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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Lee R. Young

Assistant Chief: Louis B. Watson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary S. Young, Secretary

Clarence G. Ward, Treasurer

Marsha Jo Butler

Richard L. Watson

PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles

On June 15, 2024 we will have our general election voting, general tribal meeting, and fund raising event. The events will be held in Brackettville, at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Voting 10 am – 12 pm

Sale of Lunch – 12:30 pm – until sold out!

Loteria – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

General Tribal meeting – 6:00 pm

Dance (DJ music) 8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Tribal Council Meeting

Tribal Council will be meeting in a Zoom teleconference on April 6, 2024.

Tribal Council Zoom meeting

April 6, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81031744773?pwd=nKoczowrDtfBbPakC3BgbAMODA91Mc.1>

Meeting ID: 810 3174 4773

Passcode: 682965

June 15, 2024 we will be holding our 3rd General election of Tribal Council members. Any eligible tribal member is encouraged to seek a position on the Tribal Council.

Tribal Council 2024 Election

As of 04/01/2024 the following tribal members will be on the 2024 ballot.

Lee R. Young – Principal Chief
Richard L. Watson – Assistant Chief
Tribal Council
Mary S. Young
Marsha Jo Butler
Clarence G. Ward
Ebonie M. Walker
Dorothy L. Ward

An enrolled member desiring to be on the Tribal Council election ballot is requested to submit their nomination to info@absenteeseminoletribe.org by **May 30, 2024**.

Voting

How to vote - Where to vote

How to vote – A member unable to attend the June 15, 2024 voting may request a mail-in ballot. Notify the ASTT office by mail: **P O Box 1932, McKinney TX 75070**, or email – info@absenteeseminoletribe.org . Include in your request your address where the ballot will be mailed to you.

The deadline for receiving mail-in ballots is June 8, 2024.

Voting will be held on June 15, 2024 from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Kinney County Civic Center, Brackettville TX.

April Birthdays

Kayla N. Fernandez - April 1
Allene R. Watson - April 1
Khendel A. Turner - April 2
Vernada W. Kimfila – April 3
Asia L. Williams - April 2
Anthony L. Young – April 5
Jab’bri C. Whitmore – April 5
Debra L. Blanks – April 6
Kimberly A. Bridges - April 6
Stella S. Brinkley - April 11

Herbert Blanks Jr. - April 12
Da’Milyun J. Marshall – April 13
Laila Asia Brown – April 13
Beverly A. Kelly - April 14
Donte Jerome Ferguson – April 19
Santa Hidalgo – April 20
June B. Drummond - April 24
Debra Ann Howard - April 24
Alan J. Juarez, April 25
La’Nyjah Desire – April 28



SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications for the tribal scholarship are due on April 30, 2024. The applications are available for download from our website: <https://absenteeseminoletribe.org>

If anyone has any questions, suggestions or would care to make a donation to the scholarship program, please contact our office.

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 5 years. The Tribal Identification Cards, are an official means to identify tribal members. Tribal Identification Cards do not replace any official government issued identification, they provide a means for members to proudly display their tribal enrollment.



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD RENEWAL

Tribal Identification Cards are beginning to expire – we will mail expiration notices. Everyone encouraged to check the expiration date on their Tribal Identification Cards. Renewal only requires submission of payment of \$25, payable to Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you change residence, get a new telephone number, new email address, or any other changes in contact information. Forward your new information to our office.

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