

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee  
Quapaw Tribal Museum Classroom  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** John Berrey

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b>	John Berrey, Chairman	Present
	Callie Darr, Vice-Chairman	Present
	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 April 21, 2018 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. **Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers to approve all minutes and phone polls. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman, Callie Darr. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2018 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. **Motion by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters to approve the Treasurers' Report for the period ending April 30, 2018. Seconded by QTBC Member, Zack Turley. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**PROGRAM REPORTS:** Written Program Reports were submitted in the QTBC packets for approval. **Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers, to accept the program reports as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 0 vacant). Motion passes.**

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS:**

**Tom Stelle (Housing)** – The Housing Department is working on a 3-bedroom, 2 bath home in Miami. They are working on the environmental section of the next 2 homes coming up for rehab. The rental trailers and the Elder Housing units are currently full. Tamara brought up the Tribe is working on building some new duplexes. Tamara ask John Berrey to speak further regarding the USDA loan. They have

corrected the survey of land and should have approved funding within 30 days. There will be 16 single units, 5 duplexes, and 2 triplexes.

**Corissa Berry (Court Clerk)** – All court cases have been entered in Kellpro. Kellpro allows the Court Clerk to pull reports and break them down by specific case type. Corissa has worked with the IT Department and Anna McKibben to update the court portion of the website. All the dockets are listed on the website. There are no 2017 criminal cases pending. There are still 14 cases from 2009 that the court is working on closing out. The court is updating garnishment cases to determine if they have been paid completely so that they can be closed out. Interviews were conducted, and Mrs. Diana Hamons from Tahlequah will be a new judge that will be assisting with caseloads for the Tribe. The Court Clerk is working on getting the Wills program started back up and may possibly look at an outside source.

**Micheal Richardson (CIO – IT Dept)** – The new online store for the QCC Mercantile is close to going live, once they get the online inventory issue resolved. The online store will be available to everyone and they will be able to ship to anywhere, it will be able to include the Tribal tax. Still working on the network upgrades and 25 pc's have been replaced. Station 1 and QCS have Bolt internet and the rest of the locations are waiting on Bolt to attach the fiber to the poles for internet access.

**Mandy Dement (Family Services)** – They held the Week of the Young Child which is put on by the CCDF and ICW programs. Mandy attended the Title IV-B training in Shawnee. Family Services currently have 17 active cases, 2 investigations, and 16 domestic violence cases. Family Services has a new employee, Jessica Hinderliter. Jessica is working on building her own domestic violence caseload.

**Trenton Stand (Realty Dept)** – The Realty Department hired 2 new employees in April. Stacia Forbis is the Lease Compliance Specialist and Ashley Pruitt is the Realty Assistant. The Realty Department is currently full staffed. The new employees will be attending trainings to get them up to date. A question was sent to HUD through our Housing Department regarding how to handle a request to building a Tribal member a house if the Tribe owns undivided interest in the property. We are currently waiting on a response from Hud. Letters were sent to landowners of which we have sales appraisals for, to see if the individuals desired to sale their interest to the Tribe. Successful appeals against the BIA has made it all People from Alaska are asking us questions. We are wrapping up probates. Ottawa County Commissioner has come into titles of undivided interest and the County would like assistance from the Realty Department to help them consolidate their undivided interest if possible. The Realty Department has 6 Ag permits and 5 Ag leases submitted in the month of April.

**Tim Kent (Environmental Dept)** – State and federal money turned over for cleanup of Tar Creek has been \$52,000,000.00 since 2014. \$19,300,000.00 for this year and \$7,000,000.00 for future years. The Environmental Department currently has 5 years of funding but are looking at 10 years. John Berrey met

with EPA in D.C. on funding for Tar Creek. QSA and Tim working together. They have cleared almost 1000 acres and another 300 are currently in the process of clearing. On the land that has already been cleared off are now growing soy beans and corn. They are clearing off private land, fee land, and restricted land. They are working very well with the state. They are also monitoring air, water, and trash dumpsters. They are trying to cut down on illegal dumping. They have a community garden by the Title VI building in which they are always looking for help in pulling weeds. There are lots of stray animals in Picher.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES:**

**EFA Committee** – Larry stated they have spent \$20,000.00 mainly on medical travel, lodging, household expenses, appliances, and car repairs.

**Powwow Committee** – Possibly scheduling a Powwow golf tournament.

**Cultural Committee** – There will be a Cultural Committee meeting on June 14, 2018, at 2 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

### **GUEST:**

**James Dawson (Elementary Principal and Athletic Director)** – James requested any assistance that the Tribe could provide in the remodeling of the locker rooms, the replacement of scoreboards in the gym, art work for the floor, and refinishing the gym floor. The total for the remodel was \$43,490.00. A lot of the work will be done by school personnel. 45% of the school personnel are Native American, 58 are Quapaw Tribal members, and 50 parents work for the Quapaw Tribe. Chris Roper is going to meet with James Dawson to see what the Tribe can do to help. James stated that the Tribe has always helped the school very generously.

**Toni Shawnee** – Toni attends Verdigris High School and plays fastpitch softball. Toni plays on a traveling softball team that is one of the top 3 teams in the state of Oklahoma. Toni is requesting assistance with her room and board expenses. Toni currently has 13 colleges looking at her. The total cost for room and board for 5 tournaments totaled \$4134.00. After a discussion the consensus was for the Tribe to pay \$2000.00. **Motion by QTBC Secretary-Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves for the tribe to pay \$2000.00 to Toni Shawnee. Seconded by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**Steve Moore** – Steve spoke regarding making Tribal sashes for all Quapaw Tribal member graduates to wear at their graduation. It was discussed to get with Krista in the Higher Education Department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NAHASDA** – Tom Stelle from the Housing Department requested to revise the NAHASDA Rehab Policy service area to cover all of Ottawa County and within fifty miles of the Quapaw Tribal Complex into Kansas and Missouri. The service area will also be put on the website. **Motion by QTBC Secretary-Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the revisions to the NAHASDA Rehab Policy. Seconded by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**Powwow Budget 2018** – There was a funding request in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Mike Shawnee, the Powwow Chairman for the 2018 Powwow. **Motion by QTBC Secretary-Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the Powwow budget for 2018 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Seconded by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**John Berrey** – John spoke regarding the Goodeagle settlement. John stated that Steve Ward is here and will speak to any individuals regarding any issues. The Memorial Dinner at the Community Building Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 12 p.m. There was a question regarding whether the Tribal insurance was going away, John stated that NO the Tribal Insurance was NOT going away. Rob Weaver talked about the request for an insurance quote. Rob was lacking detailed claim information but had enough to do an RFP.

**DONATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:** 10:05 AM

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** 10:47 AM

**TOPIC(S):**

1. Spoke with Eric Bohn about financials.
2. Mandy Dement regarding an ICW case.

**Resolution 051818-A** – Adoption Resolution. **Motion by QTBC Secretary-Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve the adoption Resolution 051818-A. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. Vote: JB, yes; CD, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent). Motion passes.**

**BENEDICTION:** Zack Turley

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:49 AM**

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with

Robert's Rules of Order

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By: /s/ Acting BC Clerk

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On June 16, 2018 with a vote reflecting

7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent.

**DOCUMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC - PHONE POLL**

**DATE:** April 2, 2018

**REQUEST FOR PHONE POLL:** QTBC Chairman, John Berrey

**CONDUCTED BY:** Hanan Matthews, Business Committee Clerk

**SUBJECT MATTER:** To approve AG Resolutions A-F which support the lease of the Tribe's interest in Trust/Restricted land to Quapaw Service Authority (QSA) doing business as Quapaw Cattle Company and understands the Tribe's interest will not be compensated through the lease as the lessee is a business entity of the Tribe.

<b>NAME/POSITION</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
John Berrey, Chairman	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 2:23 pm
Callie Darr, Vice-Chairman	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 5:02 pm
Tamara Smiley-Reeves Sec./Treas.	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 3:03 pm
Ranny McWatters, Member	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 3:58 pm
Zack Turley, Member	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 4:24 pm
Marilyn Rogers, Member	<b>X</b>				Via Email 05/02/18 3:37 pm
T.C. Bear, Member				<b>X</b>	NO RESPONSE

**RESULTS: 6 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT; 0 VACANT. MOTION PASSES.**

**CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On May 2, 2018 with a vote reflecting

6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 1 absent; 0 vacant.