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**The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Swears
In Newly Elected Tribal Council Member**

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) issued the oath of office today to newly elected Tribal Council Member Nancy Smit at the Pine Creek Indian Reservation in Fulton, Michigan.

The NHBP Tribal Council will keep the officers appointments the same as prior to the 2019 election. Jamie Stuck will serve as Chairperson, Dorie Rios as Vice Chairperson, Nancy Smit as Secretary, Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., as Treasurer, and Homer A. Mandoka as Sergeant-at-Arms.

"I am proud to be able to continue to serve on Tribal Council with Tribal Elder Nancy Smit," Stuck said. "I'm confident that her relations with FireKeepers Casino Hotel, as well as her experience serving on several NHBP committees and as appointed Tribal Council Secretary, will be valuable assets for the Tribe."

Smit graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies from Bemidji State University, a Master of Arts from Briercrest Biblical Seminary with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Counselling and holds a Master's degree in social work from Western Michigan University. She has served on a variety of NHBP committees for over 15 years. Smit worked for FireKeepers Casino Hotel from 2013 to 2018, most recently as Team Member Relations Supervisor, and was appointed to serve as Tribal Council Secretary in August 2018.

Stuck, of Scotts, has served on Tribal Council since 2006. Rios, of Battle Creek, has served on Tribal Council since 2010. Smit, of Battle Creek, although recently elected, served one previous term as Tribal Council Secretary and was appointed in August 2018 to serve as Tribal Council Secretary. Chivis, of Middleville, has served on Tribal Council since 2017. Mandoka, of Bronson, has served on Tribal Council since 2002.

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Photo: (L-R) NHBP Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Dorie Rios, Secretary Nancy Smit, Treasurer Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., Chairperson Jamie Stuck, and Sergeant-at-Arms Homer A. Mandoka.