

My name is Anna “Man-Pwah” (Wahwassuck) Boswell and I am running for the position of Tribal Council Person #1. I would like to ask for your support as well as your vote in the upcoming Tribal Council election. I am the daughter of Merriell “Meatball” & the late Belva (Coochise) Wahwassuck, and the granddaughter of Jacob & Beulah (Naha) Coochise and Jon Paul & Josette (Nahgonbe) Wahwassuck. I have 5 children and am happily married to Michael Boswell, for over 28 years.

I was born in Holton, Kansas but, spent most of my childhood in Arizona where I graduated from Buckeye Union High School, in Buckeye Arizona and returned back to Mayetta in 1996.

My employment background is very diverse and each area has given me the tools and experience to be successful in my career. My employment history, while not inclusive, includes working at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (document specialist), Freemont Compensation (managing workers compensation), Prairie Band Potawatomi Gaming Commission (Compliance Officer), Prairie Band Casino and Resort (previously Harrah’s Prairie Band Casino for 13 years) which include Hr. Training Assistant, Database Analyst. I then moved on as the Assistant General Manager – Member Services for the Nation’s government for 9 years and currently at Prairie Band Casino & Resort as a Human Resources Generalist. Throughout each of these areas with emphasis on the Database Analyst and Assistant General Manager, financial accounting is one of the major areas of concern and importance. However, this does not negate the importance of the Human Resources aspect of being Fair and Consistent. Each of these positions have required a high degree of confidentiality, professionalism, knowledge of rules, regulations and attention to detail. This has also allowed me to be a team player, where I not only have input but I can also pull up my sleeves alongside my coworkers, friends and family to get things accomplished. As previously mentioned, my employment for the Nation as the Assistant General Manager – Member Services is where I oversaw eight (8) departments and also served as Interim General Manager on a number of occasions. I feel this internal and diverse experience working hands on with regulatory requirements, casino processes, HR, General operating policies and governmental operations is what makes me an ideal candidate for the position of Tribal Council Member #1.

As for my education, I started later than most in working towards a degree. Currently I have my Associates of Arts in Business and am just shy of my Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Baker University which has been on a hiatus as my priority has been my children. I truly believe that education is of utmost importance and have searched out many avenues to broaden my knowledge in all aspects of my career. Some of the certificates I have received throughout my career are the NAHASDA & Low Income Housing Tax credits Certification, the Tribal Human Resources Certification (THRP) as well as SQL (Structured Query Language) Certification. However, I also believe that education does not solely mean formal education through College. I want our youth to be proud of whichever path they choose. Whether it be technical training, informal training such as on the job training or the Services. Everyone has something to bring to the table and we should encourage them every step of the way.

Outside of work, I have been involved within the community and those involvements have been serving on various committees including Head Start Policy Council (3 years) and currently serving on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors (12 years) and the PBPN Pow Wow Committee (15 years). I was also a proud member of the Women’s Auxiliary for 3 years. While each of these activities requires an immense amount of time and commitment, I am committed to doing my part not only within my family but within our community as well.

I feel that a time for change is past due, and I am prepared to be an active part of that change. There continues to be many opportunities for our entire Council to step up and be that voice for all or put their skills to work in helping the entire Nation reach our goals. I also feel that those on council should not use their positions as a way to influence or demand their own personal vendettas or agendas to be enacted upon. Transparency has always been a thorn in the proverbial side of the membership. This along with integrity is not something that I take lightly. The role of the council is to act within the best interest of the Nation and that is something that I follow with every decision that I make or have made. I have never been one to shy away from hard work or offering to help in any situation. I have always said that I will not make any promises that I cannot keep. However, I will continue to work hard every step of the way and expect the same of my counterparts. I also know there are times when everyone will not be happy with choices or decisions that are made and would be open to discussing the decision making. But, that should not define or change the course of action with any decision making if, those decisions are made in the right way. However, I will always look at what is best and what is right for our Members and Nation as a whole.

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