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Scott Sprague Sworn In as Chairman of the Gun Lake Tribe

Tribal Council Adds Two New Members

Bradley, Michigan – Today, the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) announced Scott Sprague has been sworn in as Chairman of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council selected Sprague to serve as Chairman on September 8, 2016. Newly elected Tribal Council members Jeff Martin and Jodie Palmer were also sworn in.

“This is one of the proudest moments of my life not only because I am now the leader of a sovereign nation, but also because it’s a continuation of many generations of my family leading this Tribe,” said Chairman Sprague. “I will work every day to move the Tribe forward, while also maintaining our commitment to being a first-class employer, and a responsible government-to-government partner with our counterparts at the federal, state and local levels.”

Sprague has been the Gun Lake Casino Facility Director since March 2012. In that capacity he managed the mechanical systems of the gaming and entertainment facility. Sprague was previously elected to serve on the Tribal Gaming Commission. Since 2014 he has served as Tribal Council Secretary, and currently sits on several tribal committees.

Sprague has his AS in Engineering Technology, a BA in Business Management and MBA with a Finance Specialty. He spent 30 years as an engineer, senior buyer and project manager in the power industry which included management of multi-million dollar projects for an engineering company.

Sprague was born in Battle Creek and raised in Kalamazoo County. He is the son of Dick Sprague, a former Tribal Council Vice Chairman. Sprague is married and is the father of four, with four grandchildren.

The Tribal Council consists of the following members:

Scott Sprague, Chairman
Ed Pigeon, Vice Chairman
Bob Peters, Treasurer
Jeff Martin, Secretary
Phyllis Davis
Jennie Pearl Heeren
Jodie Palmer

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About Gun Lake Tribe

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) has a rich history in West Michigan and a close connection to the land. The Bradley Indian Mission, located near Wayland, is the historic residential and cultural center point of the tribal community. The Tribe's ancestors, and political predecessors, signed treaties with the United States government dating back to 1795. The Tribe was re-affirmed to federal recognition in 1999. For more information about the Tribe visit www.mbpi.org.