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Dear Tribal Member:

As the 4th Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor, we have been working hard to advance the Tribes to a more positive position. This document outlines the numerous accomplishments over the last 10 months.

We have met with local, state and federal officials to discuss tribal and local issues. The Tribes are in the best financial position since the constitution was recently ratified in 2008, it has been a priority to cut costs, reduce expenses and monitor wasteful spending.

Another goal of this administration is to enforce tribal preference in hiring. We have made strides in this area at the tribal government and casinos. We are planning casino expansion and renovations for Watonga, Clinton and Concho casinos. At Watonga, we plan to build a new casino and hotel. The monthly casino distributions have continuously increased, as a result we are able to provide more opportunities and resources to meet the needs of the tribal elders.

We have plans underway to construct a new El Reno health clinic. Ground breaking is expected in spring 2019.

It is a great honor to serve as the Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. It is my goal to provide better services to help all our tribal members.

Sincerely,

Reggie Wassana, Governor

Gilbert Miles
Lieutenant Governor
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Creation of In-House Counsel

The Governor’s Office has created a new position of In-House Counsel. This position is responsible for providing legal advice and assistance to the Governor and the office.

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Planning and Development is currently working on the following grants:

1. FY 2019 Water Management, Planning, and Pre-Development Program (NSA). This program will collect water data and analyze into a water model that will help forecast the water levels of the North Canadian River Alluvial Aquifer that supplies water to the Concho Reservoir. Due 9/5/18. The C&A Tribes are requesting $85,000.00 be awarded.

2. Housing & Urban Development Indian Community Block Grant (HDCBG) FY 2018 – we have determined that these funds, once released, will serve the V 새로운 and Indian Child Welfare. With these funds, we plan on constructing a new building for our V 새로운, in addition to expanding our current Emergency Youth Shelter.

3. Keeping Oklahoma Beautiful Roadside Grant – We plan to apply next year for funds that will be used to plant trees at the Eider’s home in Clinton, OK. Application window is open from 10/15 through 12/15 and grants are awarded in January.

4. First Nations NAAIFI Native Farmers & Ranchers – First Nations expects to award 17 to 22 grants averaging $20,000 - $40,000 each to grow and/or expand direct sales to Native American farm & ranch programs. First Nations will invite 50 applicants to submit a Phase 1 proposal. Phase II is due on 10/15/2018.

5. USDA Community Facilities Grant Program – we are currently working with our USDA area specialist, Julie Savig, and Marine Gayforn on the application. USDA plans on awarding $500,000-$1,000,000 and applicants are accepted year round. Meeting set to discuss grant Oct. 15.

6. Firefighter Grant – The Dept. of Homeland Security has announced funds to provide, repair, train emergency personnel, and replace and/or upgrade fire vehicles. We will assist Carter Tallbird and Jeffrey Ezzano in their application and pending a meeting with a FEMA rep. Available funding is $100,000. Projected number of awards: 2,500.

7. EPA Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIFIN) Act, Section 2104, 2106 Grant Program – the EPA is currently seeking applications with tribes to get their input on matters concerning water within schools, and small and disadvantaged communities. Pending meeting Oct. 3 to discuss viability. No funding announcement has been released, yet application currently available. Consult only.

Grants Office is also researching energy grant opportunities and is looking to consult with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s energy development project.
Legislative Working Partnership

The Governor has established a very productive working relationship with the legislative body of the Government. The Legislative Branch of Government has been instrumental in this effective collaboration by conducting public hearings and monthly meetings as outlined in the Tribal Constitution. The meetings allow the Executive Branch the opportunity to communicate effectively and continuously about issues of importance.

Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

The Tribal Constitution allows for Tribal Legislature to conduct a semi-annual budget assessment and shall have the authority to make appropriate modifications by law. Various tribal programs were assisted with additional funding including the Elder Care Program for the purpose of providing ediors on an increase in November and December checks and the Department of Business for the purpose of paying off an approximate $1,000,000 loan and also the acquisition of new equipment that would have otherwise had to be leased by the Tribes.

New Personnel Policy/Drug and Alcohol Policy to be Implemented in 2019

The Tribes have operated on outdated and ineffective Personnel Policies since 1996. Through the work of a Personnel Policy Committee that was established, the policies have been updated and are a professional working document. The policies will be presented to the Legislative for final approval and will become effective in January 2019.

Due to conflict and uncertainty in previous administration regarding the Tribes drug policy, Tribal employees have been subject to drug testing for at least 5 years now. Under this administration, a new Drug and Alcohol policy has been written. Employees will receive training on the policies over the next 3 months and employees will begin to adhere to random drug testing starting in January of 2019.

Supreme Court

The Governor nominated and the Legislative confirmed Dennis Arrow, Lindsay Robertson and Eldon Rice, Sr. to the Tribal Supreme Court. On August 16th, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes welcomed these three new Supreme Court Justices in a swearing-in ceremony at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Justice Center. This was a historic moment for the Tribes as the Governor took steps toward judicial justice being restored to the Tribes. In September, the Governor nominated Misty Elks and John Kocher to fill the remaining two vacant seats. Upon confirmation by the Legislature and approval by the Tribal Council, this will mark the first time that the Tribes will have a valid and fully seated Supreme Court in over 10 years.

Tag Agency Improvements

A $30,000 line of credit is now available to the Cheyenne and Arapaho vehicle tag agency to access funds to service all enrolled tribal members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes that service on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, honorably discharged veterans. The Motor Vehicle Tag Office has the required document list along with special provisions and exclusions.

Beginning October 1, 2018, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Motor Vehicle Tag Office will be open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This allows tribal members wishing to obtain or renew their vehicle tag a more convenient time, eliminating the need to take time off work.

Beginning October 1, 2018, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Motor Vehicle Office accepts Credit/Debit Cards to obtain or renew vehicle tags. This eliminates the need to obtain a money order prior to traveling to Concho.

Tribal Leader National Recognition

Controversy over tribal leadership has plagued the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes through the last two administrations. Governor Wassano has been acknowledged as the official governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on a state and national level. This recognition allows for the Tribes to progress forward with fostering civic engagement that will strengthen our tribal communities.