MEMORANDUM

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

From: Regional Director, Southern Plains Region
Attn: Tribal Government Services

Subject: Secretarial Election Results for Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma

Attached is a copy of the Certificate of Results of Election for the Secretarial Election held June 29, 2002, on six (6) proposed amendments to the tribal constitution for the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma. The six (6) proposed amendments were ratified as follows:

- Proposed Amendment A ratified as Amendment No. II with 133 votes for, 34 against and 9 spoiled ballots.
- Proposed Amendment B ratified as Amendment No. III with 180 votes for, 37 against and 8 spoiled ballots.
- Proposed Amendment C ratified as Amendment No. IV with 173 votes for, 45 against and 8 spoiled ballots.
- Proposed Amendment D ratified as Amendment No. V with 131 votes for, 87 votes against and 9 spoiled ballots.
- Proposed Amendment E ratified as Amendment No. VI with 180 votes for, 37 votes against and 9 spoiled ballots.
- Proposed Amendment F ratified as Amendment No. VII with 177 votes for, 38 votes against and 10 spoiled ballots.

The election was conducted entirely by absentee ballots. Each amendment was printed on a separate color coded sheet with the current and the proposed language clearly differentiated. Several returned absentee ballot envelopes did not contain all six ballots. That is the reason total ballots cast for the individual amendments differ.
There were 377 registered voters with 227 eligible voters casting ballots which calculates to 60% participation. Under the authorization letter dated March 18, 2002, the document became effective the date of ratification, June 29, 2002. There were no challenges to the election.

Copies of the amendments to the constitution are also attached. If you have any questions, contact Terry Bruner or Suzanne Chaney, 405-247-6673, extension 209 or 237, respectively.

Attachments

cc: Chairman, Caddo Nation
Superintendent, Anadarko Agency
Deputy Regional Director
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SCHANAY: 7/31/02
MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendent
Anadarko Agency

From: Southern Plains Regional Director
Attn: Tribal Government Services

Subject: Authorization to Call and Conduct a Secretarial Election - Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma

On March 5, 2002, the Caddo Tribal Council enacted Resolution No. 03-2002-01, to propose four (4) amendments to its Constitution and Bylaws. The resolution also request the Secretary authorize an election to allow the Caddo tribal members the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendments. The four (4) proposed amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT A

ARTICLE I - DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma shall be the name of this organization. The word "Nation" as used in this document shall have the same meaning as "the Caddo Nation."

If approved all references to the name of the tribe in the constitution would also be changed.

AMENDMENT B

ARTICLE III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. (a) All persons of at least one-sixteenth (1/16) degree Caddo Indian Blood who are descendants of enrolled ancestors, as defined and derived from Section 1, born after the date of the adoption of this constitution (June 26, 1976), except those persons otherwise entitled to enrollment with the Tribe who elect to be enrolled in another tribe.
AMENDMENT C

ARTICLE III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. (b) Only for the purposes of enrollment under this section, all persons of at least one-sixteenth ($\frac{1}{16}$) Caddo Indian blood, who elect to be enrolled as a Caddo tribal member, shall be allowed to count all quanta of American Indian blood as Caddo Indian blood. Caddo tribal enrollment procedures, after the passage of the amendment, shall recognize and count all amounts of American Indian blood as pertinent to prospective tribal enrollees and to their descendants, except those persons otherwise entitled to enrollment under this constitutional amendment who elect to be enrolled in another tribe.

AMENDMENT D

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

Section 3. Terms of Office. The term of office of a member of the Tribal Council shall be for a period of four (4) years or until a successor is duly elected and installed in office. The four (4) year terms of office will become effective at the July 2002 Caddo Election. Thereafter, all terms will be four (4) years. The Tribal Chairman shall be eligible to be elected to serve three (3) consecutive terms. At the completion of his/her third consecutive term of office, he/she shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to fill a vacancy on the council until a period of two (2) years has elapsed. In each of the above instances, the term of office shall be for the specified time, unless the incumbent is earlier removed or recalled, dies or resigns.

The amendments are hereby approved pursuant to the authority delegated to the Regional Director by 209 DM 8 and 10 BIAM 3.1. The amendments will become effective when ratified by the adult members as provided in Article XI - Amendments of the tribe’s current constitution.

You are authorized to call and conduct the requested election. Voting on the proposed amendments shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations in 25 CFR § 81, and consistent with the amendment provision of the tribe’s constitution. Note, 25 CFR § 81.11, 81.12, 81.13 and 81.14, regarding the need to develop a list of persons eligible and registered to vote and the deadlines entitled. The registration list must be posted at least twenty (20) days prior to the election which does not include the dates of posting and election day.
The date of the election shall be set by the Chairman of the Election Board in cooperation with tribal representatives and shall not be less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of posting notices of the election. Section 81.8 provides for an election board composed of a chairman and at least two (2) representatives of the tribe. The election board shall furnish suitable ballots and supervise the election. Chairman of the election board is normally the agency Superintendent or the agency Tribal Government Services Officer.

Once the authorization has been granted by the Secretary or his authorized representative, no modification, including correction, deletion or retyping of the authorized version of the proposed amendments shall be made by the Agency Office. In accordance with 25 CFR § 81.5(F), this authorization becomes null and void unless acted upon within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance.

Once the election is completed, forward a copy of the proposed amendments, a copy of the completed certificate of results of election, the eligible voter's list, the voter's packet, a copy of the ballot and any challenges to the Southern Plains Regional Office Branch of Tribal Government Services.

If you have any questions, contact Terry Bruner or Suzanne Chaney, at 247-6673 extensions 209 and 237, respectively.

Attachments
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REPLY TO: Superintendent, Anadarko Agency

SUBJECT: Secretarial Election, Caddo Nation

TO: Regional Director, Southern Plains Regional Office
Attention: Tribal Government Services

Attached are the certificate of results and other required copies of documents of the Secretarial Election which was conducted on June 29, 2002 for the Caddo Nation on the proposed amendments to the Tribe’s Constitution.

There were no protests filed.

In accordance with the Secretary’s regulations contained in the 25 CFR, Part 81, six of the six proposed amendments, namely, Amendment A, Article I - DEFINITION OF TERMS, Number II; Amendment B, Article III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, Number III; Amendment C, Article III - TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, Number IV; Amendment D, Article IV - GOVERNING BODY, Number V; Amendment E, Article VI - FILLING OF VACANCIES, Number VI and Amendment F, Article VIII - FILLING OF VACANCIES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, Number VII were ratified by a majority of the votes cast.

If you have any questions, please call Freida Satepeahtaw, extension 249 or Lisa Silverhorn, extension 221.