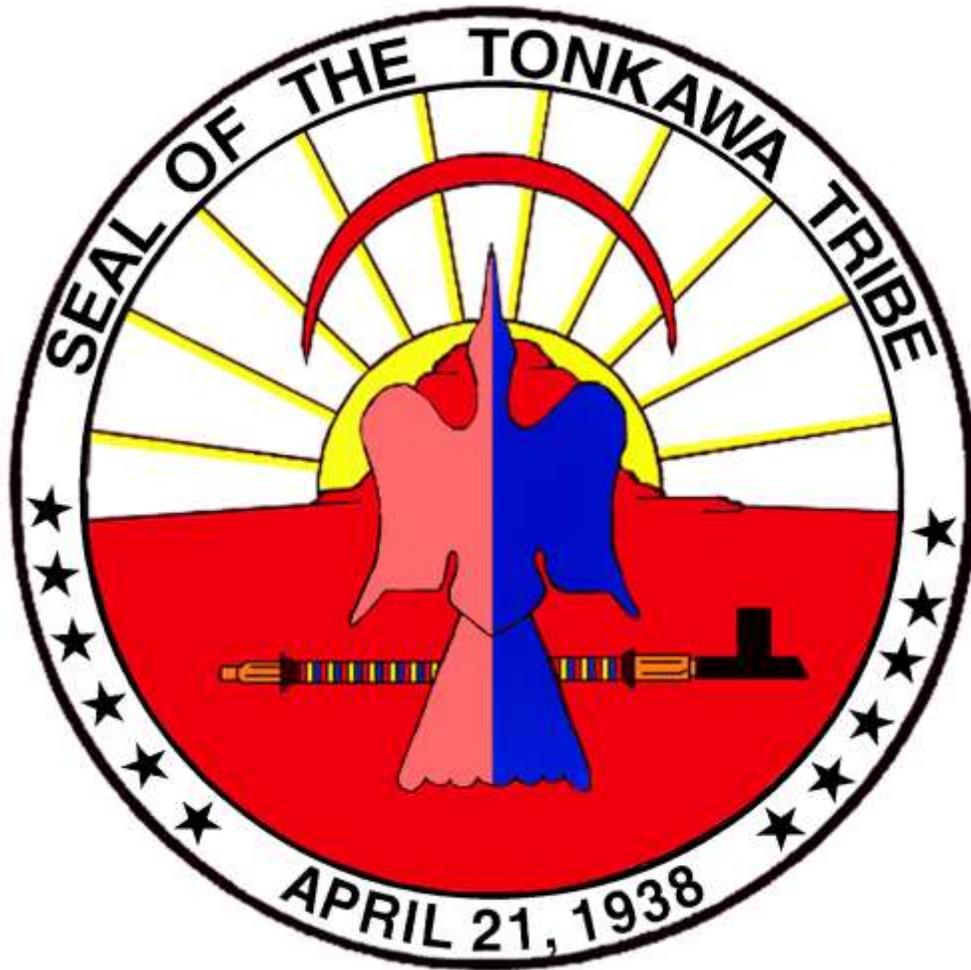


**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
TONKAWA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**



**Ratified:  
April 21, 1938**

**Amended:  
April 2, 1977  
August 12, 1994  
September 10, 2009  
March 9, 2013  
December 6, 2014**

# **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE TONKAWA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, in order to promote our common welfare and to secure to ourselves and our descendants, the rights, powers and privileges offered by the Thomas-Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (49 Stat. 1967), approved June 26, 1936, do establish this organization and adopt the following constitution and by-laws pursuant to that Act.

## **ARTICLE I- Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

## **ARTICLE II- Membership of the Tribe**

(Amended September 10, 2009)

Section 1. The membership of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma shall consist of the following persons:

- A. All persons enrolled on the 1938 official census roll of the Tonkawa Tribe.
- B. Any person, who is not enrolled in any other Indian tribe; has at least one parent enrolled in the Tonkawa Tribe, or if the parent is deceased, was an enrolled member at the time of death; and upon written application for tribal membership is approved by the Tribal Committee.
- C. Any person, who is enrolled in any other Indian Tribe, provided they have submitted a conditional relinquishment for membership in the other Indian tribe; has at least one parent enrolled in the Tonkawa Tribe, or if the parent is deceased, *was* an enrolled member at the time of death; and upon written application for tribal membership is approved by majority vote of the Tribal Council at the annual meeting of Tribal Council.

Section 2. The Council shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, covering future membership including adoptions and the loss of membership.

## **ARTICLE III- Membership of Council**

(Amended April 2, 1977)

The supreme governing body of the tribe shall be the Tonkawa Tribal Council. The membership of the Council shall be all members of the Tonkawa Tribe, both males and females, eighteen (18) years of age or older. All actions of the Council shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership present.

## **ARTICLE IV- Officers**

The officers of the Tribe shall be the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The term of office shall be for two years, except as provided in Section 2 of Article V.

## **ARTICLE V- Tribal Committee**

(Amended September 10, 2009)

Section 1. There shall be a Tribal Committee which shall consist of the officers as provided in Article IV. This committee shall have power to appoint subordinate committees and representatives, to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters in which the Tribe is empowered to act, except in matters concerning the sale, purchase or mortgage of land or other natural resources or any interest therein. Such matters shall remain within the exclusive authority of the Tribal Council. Neither the President, the Vice President nor the Secretary-Treasurer shall have independent authority to act or speak on behalf of the Tribe without approval of a majority of the Tribal Committee except where specific duties are defined in this constitution.

Section 2. Within 30 days after the adoption of this Constitution, the present Tonkawa Tribal Committee shall organize for business under this Constitution by selecting from among its membership a President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer. The President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer so selected shall constitute the Tonkawa Tribal Committee, which shall serve until the first Monday in April 1939, or until their successors are elected and installed.

**ARTICLE VI- Elections**  
(Amended December 6, 2014)

Section 1. Regular elections of officers shall be held by the Council on the first Monday in April 1939, and on the first Monday in April of each second year thereafter.

Section 2. Elections shall be by written ballot, a majority vote of the Council members present being necessary to elect. Nominations may be made from the floor during the Annual December Meeting prior to the following April Election. The Council shall select three (3) at-large Council Members during the December Meeting to conduct background checks on all nominees to ascertain eligibility according to Article II – Qualifications of Officers. All eligible Candidates nominated shall be posted at the March Regular Council Meeting prior to the April Election. The election of the President, Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer shall be held separately and in the order named above. The newly elected officers shall be installed immediately upon their election.

**ARTICLE VII- Vacancies**

Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled for an unexpired term at any special or regular meeting of the Council.

**ARTICLE VIII- Removal of Officers**

Any member of the Council shall have the right to file a complaint against any or all members of the Tribal Committee, and the Council shall select a committee of three of its members, not including a member of the Tribal Committee, to hear and investigate the complaint and report back to the Council at the next regular or special meeting. The Council shall have the power by a majority vote, after giving the accused a hearing, to remove him or her from office and proceed to elect a successor.

**ARTICLE IX- Bill of Rights**

Section 1. All members of the Tribe shall enjoy without hindrance, freedom of worship, conscience, speech, press, assembly and association.

Section 2. This Constitution shall not in any way alter, abridge or otherwise jeopardize the rights and privileges of the members of this Tribe as citizens of the State of Oklahoma or of the United States.

Section 3. The individual vested property rights of any member of the Tribe shall not be altered, abridged or otherwise affected by the provisions of this Constitution and By-laws without the consent of such individual member.

**ARTICLE X- Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution and the attached by-laws may be proposed by a majority vote of the Tribal Committee or by a petition signed by 30 percent of the adult members of the Tribe, and if approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the adult members of the Tribe, and shall be effective if approved by a majority vote.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TONKAWA TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**

**ARTICLE I- Duties of Officers**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Tribal Committee. He will have general supervision of the affairs of the Council and of the Tribal Committee and shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of President.

Section 2. In the absence of the President, or during proceedings to remove him, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office. In case of vacancy, the Vice-President shall succeed at once to the office of President until the next special or regular election for the office of President.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall correctly record the proceedings of all meetings. He shall make out the order of the business for the President, shall notify all committees of their appointments, shall have custody of the records and all papers of the Council, which records and papers shall be open to inspection at any time, in his presence, by any member of the Council desiring to read them. He shall keep a correct list of all members of the Council shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council. He shall render a written report at the annual meeting, and at the expiration of his term of office the records and all papers in his possession shall be turned over to his successor. He

shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence, as directed by the Council or the Tribal Committee. He shall receive all moneys of the Council and keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all Tribal moneys intrusted to his care in a special account and all disbursements therefrom should be made by check. At any time that such account shall amount to more than \$50, he shall file a bond satisfactory to the Tribal Committee and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The cost of such bond shall be paid out of Tribal moneys.

## **ARTICLE II- Qualification of Officers**

(Amended March 9, 2013)

Any person elected to membership on the Tribal Committee shall be not less than 21 years of age and a member of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. At the time of his election, he shall be an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma, and has never been convicted of any felony by any court of competent jurisdiction. Any person convicted of any felony while holding an elective office or who moves from the State of Oklahoma shall automatically lose office.

## **ARTICLE III- Meetings**

(Amended August 12, 1994 and September 10, 2009)

Section 1. Annual meetings of the Tribal Council shall be held on the second Saturday of December. Regular meeting of the Tribal Council shall also be held on the second Saturday of March, June, and September for the purpose of receiving from the Tribal Committee financial reports, budget reports and reports of any other business which may come before the Tribal Council.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Council may be called at the discretion of the President, and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Tribal Committee or upon the written request of ten members of the Tribe: Provided, that at least five days' notice shall be given in each instance. Should the President fail or refuse to call and chair a special meeting on the date and time designated within the petition, then the meeting shall be convened and chaired by any member of the Tribal Council who signed the petition.

Section 3. The regular meetings of the Tribal Committee shall be held on the first Monday in each month unless otherwise provided by resolution.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Tribal Committee may be called by the President at his discretion and shall be called by him upon the written request of two members of the Tribal Committee.

Section 5. Unless some other point under the Pawnee Agency jurisdiction is designated in the call or notice, all meetings of the Council and of the Tribal Committee shall be held at the Tonkawa Community House.

## **ARTICLE IV- Quorum**

Section 1. Twelve members of the Council shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting.

Section 2. Two members of the Tribal Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting.

## **ARTICLE V- Adoption**

This Constitution and By-Laws shall be effective when approved by the Secretary of the Interior and ratified by a majority of the members of the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma voting at an election called by the Secretary of the Interior under rules and regulations which he may prescribe pursuant to Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936.

## SECRETARY OF INTERIOR APPROVAL

I, Oscar L. Chapman, the Assistant of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), do hereby approve the attached Constitution and by-laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, subject to ratification by the Tribe in the manner therein provided.

Upon ratification of this constitution all rules and regulations heretofore promulgated by the Interior Department or by the Office of Indian Affairs, so far as they may be incompatible with any of the provisions of the said constitution and by-laws, are declared inapplicable to the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

All officers and employees of the Interior Department are ordered to abide by the provisions of the said constitution and by-laws.

Approval recommended March 10, 1938.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN, JR.,

*Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

[SEAL]

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 16, 1938.

## CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to an order, approved March 16, 1938 by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the attached Constitution and By-laws was submitted for ratification to the members of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and was on April 21, 1938 duly approved by a vote of 9 for, and 7 against, in an election in which over 30 per cent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots, pursuant to section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967).

THE TONKAWA ELECTION COMMITTEE,  
By JOHN RUSH BUFFALO,  
PAUL ALLEN,  
WALTER JEFFERSON.

LEM A. TOWERS,

*Superintendent, Pawnee Indian Agency.*

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AMENDMENT I  
APRIL 2, 1977



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Pawnee Agency  
Pawnee, Oklahoma  
74058

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Adm.

Certification of Referendum Election  
April 2, 1977  
Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Pursuant to an order, approved February 25, 1977, by the Anadarko Area Director, a referendum election was held on April 2, 1977 at the Tonkawa Tribal Affairs Building, Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The purpose of the referendum election is to ratify or reject a proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

**Amendment I**, Article III Membership of Council

The supreme governing body of the tribe shall be the Tonkawa Tribal Council. The membership of the Council shall be all members of the Tonkawa Tribe, both males and females, eighteen (18) years of age or older. All actions of the Council shall be determined by a majority vote of the membership present.

**Amendment I** to Article III of the Constitution and by-laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted for ratification to the eligible voters of the Tonkawa Tribe and was on April 2, 1977 duly ratified by a vote of 17 for, and 1 against, in an election duly called for that purpose.

*M. M. Chouteau*

M. M. Chouteau  
Certifying Officer

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an order of Stanley Speaks, Area Director, the attached Amendment I to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted for ratification to the eligible voters of the Tonkawa Tribe and was on April 7, 1977 duly ~~rejected~~ <sup>ratified</sup> by a vote of 17 for and 1 against, in an election duly called for that purpose.

*M. M. Christian*

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Certifying Officer

PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
TONKAWA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

Proposed Amendment A

The current Section 2 to Article III - Meetings, shall be amended to include the follows provision:

**Should the President fail or refuse to call and chair a special meeting on the date and time designated within the petition, then the meeting shall be convened and chaired by any member of the Tribal Council who signed the petition.**

Numerical Designation

Having been duly adopted and approved, Proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as **Amendment No. II** to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

AMENDMENT NO. II

I, Dan Deerinwater, Acting Area Director, Anadarko Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 26, 1938, (49 Stat. 1967) and P. L. 100-581, which was delegated to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.3 and redelegated to me by BIAM 3.1, do hereby approve the foregoing Amendment No. II to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. This amendment was duly adopted by a majority of the qualified voters who cast ballots in the August 12, 1994, election.

(SGD) DAN DEERINWATER

Date: SEP 01 1994

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Acting Area Director  
Anadarko Area Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
P. O. Box 368  
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

# AMENDMENT A

The proposed amendment would replace the current ARTICLE II as follows:

## ARTICLE II – Membership of the Tribe

**Section 1.** The membership of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma shall consist of the following persons:

- A. All persons enrolled on the 1938 official census roll of the Tonkawa Tribe.
- B. Any person, who is not enrolled in any other Indian tribe; has at least one parent enrolled in the Tonkawa Tribe, or if the parent is deceased, was an enrolled member at the time of death; and upon written application for tribal membership is approved by the Tribal Committee.
- C. Any person, who is enrolled in any other Indian Tribe, provided they have submitted a conditional relinquishment for membership in the other Indian tribe; has at least one parent enrolled in the Tonkawa Tribe, or if the parent is deceased, was an enrolled member at the time of death; and upon written application for tribal membership is approved by majority vote of the Tribal Council at the annual meeting of Tribal Council.

### Numerical Designation

Having been duly approved and ratified, proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as Amendment No. III to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to a Secretarial election authorized by Terry M. Bruner, Acting Regional Director, on May 28, 2009, the attached Amendment A to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma on September 10, 2009, and was duly ratified/~~rejected~~ by a vote of 50 for and 33 against, with 0 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 125 entitled to vote cast their ballots in an election conducted in accordance with Article V – Adoption of the Tribe’s By-Laws.

  
Chairperson, Election Board

  
Election Board Member

  
Election Board Member

Date: 06/12/09

## AMENDMENT B

The proposed amendment would replace the current ARTICLE V as follows:

### ARTICLE V – Tribal Committee

**Section 1.** There shall be a Tribal Committee which shall consist of the officers as provided in Article IV. This committee shall have power to appoint subordinate committees and representatives, to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters in which the Tribe is empowered to act, except in matters concerning the sale, purchase or mortgage of land or other natural resources or any interest therein. Such matters shall remain within the exclusive authority of the Tribal Council. Neither the President, the Vice President nor the Secretary/Treasurer shall have independent authority to act or speak on behalf of the Tribe without approval of a majority of the Tribal Committee except where specific duties are defined in this constitution.

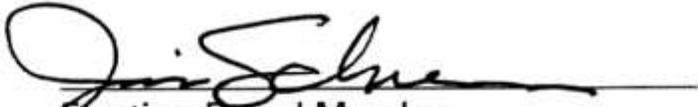
### Numerical Designation

Having been duly approved and ratified, proposed Amendment B is hereby designated as Amendment No. IV to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to a Secretarial election authorized by Terry M. Bruner, Acting Regional Director, on May 28, 2009, the attached Amendment B to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma on September 10, 2009, and was duly ratified/~~rejected~~ by a vote of 63 for and 20 against, with 0 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 125 entitled to vote cast their ballots in an election conducted in accordance with Article V – Adoption of the Tribe’s By-Laws.

  
Chairperson, Election Board

  
Election Board Member

  
Election Board Member

Date: 09/10/09

## AMENDMENT C

The proposed amendment would replace the current ARTICLE III as follows:

### ARTICLE III – Meetings

Section 1. Annual meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the second Saturday of December. Regular meeting of the Tribal Council shall also be held on the second Saturday of March, June, and September for the purpose of receiving from the Tribal Committee financial reports, budget reports and reports of any other business which may come before the Tribal Council.

### Numerical Designation

Having been duly approved and ratified, proposed Amendment C is hereby designated as Amendment No. V to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to a Secretarial election authorized by Terry M. Bruner, Acting Regional Director, on May 28, 2009, the attached Amendment C to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted for ratification to the qualified voters of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma on September 10, 2009, and was duly ratified/~~rejected~~ by a vote of 62 for and 20 against, with 1 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 125 entitled to vote cast their ballots in an election conducted in accordance with Article V – Adoption of the Tribe’s By-Laws.

  
Chairperson, Election Board

  
Election Board Member

  
Election Board Member

Date: 09/10/09



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Southern Plains Regional Office

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Tribal Government Services

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Don L. Patterson, President  
Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
1 Rush Buffalo Road  
Tonkawa, Oklahoma 74653

Dear President Patterson:

On September 19, 2012, the Tonkawa Tribal Committee of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma enacted Resolution Number T-R-27-12 to propose an amendment to its Constitution and request the Secretary to authorize an election to allow tribal members the opportunity to vote on the proposed amendment. The language of the proposed amendment is as follows:

### AMENDMENT A

#### ARTICLE II – Qualification of Officers

Any person elected to membership on the Tribal Committee shall be not less than 21 years of age and a member of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. At the time of his election, he shall be an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma, and has never been convicted of any felony by any court of competent jurisdiction. Any person convicted of any felony while holding an elective office or who moves from the State of Oklahoma shall automatically lose office.

The amendment is hereby approved pursuant to the authority delegated to the Regional Director by 209 DM 8 and 10 BIAM 3.1. The amendment will become effective when ratified by the adult members as provided in Article X – Amendments of the tribe's current constitution.

I hereby authorize an election to be called and conducted. Voting on the proposed amendment shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations in 25 CFR §81, and consistent with the amendment provision of the tribe's constitution. Please 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.

In accordance with 25 CFR §81.8 the election board will consist of the officer in charge acting as chairman and at least two representatives of the tribal governing body or an authorized representative committee. The officer in charge is defined as the Superintendent, Administrative officer, or other official of the local unit of the BIA (or Bureau employee that such person might designate) having administrative jurisdiction over a tribe. Therefore, I hereby designate Sherry Lovin, Southern Plains Region, Tribal Government Specialist, as Chairperson of the secretarial election board of the above authorized election.

The tribe now needs to appoint the tribal representatives for the Secretarial Election Board. Once appointed they should contact Ms. Lovin as soon as possible to set up a meeting for the election process to begin.

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 amendment 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.

If you have any questions, contact Sherry Lovin, Tribal Government Specialist at 405/247-1534.

Sincerely,

**ACTING**   
Regional Director

Enclosure

## AMENDMENT A

The proposed amendment would replace the current Article II – Qualification of Officers, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

### ARTICLE II – Qualification of Officers

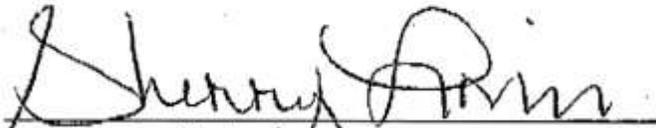
Any person elected to membership on the Tribal Committee shall be not less than 21 years of age and a member of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. At the time of his election, he shall be an actual resident of the State of Oklahoma, and has never been convicted of any felony by any court of competent jurisdiction. Any person convicted of any felony while holding an elective office or who moves from the State of Oklahoma shall automatically lose office.

### NUMERICAL DESIGNATION

Having been duly adopted and approved, proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as **Amendment No. VI** to the Constitution of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

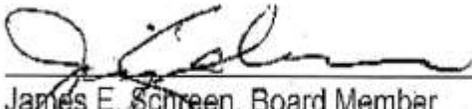
Pursuant to a Secretarial election authorized by Terry Bruner, Acting Regional Director, on November 16, 2012, the attached Amendment A to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma was submitted to the qualified voters of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma on March 9, 2013, and was ~~ratified~~ rejected by a vote of 67 for and 18 against, with 0 cast ballots found separated or mutilated, in an election which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 137 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Article X of the Constitution of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.



Sherry Lovin, Chairperson  
Tonkawa Secretarial Election Board

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Don L. Patterson, Board Member  
Tonkawa Secretarial Election Board



James E. Schreen, Board Member  
Tonkawa Secretarial Election Board



Candace Myer, Board Member  
Tonkawa Secretarial Election Board

Date: March 9, 2013

## AMENDMENT A

The proposed amendment would replace the current Article VI – Elections, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma's Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

### Article VI – Elections

**SECTION 2. Initiative Election.** Elections Shall Be Made By Written Ballot, A Majority Vote of the Council Members Present Being Necessary To Elect. **Nominations Shall Be Made From The Floor During The Annual December Meeting Prior To The Following April Election. The Council Shall Select Three (3) At-Large Council Members During The December Meeting To Conduct Background Checks On All Nominees to Ascertain Eligibility According To Article II – Qualifications of Officers. All Eligible Candidates Nominated Shall Be Posted At The March Regular Council Meeting Prior To The April Election.** The Election Of The President, Vice President and Secretary Treasurer Shall Be Held Separately And In The Order Named Above. The Newly Elected Officers Shall Be Installed Immediately Upon The Election.

\*\*\*ABOVE BOLD PRINT REPRESENTS AMENDED LANGUAGE\*\*\*

### NUMERICAL DESIGNATION

Having been duly adopted and approved, proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as **Amendment No. VII** to the Constitution of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

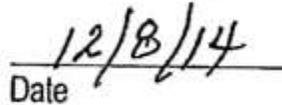
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

AMENDMENT NO. VII

I, Dan Deerinwater, Regional Director, Southern Plains Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended, which was delegated to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.3 and redelegated by 3 IAM 4.4, do hereby approve the foregoing Amendment No. VII to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. This amendment was duly adopted by a majority of the qualified voters who cast ballots in the December 6, 2014, election.



Dan Deerinwater, Regional Director  
Southern Plains Region  
Anadarko, Oklahoma

  
Date