



Northern Ponca Elders Committee

Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 10 AM / Ponca Office - Ralston

District 1 – Niobrara/Sioux City • District 2 – Omaha • District 3 – Lincoln • District 4 – Norfolk

- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 10:08 am
- II. ROLL CALL - Rita Pitzer, Debbie Robinette, Mark Peniska, Carrie Voss, Belva Phillips.
Life size - Marchita Bair.
Conference call - Phil Wendzillo.
Absent - Rose Birdhead, excused.
- III. INVOCATION - Mark Peniska
- IV. Approval of July 11, 2022, agenda - Motion by Mark, seconded by Debbie. All approved. Motion carried.
- V. Approval of June 6, 2022, minutes - Motion by Rita, seconded by Belva.
Approval of June 7, 2022, minutes - Motion by Mark, seconded by Belva. Roll call of votes; Marchita - Yes, Phil - Yes, Rita - Yes, Debbie - Yes, Mark - Yes, Belva - Yes. Rose - absent/excused. All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. Officer's Reports - Chair - Carrie Voss, reminded to be respectful of one another and to raise your hand if you have a question or comment. Vice-Chair - Mark Peniska, read Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Mark contacted Jessica Hitchcock about printing resource booklet. Secretary - Belva Phillips - reports the upcoming event in Lincoln of the dedication of the Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building on July 21, 2022. Belva read the draft agenda and will provide the address for everyone attending. Interested are Chair, Carrie Voss, Vice Chair, Mark Peniska, Secretary, Belva Phillips, Rita Pitzer and Debbie Robinette. Lodging request for Rita, Debbie, and Carrie. Treasurer - Phil Wendzillo reports requesting R & E from finance. Sent draft narrative for budget planning continuance to Elder group email.
- VII. Guest - Janelle Ali-Dinar, PhD CEO - Ponca Health Services summarizes the strategic focus on the Ponca Health Services on population health and goals to approach trust. Ponca Health Services has an outreach to sixteen counties and joint venture to services with dentistry, pharmacy, primary

care, behavioral health, diagnostic services. Ponca Health Services has a state-of-the-art mobile traveling service. Janelle discussed service support and ongoing progress development to the Ponca Health Services and grants in the works on telehealth and broadband, food delivery, home health and diagnostic care, exercise, and transit. Richard Wright, Jr., Culture Director - discussed the hiring a historian trainee meeting. The return of the Standing Bear tomahawk from Boston, Peabody Museum and NAGPRA funerary objects. Meetings at Agency building on upcoming Ponca Powwow, wagaze meeting for the Youth summit, Nebraska Indian Education meeting about Native American kids in classroom. Ongoing projects, signs for direction to Ponca Powwow, security at community grounds and new roof. Richard also discussed digitizing the archives to past perfect software. Cemetery clean up. Preparing for 2022 Ponca Powwow. In addition, Belva asked Richard to make sure the Elder's area is blocked off and save a space for the Elder's Committee for two awnings for a care unit space for Elders in need. Richard continued with long term projects and goals - planning for the Ponca Cultural Center with Judy Meyer, PEDCO. Preparing for cemetery survey. Updating cultural website. Updating the Community Building for Ponca museum. Stacy Laravie, THPO - attended the meeting with the Peabody museum, Harvard. Met for ceremony and discussion with Peabody museum personnel. Repatriation of Standing Bear tomahawk and funerary objects. Meeting updates - Intertribal meeting with Pipestone national monument. Met with Pawnee THPO and attended site excavation.

Noon - Lunch - break

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business - None

X. Other Business - None

XI. Guest - Stephanie Pospisil, Social Services Director, PTON. Cory Matthew with the Capacity Building Center for Tribes presented importance of the IV-E form impact along with Stephanie. Stephanie asked for direction to help strength services for Tribal child and family systems. The Elder's Committee a few are foster Grandparents and would like to see improvements to the Tribal child and family systems. The Elder's Committee made many suggestions for improvement and Stephanie will follow up with the Elder's Committee about the IV-E form and new discussions.

XII. Additional Discussion – Belva asked for approval for snacks, fruit, water, and drinks for the Elders in need during the Ponca Powwow from the Niobrara Grocery store. Belva can order in advance to be picked up in Niobrara using the Ponca Tribe/Elders budget. Belva said the Elder’s Committee has an order of two awnings, nine camp chairs, three coolers and two wagons to carry supplies in and a first aid kit, bug spray and sunscreen spray. Belva requested space to Richard Wright, Jr for the Elder’s Committee care space for Elders during the Powwow. Belva discussed Special during the Powwow, one song by Eagle Rhodd, 3 Pendletons, 1 Teton, eight shawls for staff for give away. Belva asked for a motion to approve \$50 for drum. Chair, Carrie Voss raised to a \$100 to Eagle Rhodd. Phil suggested a check request. Carrie Voss agreed to put the check in her name. Belva made a motion to order snacks, drinks and fruit from the Niobrara Grocery store using the Ponca Tribe/Elder credit ahead of time to pick up for the Elders care during the Ponca Powwow. And an additional motion to add for the purchase of fourteen, \$25.00 Walmart gifts cards and a check request in the Chair’s name Carrie Voss for \$100.00 for the Elder’s Committee special on Saturday during the Ponca Powwow. Motion by Rita, seconded by Marchita. Roll call of votes; Marchita – Yes, Phil – Yes, Rita – Yes, Debbie – Yes, Mark – Yes, Belva – Yes. Rose – absent/excused. All approved. Motion carried.

XIII. Adjourned @ 3:32 pm by Chair, Carrie Voss.

Next meeting August 12, 2022 @ 10 am / Ponca Office – Niobrara.