



Choctaw Nation Election Board

MEETING MINUTES

The Election Board met on November 7, 2024, at 11:38 am in the Ibaichvffa (Membership) Conference Room #1251 at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) Headquarters Building in Durant, Oklahoma.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Virginia Kay Green.

Invocation was given by Alternate Tipps.

Secretary, Candace Perkins, called the roll and the following individuals were present:

Virginia Kay Green, Chairperson

Jane Parent, Member

Sylvia Sigler, Alternate

Wayne Tipps Jr, Alternate

Candace Perkins, Secretary

Jennifer Johnson-Williams, Secretary Alternate

The following individuals were absent: None.

Three (3) voting members of the Board answered roll call – a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes from the August 14, 2024, Regular Meeting were provided for review to all Board Members and Alternates at this meeting.

Chairperson Green called for Approval of Minutes.

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the August 14, 2024, Regular Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Perkins provided the following information to the Board:

- Financial Updates including:
 - A final summary financial snapshot of FY24 operating expenses for cost center.
 - A summery financial snapshot for FY25 budget for cost center.
- Strategic Updates including:
 - Election Management System (project with Information Technology):
 - Go live was August 1, 2024.
 - No new updates.
- Operational Updates including:
 - Legal and Compliance:
 - Secretary Perkins contacted Chief Batton's office on October 21, 2024, to notify him that service tenures were expiring on December 31, 2024, for the following Board members/alternates:
 - Virginia Kay Green
 - Jane Parent
 - Sylvia Sigler
 - Wayne Tipps Jr.
 - Secretary Perkins also informed Chief Batton that the Durant Post Office was in the process of hiring a new Postmaster. Secretary Perkins stated her intention to visit with new Postmaster (or Interim) in January 2025 to establish a professional relationship and inquire if USPS will be more willing to hold CNO ballots on their property or if they will follow the same refusal standards set by the 2023 Postmaster.
 - Upon further discussion on October 24, 2024, Secretary Perkins explained that the Board would prefer to amend the Election Ordinance to remove the holding of ballots at the Durant Post Office and move permanently to the security and retention procedures established in 2023 where ballots would be picked up daily and held in a secure area at a designated CNO "Collection Location" until a voting day. It was agreed that a new Council Bill to amend the Election Ordinance would be presented to Tribal Council at November's meeting.
 - The amendments to the Election Ordinance will affect the following areas of the document (Copy Provided):
 - Article II. Definitions, Section 1(e).
 - Article XIV. Watchers, Section(s) 1 – 5.
 - Article XVII. Ballot Mailing to Voters, Section(s) 4 -5.
 - Article XVIII. Election Returns, Section(s) 1-2, 6(a).



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- Appendix Form D has been updated with the current Voter Registration Form.
- Record Management:
 - Annual document reviews in PolicyTech:
 - No new updates.
- Marketing and Communications:
 - The following public notices and information have been recently published to the Tribal Elections webpage:
 - Election Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024.
 - Secretary Perkins intends to post the Tribal Candidate Filing Packet 2025 on the Election webpage after January 1, 2025.
 - As of August 15, 2024, the Board has two new MARCOM relationship managers (RMs) who will help with Voter Registration projects and the Tribal Election Communication Plan. Secretary Perkins will continue to work on the communication plan with RMs.
 - MARCOM confirmed that the early voting and election date is on the Tribal Member Calendar for 2025.
 - As of October 9, 2024, MARCOM provided the following chart with current average pricing for radio advertisements during the 2025 election cycle along with recommended monthly buy and location. Pricing is subject to change at any time, most radio stations will cover multiple districts.

Radio Advertisement				
Company name	Location	Stations	Average Price per spot	Recommended monthly buy
Alpha Media	North Texas/Durant	Katy Country, Mad Rock & KLAKE	\$ 19.00	\$ 2,500.00
Payne Media	Southeastern Oklahoma	KMMY, KITX, KQIK, KNNU, KYHD, KZDV, ESPN	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,000.00
KBEL	Idabel	KBEL	\$ 18.33	\$ 500.00
KLBC	Texoma	KLBC, B99.7, KSEO	\$ 17.85	\$ 750.00
KTCS	Poteau	KTCS	\$ 10.00	\$ 700.00
Mix 96.1	Southeastern Oklahoma	Mix96.1, KHKC, KZIG	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
McAlester Radio	McAlester	K101.3, KTMC, KNED, KMCO	\$ 16.66	\$ 500.00
KKBI	Broken Bow	KKBI	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
KYHD	Valliant	KYHD	\$ 12.75	\$ 500.00

- Secretary Perkins made a Motion to approve a \$10,000 budget to plan for radio advertisements during the 2025 election cycle. – Seconded by Alternate Tipps.
Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**



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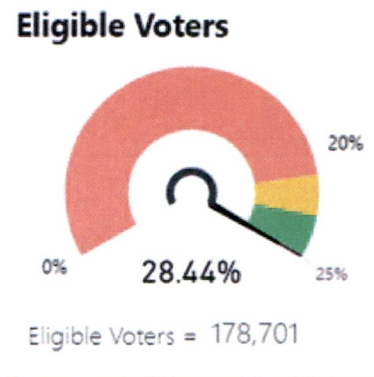
- Information Technology
 - No new updates.
- Facility Management:
 - On October 28, 2024, Secretary Perkins confirmed with the Chief Security Officer that the Election Board will use a secure area in the Public Safety Building as the designated "Collection Location" for mail in ballots in 2025.
 - As of October 28, 2024, the Election Board's storage unit rental has been paid from 11/1/2024 through 10/31/2025.
- Human Resources:
 - No new updates.
- Election Board Meeting Schedule for CY2023 (Copy Provided):
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 1pm.
- An overview of current activities that are ongoing with the CNO Voter Registration (VR):
 - On October 7, 2024, Voter Registration collaborated with Government Affairs to set up a table at the monthly Heritage Day at CNO Headquarters in Durant, OK to assist those needing to register to vote in federal and/or tribal elections as part of the Voter Registration and Voter Education Week. In 2022, Chief Batton signed the Voter Registration and Voter Education Proclamation.
 - As of November 6, 2024, we have a total of 50,821 registered voters which is 28.44% of the tribal membership eligible to vote.



Voter Count by District

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Voting District	Out Of Nation	In Nation	Grand Total
	1	0	1
1	548	749	1297
2	922	1140	2062
3	1243	869	2112
4	461	1727	2188
5	762	1055	1817
6	542	1207	1749
7	1157	1377	2534
8	1406	1406	2812
9	3071	2311	5382
10	683	1080	1763
11	1337	2137	3474
12	1046	788	1834
Unaffiliated	21796	0	21796
Grand Total	34975	15846	50821



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NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Green called for New Business.

There was no new business, but Secretary Perkins distributed Thanksgiving Ham pick up information to the Election Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Perkins made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. – Seconded by Alternate Sigler.

Chairperson Green called for voice vote; **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Certification of Meeting Minutes:

X *Candace Perkins*

Candace Perkins
Secretary

Approved 02-12-2025