



Troy Wayne Poteete was reared in Webbers Falls within blocks of the Arkansas River. He represented Three Rivers District in the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council 1991-1999. Poteete served as Ex. Director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, from 2000-2007. Charlie Robertson was appointed Ex. Director when Troy was appointed a Justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court in 2007. Mr. Robertson served 15 years before retiring in 2023, when Poteete was again appointed as ARA Ex. Director.

Troy was a founding member of the Trail of Tears Association, organized in 1993, to tell the removal stories of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Muscogee Nations, and support the National Park Service efforts to mark and interpret the removal routes of the Cherokee Nation to present day eastern OK. He served continually on the Trail of Tears Association Board of Directors for over twenty years before becoming Ex. Dir. of the organization in 2014.

A storyteller and lecturer on Cherokee history, Poteete tells tales drawing on a rich family history in the South of the Cherokee Nation, years of research and study, and a lifetime of service in tribal government.

Troy Wayne graduated Connors State College, Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, and earned a J.D. at the University of Tulsa College Of Law. He maintains offices at Webbers Falls.