

Carol Nuttle elected to serve the Pawnee Nation Business Council



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Pawnee, Okla., Sept. 6, 2011 - The Pawnee Nation Business Council (PBC) welcomes Carol Nuttle as the representative of Council Seat 4.

Nuttle, a self-governance and grants analyst with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, previously served four consecutive two-year terms

on the PBC. Accomplishments include recognition as the first woman executive director of the Tribe for her service in the late 1900s.

Nuttle's mandate involves creating programs designed to increase self-reliance and self-esteem within the academic culture. Other priorities focus on suicide and substance abuse prevention education incorporated into the public and tribal school systems.

"My passion is truly Indian people," Nuttle said. "I love being Pawnee and have a deep respect for the Pawnee people (Akitaru). I have worked with Tribes across the United States and have enjoyed my career, but missed being with my family, including my Tribe that resides in Okla. I hope to bring my experience in working with Tribes nationally and the knowledge I have attained of the federal government processes to help meet the needs of our Tribe and community."

Nuttle's Native American lineage includes mother, Pearl Osborne Nuttle, and grandparents on her mother's side, Sam and Effie Osborne. Sam's father was Billy Osborne, a Pawnee Scout, and Effie's mother was Mattie Little Eagle, who walked from Nebraska as a young child around the age of 12 or 14. Nuttle's father Frank Nuttle served in World War II. Grandparents on her father's side are Ernest Nuttle, a Potawatomi, and Mary Leader Nuttle, daughter of Skidi Chief Frank Leader.

“The Bible says that Atius Ti Tarawahut, (God our Father in heaven), knew me before I was born,” Nuttle said. “So, I would have to say that I have been part of Pawnee Nation and the Tribe even before God created me, basically, all of my life!”

Other PNBC members include Marshall Gover, President; Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief, Vice-President; Linda Jestes, Secretary; Roy "Weeks" Taylor, Treasurer; Richard Tilden, Council Seat 1; Karla Knife Chief, Council Seat 2 and James Fields, Council Seat 3.

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