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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Lee R. Young

Asst. Chief: Richard L. Watson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Clarence G. Ward, Treasurer

Ebonie S. Mobley, Secretary

Mary S. Young

Marsha Jo Butler

PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles

The Tribal Council convened on July 12, 2025. In attendance were: Lee Young, Richard Watson, Marsha Butler, Mary Young, and Clarence Ward. Absent were: Ebonie Mobley and Dorothy Ward. Financial report: Total assets: \$617.97, Operating account: \$481.97, Project Acct. \$135.00. The minutes from the previous tribal council meeting April 19, 2025 were read and accepted. Membership was reported at 231 enrolled members. Discussed Chief's Chat – first was May 27, second June 24, and a third Chief's Chat has been scheduled for August 26, at 7:00 PM CDT. Seminole Days 2025 was scheduled for September 20, 2025. Our celebration will be held at the Saint John Missionary Outreach, 116 W. Crockett Street, Brackettville TX. Speaker will be Mr. Tom Ashmore, President West Texas Archeological Society.

Tribal Council will meet on August 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM CDT 9:00 AM PDT. At this time final decisions will be made for our Seminole Days celebration.

Tribal Council vacancy – Dorothy L. Ward has decided to resign from the Tribal Council. Per our constitution a vacancy of an unexpired term requires a special election to select a replacement. At present, Carl D. Young II has decided to be on the special election ballot. Any qualified member desiring to be on the special election ballot is invited to submit their name via email to: info@absenteeseminoletribe.org before August 30, 2025. The Special Election will be held during Seminole Days – September 20, 2025.

July Birthdays

Toni Ann Young - July 7
Lesley W. Cunningham - July 10
Shayla M. Williams - July 12
Ryan A. Dittmer - July 12
Vernon Hicks - July 16
Mary Nellie Payne – July 17
Brandon D. Stocker - July 21
Khendrick E. Turner – July 22

Dora B. Lara – July 29
Joy Marie Hernandez – July 29
Shane R. Williams – July 30



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 4 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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