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Occanechi Band of the Saponi Nation

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TRIBAL COUNCIL
William “Tony” Hayes, Tribal Chair
Brice Watkins, Tribal Vice Chair
Vickie Jeffries, Tribal Administrator/Treasurer
Tammy Hayes-Hill, Tribal Council/Acting Secretary
Beverly Payne, Tribal Council

Mission Statement

The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation is continuously committed to the preservation and promotion of our history, culture, and traditions while providing social and economic, and educational resources, opportunities and services that will contribute to the well-being of the tribal community.

Brief History of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation

The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN) is an I Indian community located primarily in the old settlement of Little Texas, Pleasant Grove Township, Alamance County, North Carolina.

Until the middle part of the 20th century, the community was largely occupied in agricultural pursuits, sometimes supplemented by day-wage labor jobs or jobs in nearby factories. In recent decades the number of people engaged full or part-time in agriculture has declined significantly, and most working adults in the community now work in offices, as skilled workers, and craftsmen, or in the few remaining factories in the area.

The OBSN community is a lineal descendant of the Saponi and related Indians who occupied the Piedmont of North Carolina and Virginia in pre-contact times, and specifically of those Saponi and related Indians who formally became tributary to Virginia under the Treaties of Middle Plantation in 1677 and 1680, and, who under the subsequent treaty of 1713 with the Colony of Virginia agreed to join together as a single community. This confederation formed a settlement at Fort Christianna along the Virginia/North Carolina border in what is now Brunswick County, Virginia. The confederation included the Saponi proper, the Occaneechi, the Eno, the Tutelo, and elements of other related communities such as the Cheraw. All these communities were remnants of much larger Siouan communities that had lived in North Carolina and Virginia in prehistoric times. www.obsn.org for more information.
A message of gratitude to our donors and sponsors from William “Tony” Hayes, Tribal Chair

On behalf of the Tribal Council, Tribal Staff, and Tribal Members, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023! We wanted to reach out as a Nation to give our Donors, Sponsors, and Partners a brief report on our fiscal year 2021-22. First, let us honor and thank you for your belief, kindness, charity, and support of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN)!

As most are aware, we are one of the eight State-Recognized Tribes in North Carolina, with a Tribal Roll of approximately just over two-thousand members. Our Tribal Center and Grounds are located at 4902 Dailey Store Rd. in Burlington NC. Our state-designated Tribal Service Area (TSA) is Alamance, Orange, and Caswell Counties; we also have interests and support areas of Durham, Wake, and Guilford Counties. The Tribe is a 501(c)3 governed by elected member officials who make up the Tribal Council.

I am pleased to report that this year has been very positive and productive financially and operationally due largely to your generosity and philanthropic support! It has allowed the Tribe to support its members, elders, and covid affected households in our TSA with financial resources and critical supplies that were needed to prevent and educate our communities. This resulted in positively outstanding outcomes in all our areas of focus and beyond for folks’ health and well-being! Our effort of support could not have been possible without you and your continued support and partnerships.

Also, I am pleased to report that we can maintain a full-time staff person and part-time help. This has allowed us to sure up our operational and reporting responsibilities.

It also creates opportunities for us to secure more funding and create additional revenue-generating programs. We are investing in our infrastructure and e-commerce to create more financial influencers for the Tribe, this will allow us to expand and potentially create additional jobs that will support our members and various stakeholders.

Our major fundraiser is our annual POW-WOW, and I am pleased to report it was a historic financial and fellowship success! We did not know what to expect since we changed the date
to October; this was the first event in over two years since the pandemic. Huge thanks to the POW-WOW committee and all tribal members, friends, and partners for their support and effort to make it GREAT!

Looking Ahead

In closing, this fiscal year has been a success considering the issues surrounding us. We look forward to 2023 with great anticipation and replication. We will continue to be good and fiscally responsible stewards of your support and resources. We hope to continue our relationships with you all and create new and exciting opportunities for the Tribe and our mutually deserving benefactors. We look forward to 2023 and beyond. Let's continue to make the world a better place for all with partner-driven, solid corporate and socially conscious outcomes........ Our success is your success!

Sincerely,

W. A. “Tony” Hayes
OBSN Tribal Chairman
“OCCANEECHI STRONG”
IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- Distribution of PPD to community and tribal community
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Martin’s Chapel Baptist Church
- COVID-19 Relief funds for tribal community
- Food Distribution for tribal community
- Occaneechi Village Rededication Hillsborough, NC
- 2022 OBSN Powwow

We Remain Connected

The OBSN remains connected to our tribal community via a monthly newsletter, social media, and our website informing our community of resources to them during COVID-19. We realize the value of the importance of the community in our lives and their well-being.

OBSN video on Youtube regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.
https://youtu.be/lcQ3uqSZG0k
Hillsborough Reconstructed Village Re-dedication

Aerial view of the OBSN 2022 Powwow

OBSN provided COVID-19 relief assistance to the tribal community.
PROJECTS FROM THE YEAR

- Installation of lighting on the drum arbor.
- Replacement of the roof and flooring on the drum arbor.
- Replacement of the fencing on the tribal grounds.
- Rebuilding of (ati’s) huts and palisade at the tribal village grounds.

Goals
The OBSN will continue to work towards the goal of additional infrastructure to the tribal grounds to accommodate the need for tribal community engagement.

The OBSN will be offering classes/workshops on OBSN culture, language, history, health, and mental health. Talking and healing circles will be available to both adults and youth.
FINANCIALS 2022

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Total Revenue for 2022:
$943,238

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.”

-Amelia Earhart
NOTES TO FINANCIAL REVENUE

OSBM (Office of State Budget and Management)
State Fiscal Recovery Funds to mitigate and respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on tribal communities. Recovery of projects and salaries lost, repairs, and modifications due to no revenue for the last 2.5 years.

BCBS Foundation
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation issued four-year funding to support tribal nations and urban organizations’ tribal infrastructure and enhance the ability for a healthy community. The mission of the OBSN is to administer programs to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of the tribal community.

Donations
Donations and monthly donations to the general fund, powwow, and village restoration. The funds were essential for facility and grounds maintenance.
Contact us.

If you would like to learn more about the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation or would like to donate, please contact us at:

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