

Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
General Council Meeting
Downstream Casino Resort (Pavilion)
July 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:08 AM

INVOCATION: Geoff Buffalo

WELCOME: Chairman John Berrey

Chairman, John Berrey, welcomed everyone to the 2015 General Council Meeting. He began by talking about the services that the Quapaw Tribe is able to provide to our people and what they pay out, such as insurance paying anywhere from \$85,000 to \$100,000 a week, which is a great and exciting thing to be able to have for all tribal members, he mentioned that our Social Service program pays over 1.8 billion in utilities, burial, and unmet needs, also the Higher Education program pays out around 1.1 million to help over 300 students get their college degree or further their education. He recognized all members of the Business Committee and thanked them for their ability to work together and provide clean audits for the past 15 years.

He then took the time to recognize Downstream Casino and congratulated them for being up over 6.5%. This has been the best year for Downstream Casino since 2012. In turn with that, this fall, our bonds will have matured and we will be able to refinance our loans and get the interest rate down and with that start really bringing down our debt. He added that according to Wall Street information we are considered one of the top rated Indian Casinos.

Chairman spoke briefly about the town of Quapaw and how the buildings on Main Street are coming along after the tornado had wiped them out after we purchased them from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. We had those buildings for only 2 days and with the insurance money coming from that we were able to rebuild and in time move the Realty Department, Environmental Department, and Quapaw Services Authority. Also there will be a Quapaw only food bank for those tribal members that need food, diapers, and other things. There will also be a food market for the local community.

He also wanted to add that the Quapaw Services Authority will be doing \$8 million worth of work for EPA this year and that there is a \$10 million opportunity for Quapaw Services to do construction within the super fund site.

Along with that the Quapaw Cattle Company is doing great as well. They are currently providing meat to the convenience stores, the daycare, and Title VI. This is high quality meat and hormone free and all the profits come right back to the tribe.

Chairman, John Berrey, wanted to talk about some good things on the horizon regarding the 3 cases in the Court of Federal Claims. The Court of Federal Claims is the court where you go and sue the United States for money damages. He explained that several years ago we were granted \$18 million from the mining companies. Over the years we have used that to buy properties. We are fighting the Bear case, the Goodeagle case, and the Congressional Reference case. In the Congressional Reference case we were able to eliminate the statute of limitations of 9 years. In 1818 there was a treaty that stated that we would get \$1,000 a year for education. Now we want that money with compounded interest and we believe that will eventually pay off. The goal is to bring home somewhere between 250 and 450 million dollars back to the Quapaw Tribe. We are looking at going to trial early next year.

Chairman Berrey ended with thanking the Tribe for allowing him to serve all the years he has and he hopes to continue to do so. He prays to one day be able to offer a per capita payment for the Quapaw Tribal people.

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No names were acknowledged.***

He invited everyone out to the Quapaw Pow-wow this weekend. Mike Shawnee has done a wonderful job bringing the pow-wow back to life. The grounds look amazing and it wouldn't be possible without Mr. Shawnee and family and their hard work to keep it going.

READING, CORRECTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the July 4, 2014 General Council was presented for approval. **Motion by tribal member, Tony Mize, to approve the minutes of July 4, 2014 General Council meeting as presented. Seconded by a tribal member. Motion passes by majority.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: ANNUAL POWER POINT PRESENTATION: All financials, including tribal and federal funds were submitted in the power point presentation presented prior to the calling to order of the General Council. **Group Motion, to approve the Treasurer's Reports as submitted and published. Group Second. Motion passes by majority.**

ELECTIONS:

ELECTION PROCEDURES WERE CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

A:
Nominations from the floor:

TRIBAL PRINCESS
Allayah Jennings
Lakyn Buffalo
Cassidy Shafer
Kylie Waters

Motion by a tribal member to cease nominations. Motion seconded by a tribal member. Motion passes by majority.

NEW VOTING DEVICES: Election Committee Chairman, Callie Darr, took this time to explain the voting devices and a test vote was performed.

Tribal Princess Nominees Acceptance Speech:

- **Allayah Jennings** – Allayah spoke about her proud Quapaw Family and her accomplishments in school and her community. She thanked everyone for their support and shared her many opportunities as our Quapaw Tribal Princess.
- **Lakyn Buffalo** – Lakyn thanked everyone for her nomination as the Quapaw Tribal Princess, and expressed her gratitude for this wonderful honor.
- **Carolynn Nott** – Carolynn spoke on behalf of Cassidy Shafer and asked that she be considered for this great honor since she did so well representing the Tribe as our 2014 Pow-wow Princess.
- **Minnie Hawk** – Minnie spoke for Kylie Waters and spoke about her school accomplishments and her service to the community as a life guard. She asked that Kylie be considered to serve the people in every way she can.

Voting results: 476 voters, 161 – Jennings, 203 – Buffalo, 62 – Shafer, 50 – Waters.

Chairman Berry crowned the new 2015-2016 Tribal Princess, Lakyn Buffalo.

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B:
Nominations from the floor:

POW-WOW CHAIRMAN
Mike Shawnee
Everett Bandy

Pow-wow Chairman Nominees Acceptance Speech:

- **Everett Bandy** – Everett thanked the people for his nomination and would do his best, if chosen, but he is already on the pow-wow committee and works alongside Mike Shawnee and thinks he does a wonderful job.
- **Mike Shawnee** – Mike thanked the BC for their support, the tribal office for all their help, and the pow-wow committee for all their hard work, especially his wife and sister-in-law.

Voting Results: 499 voters, 370 – Shawnee, 129 – Bandy.

OPEN FORUM: None

Motion by a tribal member to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by a tribal member. Motion passes by majority.

BENEDICTION: John Berrey

ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 am

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with
Robert's Rules of Order
[RONR (10th ed.), pg 451, 1. 25-28
By: /s/ Hanan Al-Qahtani
Hanan Al-Qahtani
Business Committee Clerk

CERTIFICATION

Approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the
General Council of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma on
July 4, 2016

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