

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee  
Community Building  
Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:05 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** John Berrey

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b>	John Berrey, Chairman	Present
	Vice-Chairman	Vacant
	Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec. /Treas.	Present
	Marilyn Rogers, Member	Present
	T.C. Bear, Member	Present
	Ranny McWatters, Member	Present
	Zack Turley, Member	Present

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** Announced by QTBC Secretary Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves.

**READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND PHONE POLLS:** The minutes of the February 17, 2018 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. **Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. Seconded by QTBC Member, Zack Turley. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2018 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. **Motion by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**PROGRAM REPORTS:** Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. **Motion by QTBC Member, TC Bear, to accept the program reports as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS:**

**Ginger Morgan** – There are currently 248 full time employees, 15 are part time. 136 are Native American, 90 are Quapaw Tribal members, there are 12 spouses or caregivers, and 28 are veterans. There are 14 programs that are managed by Quapaw Tribal members. Flex plan enrollment is currently ongoing, the new year starts on May 1st and the Downstream Casino health fair is coming up on April 18th.

**Barbara Collier** – TGA has completed 3 interviews. 2 of the positions are in compliance and 1 position that will become vacant soon. TGA also sent out the new revised TICS. **John explained that TICS is the internal control standards that contains a lot of information and standards we must follow to**

**operate.** Barbara explained that NIGC added more reporting in order to meet those standards and we will have to adjust. Both casinos will have to have all departments meet those guidelines by the end of September and change their policies and procedures. **Chairman Berrey asked if we have TICS for craps and roulette.** Barbara explained that if the bill does pass then we will have to locate them, and they will need to be brought up to date. Barbara also mentioned that the American Gaming Association has a sample packet that regulators will review at OIGA. It will set a guideline for vendors on shipping and receiving.

Mr. Berrey mentioned that casinos in the area are interested in doing sports books. The state of New Jersey does sports gaming and we think it could benefit both casinos to have sports books if it is approved.

There was open discussion about land by the Intertribal Council building and what other tribes are looking to build or invest there.

**Karen Hildreth** – There have been donations recently to the museum. A donation of a grinding stone and a headdress will be arriving in the summer. Karen also said that the Cultural Committee met to set up some dates for upcoming events. March 20<sup>th</sup> will mark the start of a new 8-week language class and they are also looking into having a stomp dance class as well. She also mentioned that the Cultural Committee will be hosting a reception in the new pottery classroom on July 6<sup>th</sup> during pow-wow and Rise' Proctor will be having an exhibit for Tall Chief on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Everette Bandy** – The THPO department has received over 300 correspondences regarding federal projects that may affect Quapaw sites. He also received 23 cell phone tower review projects. Everett is also a member of the National Association of THPOs and they have reviewed things from FCC.

**Chairman asked that when letters go out from THPO regarding an interest in a project that we post them on the tribal website.** Everett also mentioned that Donna asked him to work with a document group, so Jean Ann Everett and Anna have been working on that.

Everett also talked about an adverse effect which is the legal term when a site has been damaged. A site in Arkansas was deep tilled by a farmer and now we are mitigating the damage and we are trying to research and learn what we can from that location. THPO also finalized a problematic agreement on the 3-river project so if they find something, while rerouting those water ways, there is understanding on what will result from that.

Everett also gave a brief update on the church. April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the first spring meeting at the new Native American Church on the hill.

**Debbie Wray** – All licenses are current and up to date. On February 7<sup>th</sup> ATEC awarded 22 scholarships totaling \$9,600. The next fundraiser is April 6<sup>th</sup> with a dinner of wild onions and eggs. Debbie also announced that the annual memorial dinner is set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May, the BC concurred with that

date. Debbie also gave an update for enrollment and they are currently working with other tribes to help understand and identify a birth certificate that may have been modified or amended.

**Patti Billings** – A basic library grant was submitted for \$10,000. September 30<sup>th</sup> will end the enhancement grant for the library. That grant will help with STEHM fairs and pottery classes. The library will also be participating in the annual Quapaw health fair.

**Rhonda Weaver** – The Title VI program serves about 200 meals a day. With the bridge out on highway 10 many people are coming this direction since it is currently the closer place to eat. Rhonda mentioned to the BC that she has been working over, so her employees don't have to work over. **John suggested that instead of putting herself out, that she talk with Donna and let her know what is going on, so they can find a solution.**

**BREAK:** 10:30 am

**RETURN:** 10:38 am

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

Elder's Committee – Grace Goodeagle gave an updated report on a future trip for the elders. It will start on March 8<sup>th</sup> and will last 4 days. They will take charter buses to Arkansas and Tena Smith is working on hotel accommodations and charter bus cost. The next scheduled meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**GUEST:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Betty Gaedtke** – Betty Gaedtke announced that the new pottery building is almost complete and under budget. She thanked the BC for funding the project and the maintenance department for all their hard work. She thanked everyone but said that the Cultural Committee really wasn't much help. She talked about how upset she was that she wasn't involved in more of the post planning and grand opening process. Chairman Berrey stated that this was just a matter of miscommunication and suggested having a meeting with Betty Gaedtke, the Cultural Committee, and the Business Committee

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Department of Public Safety Charts (DPS) – Jeff Reeves and John Berrey spoke about the new layout of the Quapaw Tribal DPS. Motion by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters, to approve the documents submitted by the Quapaw Tribal DPS, including the amendment to the mission statement. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, abstain; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**Resolution 031718-A – Hazard Mitigation Plan – Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers, to approve Resolution 031718-A as submitted. QTBC Member, Zack Turley. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Johnnie Rodgers** – Mr. Rodgers asked about the recent mailout from John Berrey in support of one candidate over another. He questioned why and where Mr. Berrey got the list. **Chairman Berrey explained that he gets a list of registered voters, which is provided upon request to all candidates, because he will be up for re-election in July. He also explained that he has the right to express his opinion on who he feels is most qualified to be in that position.** There was further discussion about whether tribal employees should be campaigning during work hours. **Chairman Berrey explained he has not been aware of any employee campaigning during office hours. Secretary/Treasurer Tamara Smiley-Reeves suggested if they do know of someone that they contact tribal administrator, Donna Mercer, and she will handle it.**

**DONATIONS:**

**BHS After Prom – Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley-Reeves, to approve a donation of \$500 for each Quapaw tribal member. \$2,000 total. QTBC Member, TC Bear. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**Lead Horse LLC Pow-wow – No Action**

**Food for Kids Backpack Program** – Larry Mercer explained the need and purpose of the backpack program in our area. The First United Methodist Church in Miami has been helping students at 3 Miami elementary schools. Barbara Collier and Grace Goodeagle are involved in this program through their churches and they help Wilson and Roosevelt. Larry suggested their churches coordinate and plan a way to getting funding to help all 3 schools together. The Business Committee asked that when they have a plan to come back and the tribe would be happy to help.

**Quapaw Youth Softball – Motion by QTBC Member, Zack Turley, to donate \$500 to the Quapaw Youth Softball Team. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant). Motion passes.**

**CLOSED SESSION: 11:27 am**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 11:56 pm**

**TOPIC(S):**

1. Spoke with Eric Bohn about tribal member claims and social services and education benefits.

**BENEDICTION:** TC Bear

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:57 am

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with

Robert's Rules of Order

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By: /s/ Hanan Matthews

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On April 21, 2018 with a vote reflecting

6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent.