

New Prairie Band tribal chairman sworn in

**(KNZA)--The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has a new tribal chairman.**

**Joseph “ Zeke ” Rupnick was sworn in Thursday morning.**

**That comes after the results of the tribe’s run-off election were tallied this past Saturday.**

**Rupnick defeated Liana Onnen who had served as tribal chairperson the past 4 years by a 117-vote margin.**

**The run-off election was necessary because none of the candidates for several positions on the Tribal Council and a seat on the Gaming Commission received a majority of the vote in the election held earlier this summer.**

**Rupnick, of Delia, has lived on the reservation since 1995 after serving 13 years as a Cavalry Scout of the U.S. Army.**

**He has worked for the Veterans Administration since 2009.**

**Also sworn in Thursday were Camilla Chouteau, as tribal secretary; Bill Evans, as tribal council member; Raphael Wahwassuck, as tribal council member; and Rey Kitchkumme as gaming commissioner.**

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