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To: Eligible Voting Tribal Members of the Penobscot Nation
FR: Linda Socoby, Tribal Clerk *LS*,
RE: Caucus Minutes – Up-Coming General Election
Date: June 27, 2024

On June 25, 2024, a Caucus Meeting was held to nominate candidates for: (6) Tribal Council seats, and (3) Census Committee seats. Attached are the minutes of that meeting and the Caucus Rules that were approved.

A Primary Election will not be needed so the General Election will be held on Saturday, **September 14, 2024** and will be held at the Nicholas H. Sapiel Building, Indian Island, Maine. Polls will open at 9:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. Below please find a request form if you wish to use it to request an absentee ballot, only **one** request per form is accepted. **Please note phone call requests are not allowed. Requests can only be made by E-mail, fax or regular mail.**

(Please print)

Please send me an absentee ballot for the upcoming September 14, 2024 General Election.

Name: _____

Address: _____

CAUCUS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2024
6:00 PM

Vice-Chief Sockbeson opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with a moment of silence for deceased tribal members, ancestors and all our relations.

CAUCUS RULES

Motion #1 Motion made by Faye Lawson, seconded by Beth Sockbeson to approve the Caucus Rules. **Vote: Unanimous**

NOMINATIONS FOR SIX (6) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEATS

1. Craig Sanborn nominates **John Neptune**, seconded by Jerry Pardilla
2. Beth Sockbeson nominates **Athena Lamson**, seconded by John Neptune
3. Faye Lawson nominates **Edwina Mitchell**, seconded by Pat Knox-Nicola
4. Jerry Pardilla nominates **Jason Pardilla**, seconded by Beth Sockbeson
5. Mike Connolly nominates **Tami Connolly**, seconded by John Neptune
6. John Neptune nominates **Nicole Fields**, seconded by Josh Paul
7. Faye Lawson nominates **Josh Paul**, seconded by John Neptune
8. Faye Lawson nominates **Erik Sappier**, seconded by Tami Connolly
9. John Neptune nominates **Craig Sanborn**, seconded by Nicole Fields

Motion #2 Motion made by Jerry Pardilla, seconded by Pat Knox-Nicola to cease nominations for Tribal Council. **Vote: Unanimous**

NOMINATIONS FOR THREE (3) CENSUS COMMITTEE SEATS

1. Tyler-Ann Harris nominates **Cheryl Kelly**, seconded by Beth Sockbeson
2. Beth Sockbeson nominates **James Pardilla**, seconded by Faye Lawson

Motion # 3 Motion made by Craig Sanborn, seconded by Jerry Pardilla to cease nominations for Census Committee. **Vote: Unanimous**

ADJOURN

Motion #4 Motion made by Craig Sanborn, seconded by Jason Pardilla to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. **Vote: Unanimous**

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Caucus Rules

1. Before Caucus meeting commences, the Tribal Clerk will check the census list to verify membership of persons present. Any person present that is not a member of the PIN will be asked to leave.
2. Sample ballots to be posted and marked "Sample". A voting machine may be used at the polls. Paper ballots will be available upon request.
3. Polls open at 9:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM
4. No candidate shall serve intoxicating liquor before the polls are closed.
5. Only people present at the caucus meeting can be nominated as a candidate for the election.
6. Anyone will be allowed an absentee ballot.
7. Members in hospitals, nursing homes, bedridden or incarcerated may be allowed an absentee ballot. A notary public must acknowledge said ballot.
8. All absentee ballots may be requested in person, fax, E-Mail, or regular mail and may be returned by regular mail but must be notarized provided, however, that all requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Tribal Clerk prior to close of business the day immediately before Election Day. (Clerk will send a notary public form accompanying the ballot).
9. Candidates cannot be soliciting votes within the same building where votes are being cast.
10. No person currently holding an elected office is eligible to run for another elective office.
11. Candidates running for office must be in compliance with the election law; Any elected official who is recalled, removed, or resigns unless the person resigns in order to run for another elected office from his/her office shall be prohibited from being nominated for a period of 4 years, commencing from the effective date of such recall, removal or resignation.
12. Chairperson of the caucus meeting will ask if there are any other nominations before the motion for nominations to cease will be entertained.
13. The Caucus shall be called to order and chaired by the Chief, however, whenever the Chief is seeking re-election, the Chief, by majority vote of the caucus, shall appoint an individual to moderate the nominations of Chief candidates.
14. All absentee ballots must be requested by each and every member separately.
15. No immediate family member of a candidate can serve as ballot box tender. (Mother, father, sibling, husband, wife, or child)
16. All candidates stand and identify themselves to accept or refuse a nomination.
17. There shall be no campaign signs and literature attached to the community building and all public buildings, nor the inside of the buildings, and on any railings or fences this includes the grounds.
18. Campaigning Candidates for elective office shall be prohibited from campaigning on Election Day within one hundred (100) feet of the building in which the polling place is located.

Approved 06/25/2024