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**Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Releases Official Results of the 2009 Tribal Council Elections**

CHOCTAW, Miss. – Official results of the 2009 Mississippi Choctaw Tribal Council elections were released earlier today. Six of the eight Choctaw communities held elections for their Tribal Council representatives. Elections were held Tuesday, June 9, 2009, for nine positions on the Tribal Council. Absentee ballots were counted on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Three incumbents retained their seats, while six new Tribal Council representatives were elected.

**Official Results - Winners:**

**Bogue Chitto – Two (2) Positions**

\* Ronnie Henry, Sr. (344)  
Doris Ann Thompson (169)

**Conehatta – Two (2) Positions**

Gregory R. Shoemake (171)  
Roger Anderson (154)

**Crystal Ridge – One (1) Position**

Chris Eaves (39)

**Pearl River – Two (2) Positions**

\* Lola McMillan Parkerson (293)  
Edward Wesley (165)

**Standing Pine – One (1) Position**

\* Kevin J. Edwards (155)

Tucker – One (1) Position

Peter J. Steve (109)

\* denotes Incumbent

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The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, under the esteemed leadership of Miko Beasley Denson has an enrolled membership of almost 10,000 and is the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Mississippi. Headquartered in the Pearl River community, near Philadelphia, Mississippi, the Tribe has emerged as a leader in economic development. The Tribe provides a range of governmental services for its members including schools, a hospital, medical clinics, police and fire protection, courts, an elderly center, among many others.