

I am Cameron “Colt” Donelson and I am running for a second term as your Kaw Nation Vice Chairman. I want to continue to assist in making a difference for the Kaw Nation People. My grandparents were Elmer and Naomi Clark and Robert and Fannie Donelson. I was raised traditional and was brought into the dance arena at two years old; I have continued these ways by serving as Kaw I’Loshka Drum Keeper for 8 years. Now I participate as a Whipman in the Kaw I’Loshka where I also brought my Iloapa (my eldest son) into the arena here.



I have an Associate’s Degree from Northern Oklahoma College. I have worked for several different tribes including the Osage Nation where I was a Project Inspector in the Roads Department. Also, as the Director of the Roads Department for the Ponca Tribe, where my duties included: overseeing BIA funded roads construction projects along with working with Noble and Kay County districts on identifying and maintaining roadways. I also assisted the Ponca Tribes Economic Development board to provide access and maintain future projects. During my 5 years with the Ponca Tribe, I developed a relationship with the self-governance branch of the BIA where I was able to negotiate the reallocation of funds to be used by the tribe, with these funds we were able to hire 8 employees and up to 6 seasonal workers to start the Ponca Tribal Roads Maintenance Department.

I am now working for myself as owner/operator of my own cow/calf operation consisting of 300 head of cow/calf and 600 yearlings. We have been a family operation for the past 12 years. Being self-employed has allowed me to attend the monthly meetings along with

any special meetings. I have been married to my wife, Meghan, for 7 years this October and we have three children. My wife and I continue to raise our 3 children participating, respecting, and learning their culture.

I was elected Kaw Nation vice-chairman to fill a vacant term for the past two years. During this term I have come to a better understanding of how policies and procedures work under our constitution. I feel I have brought some very useful ideas to help our tribe and most importantly the Kaw people. I whole-heartedly believe that I have more to accomplish as vice-chair to ensure the Kaw people can see real change for the future of Kaw Nation.

When re-elected, I will continue stand for:

- ❖ Upholding our Kaw Tribal constitution.
- ❖ Higher education assistance along with helping promote adult-ED programs.
- ❖ Lasting economic development along with gaming and other avenues.
- ❖ Community involvement
- ❖ Push for employment for Kaw members
- ❖ Increase elder involvement/assistance
- ❖ Continued communication with Tribal constituents

Thank you, I would appreciate your vote for Kaw Tribal Vice Chairman on September 13.

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