

# Tony Wahweotten's Campaign for Tribal Council Member #1



Boozhoo Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation,

I hope this information will help you get to know me a little better. I graduated from Royal Valley High School, in 1984. At that time, I went to work for U.S.D.A. as a Field Office Engineering Technician (for six years) where I learned survey and design techniques regarding land and computer knowledge. Ronald Wahweotten Sr., my father, and I created 1st Nations Painting, Inc. in 1996. This is a successful sub-contracting business which operates in approximately a 100-mile radius of my home near our reservation. In addition, I have been taught great respect for all our resources through drum services, hunting, fishing and gathering from our land. I have 25 years of experience sitting on tribal committees and working for our tribe. My business knowledge and life experience make me a very capable candidate for Tribal Council Member.

I served on our Tribal Zoning committee for 15 years. I was nominated and voted to serve as chairman for three terms while working with this committee. I was asked to participate, and soon after was elected as a board member, with the Land Management committee. Service to our community was eight years in this context. I was nominated and voted for Chairman for one term. I, also, served on the PBPN pow wow committee for four years.

I have lived both on the reservation and off the reservation in the surrounding areas of Mayetta, Hoyt, and Topeka my entire life. Raised by a strong family, I acquired the knowledge needed to function well in both our traditional and contemporary worlds. I am invested and active in both. In the past ten years, my family and I have chosen to travel throughout the United States and Canada to participate in tribal gatherings and



the events of other nations representing our tribe and the indigenous culture in general. I am a healthy, non-smoking, full-blooded Prairie Band Potawatomi. I do not use alcohol or drugs.

My father is Ronald Wahweotten, son of Ray Wahweotten and Elsie Wahwabsuck-Wahweotten. My Mother is LaVeda Wahweotten, daughter of Charles Thomas and Lillian Shopteese-Thomas. I'm married to Angela Greemore-Wahweotten and we share two beautiful children Brennah and Zach. I also have a wonderful daughter, Chaumin. We have been in our current residence in Mayetta for 25 years.

Since 1996, 1<sup>st</sup> Nation Painting, Inc. has completed painting contracts on the PBPN Elder Center, the PBP Early Childhood Education Center, the PBPN Government Center, the PBPN Fire Station, the PBPN Tribal Court, the PBPN General Council Hall, the PBPN Tribal Health Clinic, the PBPN Tribal Community building, the PBPN Golf Course Clubhouse, the PBPN Elder Village, the PBPN Keepers of the Fire Casino, just to name a few of our projects with the Nation in the last 22 years. My business management skills, time management abilities, and self-sufficiency have been developed through many years of hard work. If elected into office of Tribal Council Member #1, I will surrender the duties I currently perform as Manager in my company.

My Interest in running for Tribal Council Member #1 has come from being involved with the Nation in various business endeavors, meetings, committee work, my own personal experience and belief that Indian Country is in a time of change that will affect our future well-being. My characteristics of being fair, honest, having solid ethical standards and being able to make sound decisions quickly would make me a helpful component of our Tribal Council.

I have run for office in the past and have not been elected to serve our Nation. I will do my best in representing our Nation if elected and would appreciate your vote! An e-mail address and phone number where I can be reached as of 5/7/18 is [rmagic49@yahoo.com](mailto:rmagic49@yahoo.com) & 785/966-2935. Please contact me if you would like to talk about anything.

Warm regards,

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