

December 19, 1963

Mr. Paul Pitts
Principal Chief
Osage Tribal Council
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Pitts:

We, the undersigned Pawhuska Indian Village Committee, have adopted the following constitution for the Pawhuska Indian Village. We were duly elected pursuant to a motion of the Osage Tribal Council adopted October 31, 1963, and pursuant to your directives dated November 1, 1963. Regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior require that before this committee can have any power to govern a constitution should be accepted by the Osage Tribal Council and approved by the Superintendent, Osage Agency. We do hereby respectfully submit for consideration and acceptance by the Osage Tribal Council and approval by the Superintendent, Osage Agency, the following constitution for the Pawhuska Indian Village:

ARTICLE I.
VILLAGE COMMITTEE

- A. The village committee shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be domiciled in the Pawhuska Indian Village. The committee shall be elected biennially by members of the Osage Tribe who are 21 years of age on or before election day and who have resided in the village for at least 30 days prior to the election. The first election following the adoption of this constitution shall be conducted on the first Monday in October 1965 and succeeding elections shall be conducted thereafter biennially on the first Monday of October of each odd numbered year. The place at which the election shall be held and the time shall be fixed by the village committee at least two weeks prior to each election.
- B. Succeeding village committees shall take office immediately upon their election.
- C. Vacancies occurring in the membership shall be filled by the village committee.
- D. No business shall be transacted by the village committee unless a quorum consisting of any three members is present.
- E. All business of the village committee shall be transacted in public meetings.

ARTICLE II.
OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE

- A. The village committee shall designate three of its members for the following executive positions:
1. A Chairman who shall be the chief executive officer of the Pawhuska Indian Village. His duties shall include presiding at the regularly scheduled meetings of the village committee, calling and presiding at special meetings of the village committee, appointing committees, and implementing the duly enacted directions of the village committee.
 2. A Vice-chairman who shall assume the duties of the Chairman during the Chairman's absence or upon the unanimous vote of the three remaining members of the village committee if the Chairman is temporarily or permanently incapacitated.
 3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall maintain minutes of the village committee meetings and account for the village committee's income and expenditures. The Secretary and Treasurer shall obtain, at the committee's expense, a fidelity bond providing for the faithful performance of his duties in accounting for committee funds in an amount not less than \$1,000 or in such greater amount as may be required by the village committee.

ARTICLE III.
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE

- A. The village committee shall exercise those functions assigned to it by 25 CFR 74.
- B. The term "tribal property" shall include all areas of the Pawhuska Indian Village reserved for tribal use pursuant to 25 CFR 74.5c, and any other unassigned lots, whether improved or unimproved.
- C. The village committee shall accept donations and contributions for the maintenance of public facilities and may charge not in excess of \$25 per day for the use of any or all facilities by any organization or individual. The rates to be charged should be commensurate with the costs of construction and the expense of maintenance, and not designed to derive a profit.

- D. The village committee may make appropriate regulations providing for the use of improvements maintained and supervised by the village committee except when such improvements and public facilities are to be used for dance purposes.
- E. The committee shall not permit any domestic animal to be penned or staked within 50 feet of any neighboring dwelling unless the neighbor consents in writing.

ARTICLE IV.
AMENDMENTS

- A. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the village committee upon being approved by a majority vote of electors residing in the village, the Osage Tribal Council, and the Superintendent, Osage Agency.

ARTICLE V.
DISSOLUTION

- A. None of the members of this village committee nor the residents of the Pawhuska Indian Village shall derive any profit, gain, or remuneration through the operation and maintenance of public facilities in the Pawhuska Indian Village. If upon the dissolution of this village committee there are any proceeds or profits subject to the control of said village committee, same shall be donated to the Mental Health Association of the State of Oklahoma.

/S/ BILL L. MATHIS

/S/ JOAN HINKLE

/S/ FRED CUNNINGHAM

/S/ ALVA E. CARTER

/S/ THEODORE S. BRUNT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
OSAGE TRIBAL COUNCIL

No. 21-96

WHEREAS,

1. The Pawhuska Indian Village Committee has prepared and here presents a constitution and by-laws as required by 25 CFR 74.6 for approval of the Council and Superintendent, Osage Agency, and

2. The constitution and by-laws contains all suggested changes as previously discussed and appears to be in conformity with the regulations 25 CFR, Part 74 governing Indian Villages, Osage Reservation, Oklahoma; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

1. That we hereby approve the constitution and by-laws prepared and executed by the duly elected 5-member Pawhuska Indian Village Committee dated December 19, 1963, copy of which is on file at the Osage Agency, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and authorize the Principal Chief, or in his absence the Acting Principal Chief, to properly execute all copies of the constitution and by-laws indicating such approval, as of the date of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was considered by the Osage Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, at which a quorum was present, and that the same was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, and 0 against, this 30th day of January 1964.

Sgd. Paul Pitts
Principal Chief

ATTEST:

Sgd. Camille Pangburn
Acting Secretary

OSAGE TRIBAL COUNCIL
Osage Agency
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Date: January 30, 1964

Approved: Pursuant to 25 CFR 74.6 and Osage Tribal Council Resolution
No. 21-96, dated January 30, 1964.

Sgd. Paul Pitts
Paul Pitts, Principal Chief,
for and in behalf of the
Osage Tribal Council

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Osage Agency
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Date: April 27, 1964

Approved: Pursuant to 25 CFR 74.6

Sgd. Howard F. Johnson
Superintendent, Osage Agency