

Re-Elect Wade Pahmahmie as Tribal Council Treasurer



Hello everyone I am Wade Pahmahmie and I am currently seeking re-election as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council Treasurer. In April 2017 I was elected through a Special Tribal Council Election to fill the vacant Treasurer position. I feel that it is my duty as a Tribal Member to use my experience and education to help our Tribe whenever possible. Shortly after graduating from Washburn University I came to work for the Tribe serving in the Finance Department for 17 years until I was elected as Treasurer serving the past 3 years. In those 20 years as both an employee and elected official I have had the fortunate opportunity to be a part of the tremendous financial growth of our Tribe.

Unfortunately, this Spring we have seen the COVID-19 pandemic cause us to close down our Casino and limit other business and government operations to only essential functions. Decisions to close our Casino which provides roughly 70% of our annual budget and to restrict other operations are tough decisions to say the very least. Those are however decisions that we must make together as Tribal Council and must be made to protect the health and welfare of our Tribe and its members despite the economic impact of doing so. Fortunately, for our Tribe we have been able to save and invest over the years and now have the resources to sustain those essential functions which will help us get through this unprecedented crisis.

During my time as Treasurer I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with our Casino, Gaming Commission and Prairie Band LLC on various financial projects as well as the annual budget process. My prior experience in Tribal Finance has allowed me to communicate effectively with the three entities and understand their financial needs. While gaming will always be our largest source of income, I also understand the need to diversify and hope to continue to help move the economic development project at 150 Rd & Hwy 75 forward. Recently, we have worked together with the LLC and Casino on updating the feasibility study for the 150/75 project. Additionally, I have also been honored to have the opportunity to provide financial reports at our quarterly General Council Meetings as well as working with Tribal Members on Will & Estate Planning, various Tax Matters and the distribution of Unclaimed Property to name a few.

To wrap things up I respectfully ask for your vote on election day July 25, 2020. As a Tribal Member growing up in the local area and living on the Reservation, I have always had a great interest in the Tribe's current events and culture as well as understand the importance of exercising our Tribal Sovereignty. Being able to work for the Tribe over the past several years has been a very meaningful and fulfilling experience for me. Despite long hours on the job, the work I am able to accomplish is much more satisfying knowing that I am positively contributing every day to help the Tribe. With this being said I look forward to serving the Tribe for many years to come in whatever opportunity passes my way and hope that you consider me on election day for Tribal Council Treasurer.

Thank you and I look forward to talking with you all later, Wade P (Wap-tti-ge).

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- **Dedication**
- **Determination**
- **Integrity**
- **Trustworthy**
- **Accountability**
- **Loyalty**
- **Respectful**
- **Courage**
- **Transparency**
- **Leadership**