



Vote For
Stephen Ortiz (Monwah)
Chairman
Integrity/Commitment/Communications

“Preparing Today to meet our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Challenges and Needs
For the immediate Future”

Message: Over the past years we have become solely depended on Gaming for the major share of our revenues to provide Per Capita payments, government operations (Police, Fire, Land, EPA, Court Services) Member services of Enrollment, Housing, home improvement, education, health operations, Social Services, meal programs, Daycare, Boys & Girls Club, Elder services, Veteran services, assistance to maintain Traditional Religion practices, and donations to groups through our 1% Revenue allocation. To continue these practices we need to ensure the expansion of our Casino continues to provide funding for these activities. Our gaming challenges are formable in Kansas with Hollywood Casino, Kansas Star Casino, Boot Hill Casino, 3 Tribal Casinos and coming soon the Quapaw Downstream Casino in southeast Kansas. These challenges put Tribal Council in situation to ensure through the charter that our Entertainment Board is managing in such a way that we stop the loss of our base customers and come up with creative business practices that increase gaming revenues and customers have a better gaming experience at PBP Casino than at our competitors’ casinos. I will work with Tribal Council members to ensure Tribal Council follows up and follows through with assisting the Entertainment Board through the Charter at re-establishing the casino as number one in Kansas again.

Economic Development needs to begin assessing what other ventures PBP Nation needs to look into so that revenues can be increased to contribute to the overall revenue allocation. The PBPN 10 million-dollar startup revenue contribution to the Economic Development Board needs to show a greater return on investment for our Tribal Members. I will work with Tribal Council to ensure we are following Best Practices for Economic Development through the Charter that governs the relationship between Tribal Council and Economic Development Board.

As a Nation the Tribal Chair and Tribal Council needs to improve communications with Tribal Membership both on and Off reservation to ensure Tribal Council is working on what Membership wants in the areas of tribal Sovereignty, Constitutional changes, Enrollment, Member Services, Direction the Nation is heading towards, Economic Development, Land policies, employment issues, improving the Integrity and Trust of Leadership on Tribal Council, Gaming Commission and Appointed Boards. As Tribal Chair I will emphasis an open door policy for Tribal members, Employees and Tribal entities to ensure all are valued. Improving the working environment within our Tribal operations, Health and Casino Operations benefits us all.

Personal:

Age 66, Married 45 yrs, 2 Adult Children 1 Granddaughter, Wolf Clan
Grandfather Dewey M'Jessepe (Ga-kee-kaw-bah) "Bad Boy"
Grandmother Minnie M'Jessepe (Sho-wak-e-yah) Eagle Clan
Mother Laura M'Jessepe-Ortiz (Pshuck-to-quah) Thunder Clan

Experience:

- Bachelor of Business Administration from Washburn University of Topeka, KS
- Honorable Discharge United States Marine Corps E-3 and US Army Reserves 410th Medical EVAC Unit (SMBL) Spec. E-5
- 20 yr member and Life member of We-Ta-Se served on Honor and Color Guard unit.
- 22 years management experience in Corporate world IBM, Kansas Power & Light, and Hallmark cards, Inc.
- Previously served as Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman 2007 to 2014
- Previously served as Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Secretary 1998 to 2006
- Previously served on Federal/Tribal committees as Co-Chair, Member, and Alternate at Department of Interior, Department of Health and Human Services and Environmental Protection Agency.
- Served as Delegate and Alternate to National Congress of American Indians. Selected as Southern Plains Representative in 2011 to meet with President Barack Obama at the White House to discuss Tribal Issues.
- Served as Delegate and Alternate to the National Indian Gaming Association and awarded the 30th Annual NIGA Tribal Chairman's Leadership Award for 2014.
- Served on Oklahoma City Area Intertribal Health Board as Vice-President and Board Member 2006 to 2014. OCAITHB represents 38 Tribes in Oklahoma, 4 in Kansas and 1 in Texas at annual Indian Health Services Budget and Policy meetings covering Direct Services Tribes, 638 Contract Tribes and Self Governance Tribes.

Lastly as Tribal Chair I will do the best job I can and put my best foot forward in representing our Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation at the Local, Tribal, State and Federal Level. Your Vote for me is appreciated.

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