taken. The discussion is to get input from the General Council on various issues.

Language Fair & Youth Incentives

Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

On April 2, 2013, the Wichita Language Class and the Wichita Little Sisters participated in the language fair held at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma.

The Language Class competed in the 6th-8th grade small group song category and took home third place for their performance of the Wichita prayer song. The class was represented by Makennah McAdams, Charlie McAdams, Destiny Stephenson, Kody McAdams, and Addison Chalepah. Makennah and Charlie also competed in the 6th-8th grade individual song category with Charlie placing third for her rendition of the Wichita version of Amazing Grace.

The Wichita Little Sisters entered the 9th-12th grade large group song category and performed three Wichita Ghost Dance songs. The group consisted of Arissa Ahtone, Sydney Prince, Charlie McAdams, Trudie Taylor, Destiny Stephenson, Alexis Ahtone-Abbott, Faith Harrison, and Elora Moore.

The Wichita Cultural Education Program extends its congratulations to all the kids who participated and a big thank you to all the parents who support their children's interest in the Wichita language and culture.

(Article submitted by the Wichita Cultural Education Program.)

President Additional Meetings

Quarter-January 1 to March 31, 2013. The number in front represents the number of meetings.

- 0-WCD-All three meetings were postponed
- 2-Health Board-Fran Harrison, CHR, attended 1 additional meeting
- 1-NIGC Consultation at Catoosa
- 2-BIA Budget Formulation Meeting
- 1-CTAS Workshop for DOJ Grants w/TA
- 1-7 Tribes Meeting
- 3-Tribal Leaders/UNIOKT Meetings
- 1-Overcoming Barriers Symposium
- 1-IHS Tribal Consultation Meeting
- 1-State of the State Address for Oklahoma
- 2-Transportation Meetings
- 1-Meeting with IHS Representative
- 2-Meetings with individual Tribal Members on Tribal Issues
- 1-Chamber of Commerce Banquet for Hinton-Vice President also attended
- 1-Presidential Inauguration
- 1-REZ 2013-NCAIED-Economic Development

Assistance Offered for Seniors and Incentive Awards for Grades for Wichita Youth

Tribal Funded Assistance/Incentive Program
FY -2013

Senior Cap & Gown Fee and/or ACT Test Fee

This program is available to enrolled Wichita youth in the 12th grade. The student must attach vendor information with the application. This is a one time service; receipts must be submitted to our office. Deadline: None

Please submit the following:
- Application
- Copy of tribal enrollment card
- Vendor information *(check made payable to vendor only)*

Grade Incentive Award

This program is available to enrolled Wichita youth in the 6th-12th grades. The 6th-8th grade student cannot have a grade lower than a "C" on any subject. Grade incentive awards are given once at the end of the academic year. Deadline: July 31, 2013

Please submit the following:
- Application
- Copy of tribal enrollment card
- Copy of final report card

Grade	GPA	Gift Card
6th-8th grade	2.0+	$25.00
9th-12th grade	2.5-2.99	$25.00
9th-12th grade	3.0-3.99	$50.00
9th-12th grade	4.0	$75.00

Assistance/Incentives are based on the availability of funds.
For more information contact the Higher Education office @ (405) 247-8612.

Graduating Seniors and College Students

If you have a child that is graduating from high school or college and you would like for their picture to be in the newsletter to highlight their accomplishments then please send an email to newsletter@wichitatribe.com with their picture and a write up. Please send no later than April 30, 2013. Those who have submitted something already will appear in the April 2013 Edition that will come out in May.

Vacancy Announcements

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 April 30, 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.

WCDC JOB BANK APPLICATIONS

Wichita Child Development Center (WCDC) will be collecting applications for the center's job bank for on-call/substitute/ future positions:

- Teachers with Bachelors in Early Childhood
- Teachers with Associates in Early Childhood
- Teachers with CDA/CCP (or be willing to obtain within 18 months of hire)
- Teacher Assistants, willing to obtain required training/ certifications
- Cook with food handler's permit (or be willing to obtain within 1 month)

All positions must possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and have adequate transportation. These positions require a successful background check and drug screening. Salary is contingent upon education and experience. Application acceptance is on-going. Indian Preference applies.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005
Phone 405/247-2425 ~ Fax 405/247-2430

Sugar Creek Casino Casino Job Postings

Surveillance Inspector
Part-Time Event Staff
F&B Supervisors
F&B Cook

Certain shifts may not be available for shuttle transportation.

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

(Posted on April 16, 2013.)

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission will have one vacancy on 04/30/2013:

Wichita Housing Authority

If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume, no later than April 30, 2013 to:

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

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission currently has a 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 April 30, 2013 to:

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

Vacancies & Committee Meetings

Temporary Laborers

The Wichita & Affiliated Tribes is seeking three (3) ***Temporary Laborers*** to perform grounds clean-up, repair of the Tribe's Cemetery, and other projects. Applicants must be in good physical condition, be able to use various hand tools and power tools, and be able to operate a tractor, brush hog, and grounds machinery. Must have a valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License. Must pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Applicants may apply at the Administration Building, Wichita Tribal Complex, 1.5 miles North of Anadarko on Highway 281. Applications must be submitted by **closing date on April 26, 2013 @ 5 p.m.** Wichita Preference applies. **Temporary position not to exceed 90-days.**

Maintenance Helper

The Wichita & Affiliated Tribes has an opening for a **Maintenance Helper**. Under the supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor, is responsible for cleaning offices and grounds maintenance. Must be able to follow both oral and written instructions, and have experience with landscaping machinery. Must have a minimum of a high school diploma and a valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License. The position is subject to a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Closing date is May 2, 2013 @ 5 p.m. Indian Preference applies

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission currently has a vacancy:

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission

If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume, no later than April 30, 2013 to:

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Attn: Secretary
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Dates to Remember

Honor the Child Day-CCDF Program
April 25, 2013
Special General Council Meeting
May 18, 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

Foster Parents

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES DEPARTMENT is looking for individuals who are interested in becoming certified as a Foster Care Provider for our Wichita children as well as other Native American children who have been removed from their homes and are either in State or Tribal custody. All Oklahoma Tribes are expressing a need for more foster homes for our children. If you have the time to spend with a child, can pass a background check, have room in your home, have a desire to help children in need and are able to provide a safe and loving environment then please contact our office at (405) 247-8620 and get the application process started.

You will always stand taller when you kneel to help a child.

Wichita Executive Committee Meetings and Compensation

Meetings:

- 7 Special Meetings-January 1-March 31, 2013
- 1 Regular Meeting-January 14, 2013-In accordance with Governing Resolution.

Compensation for Meetings 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.
- Wichita Gaming Oversight Subcommittee-March 5, 2013, WEC voted to dissolve the WGOSC and the WEC will meet directly with manager.
- President's salary is $39,478.40. On average 55-60 per week.

Week of the Young Child

Tribal Statistics As of 03/31/2013

Total Tribal Members Enrolled	2,656
Male	1,331
Female	1,325

Blood Quantum	
Full Blood Tribal Members as of 03/31/2013	29
1/2 or more but less than 4/4	255
1/4 or more but less than 1/2	921
1/8 or more but less than 1/4	1,191
Enrolled by Blood Consolidation	260

Age Distribution	
5 and under	196
6 to 12 years old	426
13 to 17 years old	321
18 to 24 years old	370
25 to 39 years old	762
40 to 54 years old	353
55 to 64 years old	137
65 to 74 years old	62
75 to 89 years old	27
90 years old and older	2
Oldest Male-Myles Stephenson Sr.	
Oldest Female-Joyce Setzer	
Oldest Full Blood Male-Myles Stephenson Sr.	
Oldest Full Blood Female-Bernice Whitefeather	

Address Updates

Please send address updates to:
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Enrollment
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005

Tribal Statistics As of 03/31/2013

Alaska	14
Alabama	5
Arkansas	10
Arizona	60
California	112
Colorado	45
Connecticut	5
Delaware	2
Florida	18
Georgia	10
Hawaii	21
Iowa	12
Idaho	2
Illinois	9
Indiana	2
Kansas	73
Kentucky	3
Louisiana	7
Massachusetts	1
Maryland	7
Michigan	7
Minnesota	5
Missouri	7
Mississippi	2
Montana	5
North Carolina	12
North Dakota	1
New Jersey	4
New Mexico	33
Nevada	16
New York	7

Ohio	8
Oklahoma	1,949
Oregon	11
Pennsylvania	4
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	3
Tennessee	6
Texas	95
Utah	10
Virginia	6
Washington	20
Wisconsin	5
Wyoming	3
Out of State Total	**695**

Oklahoma Stats	
Non Caddo County	902
Caddo County	1,047
Anadarko	826
Apache	11
Binger	18
Carnegie	53
Cement	8
Cyril	6
Eakly	9
Fort Cobb	34
Gracemont	72
Hinton	1
Hydro	4
Lookeba	5

Health

Public Health Nurse
Nahusheah Mandujano, RN

First, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me back. I am very honored to be allowed to assist my People, especially my Elders. My duties are as follows:

1. Identify health needs of individuals, families, and community.
2. Assess the current health status, health practices, and environment of the Indian population.
3. Develop provisions for comprehensive outreach healthcare based on individual, family care plans and community profiles for high-risk families.
4. Develop a referral and patient tracking system in conjunction with the IHS program.
5. Follow the SOW within the Health Contract regarding High-Risk Infants, Infants and Pre-School children, Geriatric, Communicable Disease Control and Chronic Disease.
6. Health Education.

Home visits will be done on an as needed basis for Tribal members that request or require my assistance. If you or any member of your family would like me to come make a home visit, please call me at 405-247-8656. I can assist with monitoring vital signs, wound care, education on medical self-tasks, assistance in locating and obtaining continuous Home Health Care, obtaining educational material and resources. In collaboration with Ben, Crystal and Roxanne, I will be conducting Blood Pressure monitoring on Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:00PM at the A.O.A. building for anyone interested in having their blood pressure checked. Thank You.

Health Programs Offered to those Out of the Regular Service Area Including Those Living Out of State

Those living out of the regular service area and out of state are eligible for Eyeglass Assistance and Special Medication Assistance. We have also implemented a new tribally funded program for Diabetics & Elders. This program will assist with dentures, partials, hearing aids, podiatry and nutritional supplements. Please see page 13 for more details.

Program Offered by IHS

Screening Mammography Self-Referral Now Available

The Lawton Service Unit now accepts self-referrals for screening mammography services. The annual screening mammogram is appropriate for normal, healthy women over 40 who are not having any breast symptoms. Patients should report to the Lawton Indian Hospital Radiology Department to schedule a screening mammogram. Where there's an open appointment time, they may be able to be screened immediately. Mammograms are also done at the Anadarko or Carnegie clinic when the mobile mammogram unit is on site, ask a nurse to schedule your appointment. You may also call to schedule an appointment. The number to call at Lawton is (580)354-5570, at Carnegie (580) 654-1100 or at Anadarko (405) 247-7900. Let them know you want to schedule a mammogram.

(Taken from Lawton IHS Newsletter for February 2013.)

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 OEH&E Field Office in Lawton via mail at Indian Health Service, OEH&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.

Health Services for Diabetics and Elders

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Tribal Funded Program for Diabetics & Elders
Dentures & Partials, Hearing Aids, Podiatry and Nutritional Supplements

On March 19, 2013, the Wichita Executive Committee, by a vote of 5-0-0, approved the Administrative Guidelines for FY-2013 for the Tribal Funded Program for Diabetics & Elders. This is a new program that will allow all tribally enrolled diabetics, regardless of place of residence, to receive services that are restricted to service area by our federally funded Diabetes Program. Those services include denture and podiatry assistance along with new services explained in the guidelines. This program also provides new services not previously offered to all tribally enrolled elders for dentures, partials, hearing aids, podiatry and nutritional supplements. The Committee discussed the restrictions in the guidelines for the "one-time only assistance during the client's lifetime". These restrictions are in the guidelines for now because of funding purposes. Later as we approve the guidelines from year to year and as a need arises to allow additional assistance then the Committee will re-evaluate the guidelines. For applications or questions concerning the program, please contact:

Health Programs
(405) 247-2425
Fran Harrison @ ext. 155
Sanah Scott @ ext. 157

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Tribal Funded Program for Diabetics & Elders
Administrative Guidelines
FY-2013

AUTHORITY: Article V of the Governing Resolution empowers the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak on behalf of the Tribe in all matters of business:

PURPOSE: The program is a Tribal Funded Program and is designed for the purpose of providing assistance for dentures, partials, hearing aids, prescribed walking shoes and nutritional supplements to diabetics and elders (55 & over).

POLICY: It is the policy of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to provide assistance the tribal members living outside the service area of the Special Diabetes Program, who suffer from diabetes through the purchase of dentures, prescribed shoes and nutritional supplements. This program may also service elders with dentures or partials, hearing aids and those determined by a physician to have special medical needs involving nutrition. Services are provided in accordance with the Program Guidelines and the availability of program funds.

In instances involving annual examinations, i.e., podiatry, dental, diabetic exams, hearing, etc. applications for assistance must be signed by both, the Health Care Provider (Physician, Podiatrist, Dentist) and the client after the annual exam and prior to submission of the application to the Health Programs. **All applicants must complete an application and provide a signed statement by the physician.**

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

DENTURES & PARTIALS: If after an annual dental exam the Dentist determines that there is a need of the client to have dentures or a partial, monetary assistance up to $900.00 can be provided toward the purchase of dentures or $400 towards partials. This type of assistance is a one-time only assistance during the client's lifetime and includes the cost, if any, of any adjustments that might be needed. This assistance can also be utilized as a one-time only assistance for repairs to dentures or partials.

HEARING AIDS: If after an exam, a specialist recommends a hearing aid for an elder or diabetic patient, monetary assistance up to $400 can be provided toward the purchase of one (1) hearing aid. This type of assistance is a one-time only assistance during the client's lifetime and includes the cost, if any, of any adjustments that might be needed.

PODIATRY: Upon completion of an annual exam by the Podiatrist or qualifying health care provider and if the Podiatrist prescribes therapeutic shoes, the shoes will be purchased for the client. If the Podiatrist recommends the client have a good pair of walking shoes, a pair will be purchased for the client not to exceed $75.00; however, prior to assistance, the client must furnish either a written prescription for therapeutic shoes or recommendation for good walking shoes signed by the Podiatrist. The client must have their foot sized for the proper shoe size and provide the measurement to the Health Programs.

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS: Upon receipt of a request from a client, the Nutritionist will do nutritional assessments for the client. Appointments will be scheduled for the client by program staff.

Anadarko Industries

Anadarko Industries Receives Safety Award

Submitted by Tom Short
Houston, TX April 3, 2013

Safety is one of the most important tenants of the U.S. space program and the NASA JSC Contractor Safety Forum (CSF) is an annual program that was created to recognize the "best of the best" for their successful safety programs. The 2012 JSC Contractor Safety Forum ceremony was held on March 19, 2013 to recognize the companies that were selected for their outstanding safety related activities during calendar year 2012. We were very pleased that both Anadarko Industries (AI), and Wichita Tribal Enterprises (WTE) were recognized as CSF honorees.

AI was selected for our work on the Center Institutional Safety Contract (CISS), and WTE was selected for their work on the Financial Business Management Contract (FBMS). This was the third straight year that the AI CISS contract has been selected as one of the honorees at the CSF event. In addition to the safety recognition, our AI contract has continued to receive very high grades for outstanding performance. CISS is a five year Cost Plus Award Fee (CPAF) contract, and the award fee that is earned at the end of each contract year is shared with the employees.

As the name of the CISS contract implies, we provide support services in all facets of "institutional safety". Our employees are committed and they understand the importance of their role at JSC. In summary, our priority is to avoid loss of life, prevent personal injury or illnesses, property loss or damage, and environmental harm.

We are mandated to follow all applicable federal, state and local safety regulations. Our work includes the maintenance and inspection of fire protection systems, safety oversight of facility construction and maintenance safety programs, and the delivery of safety and fire protection training. We are also involved with the development and delivery of safety information systems training, and safety awareness programs. Last but not least, our Test Engineering group provides safety support for testing that involves humans and flight equipment in the various facilities at JSC.

We have over a year remaining on this five year contract but we have already started to prepare for the next competition. Our past performance on the CISS contract should put us in a good position to continue providing these services on future contracts. The customer knows that we understand the work and they appreciate our commitment to excellence.

AI CISS Employees Accepting award

Wichita Tribal Enterprises

(Pictured left to right: Kenneth Cameron, CSF Chair Program Manager, SAIC S&MA; Mark Pollard from WTE/FBMS Program Office; Lisa McCann, FBMS/WTE Program Manager, Gina Ibanez, WTE/FBMS Program Office; Robert White, WTE President; Melanie Saunders, Associate Director Management; and William McArthur, Director S&MA)

Wichita Tribal Enterprises, LLC Financial and Business Management Services Contract Receives Highest Safety Award

Houston, TX; April 2, 2013 – Wichita Tribal Enterprises, LLC (WTE) Financial and Business Management Services (FBMS) contract employees were recently awarded the Johnson Space Center's (JSC) Contractor Safety Forum (CSF) Excellence Award – SUPER NOVA for 2012.

The JSC Contractor Affairs Safety Committee (CASC) & CSF created the CSF Safety Excellence Award to recognize contractor organizations that have demonstrated Excellence in Safety and Health and significant participation in JSC Safety and Health activities.

Robert White, WTE President said. "We are very proud of all of our employees and it is a great honor to be recognized by JSC for our employees' hard work and dedication to the safety of the center."

As the prime contractor on the FBMS contract, our goal is to provide a safe and healthy work environment for employees and to engage the entire FBMS workforce to work together as a team to achieve and sustain a healthful workplace.

Wichita Tribal Enterprises, LLC (WTE) is a Native American, 8(a) certified, Tribal owned, small disadvantaged business. The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is developing WTE as the cornerstone of an economic development plan. This plan will provide college educations for tribal members and rebuild the economic foundations of the communities. The strategy for the success of WTE is one of building long-term partnerships with the best companies and providing solid delivery capabilities for our customers.

Input & Feedback-Issue #2 Responses

Wichita Tribal Membership Input & Feedback Request

Total Responses **36**

Issue 2:	Blood Quantum	We are still working with the first 36 responses but we have received additional responses.

1.Would any of your family benefit from a lower blood quantum?
2.If so, how many?
3.Should the blood quantum be lowered?
4.If yes, would you prefer to see it lowered to 1/16 or lower?
5.What do you see as benefits if the Tribe lowered the blood quantum?
6.What do you see as problems if the Tribe lowered the blood quantum
7.Would you have concerns about servicing that many new members with health, education, etc. without an immediate increase in funding?

Note Regarding Responses
Because of the space, some of the responses were shortened to allow each response received to be listed. The main points of the responses were incorporated whether it was a pro or con to the issue addressed. NR=No Response to the question.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No	NR	Yes	I feel we should restart the process all over again make all certified tribal members, possibly those who received per caps, full blood members.	The tribe is becoming diluted. Many of our children and grandchildren will not be able to be included as members. The original idea of tribal information was as families and inclusive, not exclusionary.	Funding could become an issue. Use strategy in answer 4 to increase funding through BIA.	NR
Yes	NR	Yes	1/16	I think the blood quantum should be lowered to 1/16 this would benefit my grandchild and any future grand children I may have.	This would add additional tribal members and shouldn't make things get out of hand.	NR
Yes	4	Yes	Lower	So our children would be able to be enrolled	NR	No, our community and hearts would only expand, and be able to share our rich heritage.
S e e #4	0	Yes	Yes- (#1-Not at this time.	I think a lower blood quantum would further preserve our future generations, as well as increase tribal revenue.	I see no problems in lowering the blood quantum.	I feel that the new members of the tribe would have to wait for tribal benefits until funding kicked in.
Yes	S e e #4	NR	I'm not sure (#2 My children would (I do not have children yet.)) (#3 had 1/16)	My children will be able to stay connected to their Tribe and feel that they are a part of something bigger.	I do not see problems.	Does not necessarily mean that many members would be accessing health and education services. It would be important to estimate the number of new members receiving services.
Yes	4	Yes	1/16 is a good start	We would be able to keep Wichita people, a Wichita people. I'm not real excited about the consolidation of other blood being used to define Wichita.	I think most of the problems would come from those who have been included as Wichita by the consolidation method; not that the individual would have problem, just issues brought about by their blood levels.	There may be some hardships, but in the long run, we will all benefit from increasing our enrollment.
Yes	1/16	Yes	1/16 would be great (#1-My children would have an opportunity to enroll. As it stands now it ends with me.)	Our people and our culture will be preserved even longer.	Some will be worried that there won't be enough money and resources to go around, I think that is a short sighted and irresponsible outlook. If money weren't involved would we have any issues lowering the blood quantum?	I think the benefits of lowered blood quantum outweigh some having to share resources for a few years.
No	0	NR	NR	There is no one that would benefit from lowering the blood quantum in my family.	Let's take care of existing members better, even those that are not located in OK. I just had to pay $305 for bifocals because I did not have vision insurance and the medical center won't cover glasses. I think we should spread the benefits better.	
Yes	1	Yes	Lower	My son can enroll as a member.	I do not see a problem at all.	

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Yes	5	No	NR	None there are too many tribes that don't quantum and their population exploded. There is a time and a place that you are no longer enough to be on a tribe.	Tribe would be overwhelmed with members that just want to seek services.	There is no reason to increase the blood quantum the funding is not there for this and the tribe should stay true to what it has set forth in the past. Why punish the people who are already enrolled? The funding may not increase to the amount of new people added.
UK	1		Yes, and I am told some tribes go down to 1/132. I think a look into other tribes an see if it impacts them financially.	At my first guess it would be for medical benefits and honestly that is my only reason.	Financially, some criteria should be set due to some moving around on tribal role. I don't know if that is an issue but I have heard that.	Yes that could bankrupt anyone. This is a very big topic nationwide and there is not a great answer anywhere. I carry insurance to help because the resources in xxxx are not very good for tribal assistance.
NR	NR	No	NR	The blood quantum should definitely not be lowered.	It would dilute tribal integrity and create less benefits for existing tribal membership. It would also increase work load for existing employees.	NR
Yes	2	Yes	1/16	Increased Membership	None	I think we have to all wait it out a few years it's worth the wait.
NR	NR	NR	NR	I have two granddaughters, neither of which have children. Their blood quantum is 1/8 so if they ever have children, their children would then have a blood quantum of 1/16.	The only benefit I feel for the tribe as a result of lowering the blood quantum would be to increase the membership and extend the life of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.	I feel certain that the US Government could not increase funding to tribes.
Yes	2	Yes	1/16	It will increase the declining enrollment and increase Federal funding for the Tribe.	None.	This is something that the tribe will have to do sooner or later so if we start now then the sooner the funding would be there.
No	NR	NR	NR	NR	First off what is the tribe providing for the elderly and children under the age of 18 right now? My daughter is 15 and does not receive anything, but right now I am at the stage where I want to retire. I may need help w/her college funding.	We need to see the needs of these are met before trying to take on new members.
Yes	5	Yes	1/16, no lower than 1/32	Benefits: Perpetuation of the Tribe; Pride in recognizing that these individuals are of Wichita descent and the pride an individual can have by being accepted as a member of the Tribe.	Problems: It is answered in your next question.	No it might involve decreasing an individual's amount currently received but adjustments should be able to be made if the Tribe's priorities are in order and proper planning has been done.
No	N/A	No	No	Right now, none-only negatives. The tribe doesn't benefit that greatly as it is. Lowering the blood quantum would only reduce the current benefit. This issue should be addressed in the future when the "baby boomers" are more at the end of their life cycle.	Reduced benefits for all.	Yes
NR	NR	NR	NR	I think those that received a per cap in 1986 should be declared full blood and use them as the base for enrollment.	This would provide equity and allow for the enrollment for our future generations.	If not, we should follow our Governing Resolution which allows for consolidation.

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No	NR	Yes	1/16	None, members	Less benefits	Again, I live so far away I don't think it would effect me.
Yes	6	Yes	Yes (#3-No blood quantum)	Will give a true and allurate number to tribal enrollment. It is only fair.	Increased enrollment will mean new challenges. Since when have we as a tribe faced challenges?	Anyone with any degree of Wichita blood should be considered eligible. That is only a fact.
No	NR	No	NR	Increased tribal membership	I think you end up diluting your base group.	Yes I would!
DK	NR	No	NR	Don't know	I don't know about problems but I would want the council/Tribe, to take it's time to think about this.	I hope this subject would be thought over real good.
Yes	3	No	NR	NR	There is not enough money to take care of health cost now. What would happen if we added 700 more people.	NR
Yes	?	Yes	(#2 depends on family)	At this time no one benefits—council does little for members	The council is cohesive and just-all tribal members will benefit if they are recognized as whatever blood quantum	For years the tribe has neglected requests of tribal members for aid-does it matter how large the tribe?
Yes	3	Yes	11/6	It would benefit our kids that are mix.	NR	I wouldn't have concerns about servicing new members.
No	NR	Yes	Lower (#1-Not at this moment)	We have Wichita's that don't have the blood quantum and if they could enroll our tribe would grow.	If they can prove I don't see a problem.	A lot of members never ask for anything from the tribe and aside from commodities and senior citizen that is local and people out of state can only get some help with school. I don't see a problem.
Yes	2	No	NR	No benefits at all	Our resource would be over taxed. I don't want our blood line thin out anymore than it already is. I have 2 grandchildren also.	Yes it would drain more resource away.
No	??	Yes	Yes (#1-Not at this time. #2-future grandchildren)	Increase in tribal membership. Wichita Pride.	Funding	Yes, depending on number of new members.
Yes	2	Yes	Yes-1/16 is good.	Allows for more tribal members	None	NR
No	NR	No	No	None. Can't help the ones already on the role now. Sorry unless you qualify for poverty.	Already too many on the roll that are not 1/8 Wichita. You should be 1/8 no matter if your parents consolidated.	We have some employees at the tribe overworked because of the people they serve now.
No	No	No	No	None-lets take what we have now and try and grow.	Lets take care of the Wichita people who really need the tribe in the long run, it will mean more for the tribal members.	Only true Wichita blood should be considered. Our money needs to grow for the people who are true Wichita.
No	N/A	No	N/A-(#3-My first answer is no but I would have to think more on the issue. My question is an ethical question. What is the goal of the tribe?	N/A-(Additional to #3-Is it our desire to stay a tribe culturally or genetically? What is the possible direction of each outcome?	(Additional to #3-The decisions we make as a tribe will impact future generations long after we are all gone. My children know much of what I know including some hymns. They all have Wichita names and	They know they are Wichita. Their blood is 1/4 and I would say their culture is 1/2. I cannot increase their blood but I can increase the culture.
No	N/A	No	So, if the blood quantum is lowered to 1/16, will those individuals be a benefit to the Tribe?	The Tribe would be able to obtain additional funding from the government for various social programs.	Possible problems would be having more tribal members than the current tribal employees could serve at this time. Federal funding is drying up.	Current members would receive less benefits. Individuals would see the casino and seek out membership with the Tribe. More would want per capita payments.
No	NR	??	See below (#3-What is our current requirement?)	When you say funding I take it you are saying federal dollars.	At what point (quantum) does the federal government no longer recognize a tribal member eligible for federal funding.?	I see this more of a eligibility criteria based on "service areas" which I reference latter than in membership number.
No	NR	S e e #4	This decision should be delayed until the feasibility, method, and impact of providing services to all currently enrolled members is considered. A study should be conducted to determine the needs and availability of services for all members. It should include issues affecting health, education, housing for all members wherever they are located.	In considering the issue, it should be kept in mind that the "blood quantum" standard is a creature of the federal government in its effort to extinguish tribes. The government held the view that once all tribal members holding the minimum blood quantum were gone, so was the tribe! Family members were members of a tribe in "ancient" times.	By assisting our current members, family members who are not within the current membership guidelines. Will also benefit indirectly by reducing the financial strain on the household or nonmember caretakers. Example: parents who are members and receive housing or healthcare assistance may be able to contribute to the education of a nonmember child. Elders who receive healthcare or housing assistance may be able to contribute to the education of a nonmember child.	I think one of the immediate benefits of expanding the tribal base is cultural awareness and participation. Assuming that some of the new membership would come from geographical locations outside Anadarko, planned cultural events might spark renewed energy within the tribe itself.