

federal charter. This charter conveys any powers properly vested in a body corporate under the Oklahoma laws, the right to participate in a revolving credit fund established by the government, and other rights and privileges secured as an organized Indian tribe under the Wheeler-Howard Act. Under this act the Absentee Shawnees are organized as the "Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma." This organization is governed by a tribal council, headed by the Absentee Shawnee Business Committee. The ceremonial life of the Big Jim band of the Absentee Shawnees was directed by Chief Little Jim during his life time, and continues under the direction of his descendants today.