

# OSAGE NATION ELECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 17, 2025 10:00 AM

# **Call to Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shannon Lockett at 10:06 a.m.

#### Invocation

The Invocation was given by Vice Chairperson Terry Hazen.

#### **Roll Call**

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Shannon Lockett, Chairperson Terry Hazen, Vice Chairperson Belle Wilson, Board Member

The following member was absent:

Fred Byers, Alternate Board Member

Chairperson Shannon Lockett declared a quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION-To Approve.** Belle Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2025 as presented. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## Office Report

Alexis Rencountre, Election Supervisor, reported on the following.

- The Office partnered with Osage News for Donuts and Coffee community event on March 19<sup>th</sup> and planning to do a similar event at the end of May.
- The Board's recommendations to amend the Election Code were sent to Congress twice with no response.
- During a phone conversation on April 11<sup>th</sup> with Alexis Rencountre, Chief Standing Bear confirmed his support for the Board's recommendations.

- Congressman Billy Keene has agreed to sponsor legislation with the Board's recommendations.
- On April 15<sup>th</sup> the Government Operations Committee voted to postpone Congressman Tillman's legislation, ONCA 24-84, indefinitely.
- Chief sent the appointment of Corbin Dewitt to Congress for confirmation to fill our vacant Alternate Board Member position.
- An RFP is being posted for marketing and communication services including new website, print materials, mass emails, and social media management.

## **Governing Documents**

The Board and Office discussed the need to begin work on the Rules and Regulations. Alexis is creating a comprehensive 'cheat sheet' for candidates showing requirements and allowable activities as well as timeline documents to help explain challenges and proposed changes.

#### **Old Business**

Alexis reported Casey Johnson, Secretary of Development, confirmed the timeline is on track to moving the Office to a different building in the future.

### **New Business**

None

#### **Public Comment**

None

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next scheduled meeting is currently set for Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

### Adjournment

**MOTION-To Adjourn.** Terry Hazen made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Shannon Lockett at 10:37 a.m.