



# Board of Director Biography

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## **Kip R. Ritchie**

### **(Forest County Potawatomi)**

Forest County Potawatomi tribal member, Kip Ritchie, serves as COO, for the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation. He is a founding member and served on its Board of Directors from 2003-2008. Prior to his appointment as COO, Kip has served as Senior VP for the PBDC since 2005. Through the organization, Ritchie promotes the importance of investing in the tribe's future by diversifying resources beyond gaming. Ritchie began his career in Indian Gaming in 1997 when he joined Potawatomi Bingo Casino as Director of Marketing and was promoted to Assistant General Manager in 2004. As Assistant General Manager, he participated in the development of strategic business planning and management of the casino's leadership team. Ritchie was recognized by the Business Journal as one of Milwaukee's "40 under 40" in 2000. In 2002, Potawatomi Bingo Casino received the prestigious Lamplighter Award from the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau, largely credited to Ritchie's work within Milwaukee's tourism community. Ritchie is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison with a bachelor's degree in Communication Arts. Kip serves on the Children's Health Alliance Board of Directors, Froedtert Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, the Native American Contractors Association Board, College Readiness 21 Advisory Board, Native American Finance Conference Board, National Indian Gaming Association—Associate Member Board and American Indian Business Network Advisory Board. Since 2000, Kip has served as the Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Kip resides in Pewaukee, Wisconsin with his wife and two children.