

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL  
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL (KIC) MEETING  
HELD APRIL 6, 2024**

In accordance with ARTICLE V – KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, Section 4. (a). Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe approved by Tribal membership on April 17, 2017, and in accordance with the the Kiowa Indian Council Policies and Procedures approved July 2018 by the Kiowa Indian Council, the annual meeting of the KIC was held on the first Saturday of April which fell on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of 2024.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect a KIC Coordinator to replace Kristie Wolf Norris who resigned her position.

**WELCOME:**

The Welcome was given by Davetta Geimausaddle, Appointed Interim KIC Administrator.

**INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was given by Pastor Monroe Tsatoke.

**ROLL CALL AND QUORUM COUNT:**

Roll call and a quorum of at least 150 members was met and the meeting commenced at \_10:30\_ o'clock A.M.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY AND SERGEANT AT ARMS:**

In accordance with ARTICLE V – KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL, Section 5.(b) Procedures, a Chairman was elected to conduct the meeting by nomination and vote. David Geimausaddle was elected Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Geimausaddle then called for nominations for Secretary. Mary D. Autaubo was elected Secretary. Mr. Geimausaddle then called for nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms. Jeffrey Bear was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

**NOTICE/ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mr. Geimausaddle informed the KIC that no 2024 resolutions were going to be presented because the KIC Coordinator, Kristie Wolf Norris resigned her position, therefore there wasn't anyone to accept and place any resolutions on the KIC Meeting Agenda at least forty-five days prior to the KIC Meeting.

**Motion:**

A motion was then made by Modina Waters to modify the agenda to adopt the 2023 resolutions which were properly presented and placed on the 2023 KIC Meeting Agenda. At the 2023 KIC meeting, a quorum was present at the commencement of the meeting, but quorum was lost when resolutions were presented for vote for placement on an election ballot. So, a Special Meeting to vote on the resolutions was set for May \_\_\_\_, 2023; at which time a quorum was not met; therefore, no resolutions were approved to be placed on a ballot for voting.

The motion was approved, and the agenda was modified to include the 2023 resolutions.

Discussion and debate amongst the KIC regarding Robert's Rules of Order were presented and it was agreed that they were the appropriate rules to follow.

**Motion:**

A motion was then made by Steve Hopkins to take care of business that was listed on the agenda which was the election of a new Kiowa Indian Council Coordinator.

**INTRODUCTION OF KIC COORDINATOR CANDIDATES:**

The three candidates who were running to be elected new KIC Coordinator were introduced as: Debbie Wilson, Karen Tso and Steve Hopkins. Each candidate was given an opportunity to present their speeches.

After each candidate gave their speech, a motion was then made to commence voting.

**VOTE FOR A 2024-2026 KIC COORDINATOR:**

Voting then commenced by secret ballot at 11:30 AM.

Polls closed at 12:12 PM and Steve Hopkins was elected the new KIC Coordinator. He gave his acceptance and thank you speech.

**LUNCH:**

Lunch break was then called for and Pastor Monroe Tsatoke offered the prayer.

The meeting resumed at 1:13 PM.

**REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

A report was given by Chairman Lawrence Spottedbird on tribal matters the administration was working on.

Several concerned KIC members questioned Chairman Spottedbird about the Westwin project in Lawton, Oklahoma (the nickel, cobalt and manganese refinery) that is attempting to build the refinery adjacent to KCA lands without consulting with KCA citizens who are concerned about the negative environmental impact it will have. It will be located next to a native cemetery and church. Chairman Spottedbird stated that it was a KCA matter, and he couldn't offer any comments.

Other concerned KIC citizens asked Chairman Spottedbird about the t-shirt shop located at Anadarko, OK. They were concerned and wanted to know why the director of that program had his RV parked on the side of the building and was hooked up to and using the building's electricity and other amenities. They were wondering if the Tribe was paying for his use of those utilities. Another concerned KIC member stated that she tried to utilize his services/program to get some t-shirts made for the MMIP (Murdered and Missing Indian People) Kiowa Chapter she oversees, and she was told that he couldn't/wouldn't be able to do those for her. She stated that she had to utilize the Comanche Tribe's services and that her chapter was the only Kiowa chapter in the nation. Chairman stated that the shop wasn't presently making any money.

A report was given by Vice-Chairman Jacob Tsoitigh giving updates on that the tribal administration was achieving. He stated that if anyone had any concerns that they were welcome to call him. He gave his phone number as (405) 951-0406.

Another concerned KIC citizen was asking Vice-Chairman Tsoitigh about the Westwin Refinery and whether the Tribe investigated any of the officers of that entity. He stated they did not. A question was also asked about why the Tribe has not passed a resolution standing in unity with the Comanche and Apache Tribes to inform the Westwin officers that they weren't in agreement with the building of the refinery. The discussion was halted by the Sergeant-at-Arms at this point.

Executive Director Marland Toyekoyah who is new to his position, gave a short speech stating his qualifications and his family heritage. He then gave his report on the day-to-day activities of the Tribe and stated that he is always free to answer anyone's questions.

Chief Financial Officer William Weaver who is also new to his position gave a short speech about his background and qualifications. He did not provide a financial report to the KIC per Kiowa Indian Council Policies and Procedures, Meeting Procedures – 1. Annual Meeting (c.). Mr. Weaver was questioned as to why it wasn't provided, and he stated that one would be available within the week.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The 2023 Resolutions were then read, discussed, and voted upon as to whether they should be placed on the ballot for election or tabled for revision or further discussion.

The first resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0002-2023 entitled AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIV-AMENDMENTS SECTION 2, REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSAGE. The resolution is attached hereto for reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve this resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was passed as follows: For: 137; Opposed: 9; Abstention: 17.

The second resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KiC-CY-0004-2023 entitled BLOOD QUANTUM AGGREGATE/POOLING ENROLLMENT REVISION, which was read by the author, Modina Waters. Ms. Waters made a motion to modify her previous resolution she presented to remove the “aggregate/pooling” language. She proceeded to read her revised resolution. Chairman Geimausaddle pointed out that the one she read was not the one approved to be presented. She then withdrew her motion; read the resolution she originally presented; made a motion to modify to remove the “aggregate/pooling” language. The original and Ms. Waters “revised” resolution are attached hereto reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve the resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was not passed as follows: For: 71; Opposed: 90; Abstentions: 18.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0003-2023 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL INITIATING THE

PROCESS OF CALLING OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE KIOWA CONSTITUTION OF 2017 CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP. The resolution and exhibits are attached hereto for reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve the resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was passed as follows: For: 128; Opposed: 30; Abstentions: 15.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0005-2023 entitled THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL COORDINATOR SHALL HAVE A FULL TIME ASSISTANT TO HELP WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL DUTIES. THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WILL DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO ASSISTING THE COORDINATOR IN ALL AREAS DEEMED BY THE COORDINATOR. THIS WILL HELP THE COORDINATOR DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES, MEETING TIMELINESE (sic) FOR ANNUAL, SPECIAL MEETINGS AND TO WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL BRANCHES WHEN NECESSARY. The resolution is attached hereto for reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve the resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was not passed as follows: For: 51; Opposed: 136; Abstentions: 6.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0006-2023 entitled KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL COORDINATOR SHALL HAVE ATTORNEY COUNSEL AS NEEDED TO REPRESENT THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL EFFECTIVELY TO MEET THE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE KIOWA TRIBE CONSTITUTION WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES AS THE COORDINATOR. The resolution is attached hereto for reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve the resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was not passed as follows: For: 37; Opposed: 108; Abstentions: 13.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0007-2023 entitled KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION COMMITTEE TO AID THE KIC COORDINATOR WITH RESOLUTIONS. THE COMMITTEE WILL ASSIST THE COORDINATOR TO MAKE SURE ALL PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS HAVE PROPER WORDING AND ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS. The resolution and a consent, information, and qualifications to be on the committee are attached hereto for reference. Appropriate motions were made and seconded to approve the resolution to be placed on the ballot for vote and was passed as follows: For: 130; Opposed: 10; Abstentions: 17.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0008-2023—TORNADO SIRENS AND STORM SHELTERS EQUIPPED FOR RURAL AREAS EQUIPPED WITH 50-PERSON CAPACITY FOR KIOWA TRIBE MEMBERS. This resolution was discussed, and it was decided by the KIC that the language was too vague and didn't include enough pertinent information (such as a budget and which churches were included) to make an informed decision on. This resolution was tabled. The resolution is attached hereto for reference.

The next resolution presented and read was Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0010-2023 entitled RESCINDING RESOLUTION KL-CY2021-0001 THE EMERGENCY VIDEO CONFERENCING ACT OF 2021 AND IMPLEMENTING GERONIMO'S COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION GROWTH ACT OF 2023. It was pointed out that you can't change a law that has been enacted by the Legislature and the Chairman. This resolution was therefore tabled. The resolution is attached hereto for reference.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0011-2023 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL TO ENACT GERONIMO'S EASY ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MARIJUANA LAW was tabled by motion. The resolution is attached hereto for reference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.