

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee

Community Building

Regular Meeting

October 23, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:0 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** John Berrey

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b>	John Berrey, Chairman	Present
	Thomas Mathews, Vice-Chairman	Absent
	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 Chairman, John Berrey.

**READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND PHONE POLLS:** The minutes of the September 16, 2017 QTBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval. **Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. Vote: JB, yes; TM, absent; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent). Motion passes.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2017 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. **Motion by QTBC Member, TC Bear. Seconded by QTBC Member, Zack Turley. Vote: JB, yes; TM, absent; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent). 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, Marilyn Rogers. Vote: JB, yes; TM, absent; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent). Motion passes.**

**PROGRAM DIRECTORS:**

**Anna McKibben** (Public Relations) – September was a busy month with the summer newsletter going out. The 2018 Quapaw Pow-wow head staff, for the most part, has been chosen. Anna recently took a group of dancers to Hot Springs, AR to do a little dancing demonstration. On the way back home, they stopped at a Cajun restaurant that is interested in coming to the pow-wow next year as a food vendor. Apart from that the trip was a success. It was nice to show the students that even though we once lived in Arkansas, we are still very much alive. We have been invited back and we look forward to doing that in

about 6 months. They also expressed interest in hosting a Hot Springs Pow-wow and they will let Anna know when they do.

**Jani Cummings** (DCR) – The Fiscal Year just ended. It was overall a good year. There were a few challenges, but Downstream was able to prepare and overcame a potential competition. That is regarding Kansas Crossing. There were some adjustments made in player development and VIP services. Jani thanked Barbara Collier for getting badges for employees to access both casino as well as tribal offices to assist when needed. Year over year gaming product and food and beverage product improved. Revenues are primarily flat, but expenses and fees continue to escalate due to aging of the property, cost of goods sold, and benefits. Recently Downstream received the “Excellence Award” from Trip Advisor for our Hotel. On November 7<sup>th</sup> the Employee appreciation dinner will be held in the Pavilion. Downstream also offered backpacks to their employees with school age children. The bags came equipped with age appropriate school supplies. The 2017 summer concert series closed with REO Speedwagon. There were over 5,500 tickets issued, which is a new record for Downstream.

**Winter Concert Series:**

November 18<sup>th</sup> – Marshall Tucker Band

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Lee Ann Womack’s Holiday Show

February 17<sup>th</sup> – Drake White

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Jo Dee Messina

**Chairman Berrey thanked Jani for all her hard work. With her history of working with tribal gaming she is focused on keeping tribal members working at Downstream. She does an amazing job and we are fortunate to have her.**

**Jamie Rodgers** (CHR) – In September Jamie turned in the report and receipts for the 2017 Good Health and Wellness Grant and we will be able to reapply in January. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Jamie held the free Flu Shot Clinic and there were 68 participants. Saturday was the Breast Cancer Awareness Zombie Walk and this Thursday is the Breast Cancer Awareness Silent Auction. On October 30<sup>th</sup> we will host the Mercy Mobile Mammography at the John Berrey Fitness Center from 8am to 12pm. Tribal Members will have no co-pay. That will be a free service to Tribal Members. On November 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie will host a free eye screening sponsored by the Triad Eye Institute from Muscogee at the Museum Classroom.

**Kim Taft** (OLC) – JoOuita is at a CCDF Planning Meeting. The Annual OLC Children’s Pow-wow was on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone that took part had a great time. The daycare participated in the homecoming parade and haydays for the community. This Friday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm will be the children’s Halloween party in the community building. On November 7<sup>th</sup> the daycare will have their annual

Thanksgiving dinner at the Title VI building. Kim also thanked Zack for coming down and visiting the facility.

**Kim Morris** (Grant Writer) – This is the time of year when most of the grant awards are being announced. We were awarded annual BIA grants to get car seats and fund THPO. We were also awarded a library grant and a HUD ICDBG grant for \$800,000.00 to construct a new Social Services building. We were awarded a CTAS grant for \$3.9 million to begin Phase 1 of our Justice Center. We were also awarded a COPS grant to get equipment for the Tribal Marshals and finally we were awarded a grant to start a few new programs in our Substance Abuse facility.

**Chairman Berrey thanked Kim and Brian for all their hard work. It has been a task for us to determine what direction we want the tribe to head in. Chairman asked for feedback on where the people thought these new facilities should go. He explained that we can't grow any further here at the tribal complex without taking away camps and that is something that we can't do.**

**Krista Pierce** (Higher Education) – September marked the end of our Fall 2017 funding period. We ended up funding 230 tribal students. Out of those 230 students 196 are going for their bachelors, 23 students are pursuing technical or vocational careers, and there are 10 students who are pursuing graduate degrees. We ended up funding 2,914.4 credit hours. We had students attending school in 28 states this semester. These students are very appreciative. After reading all their reports most of them want to use their degrees to eventually give back to the tribe.

**Chairman Berrey asked that she explain a little bit about the trade schools that some of these students are attending.**

Krista read off jobs that tribal students are currently going to a technical school for.

Next month will be the second annual STEM fair and November 1<sup>st</sup> the Spring 2018 funding term will begin.

**SUBCOMMITTEES:** None

**BREAK:** 10:55 am

**RETURN:** 11:05 am

**GUEST:**

**Flossie Mathews** – Flossie thanked the Business Committee for allowing the Elder's to take a trip to Washington DC. It was a wonderful experience and the elders truly enjoyed it and she was able to see things that she hadn't had the opportunity to see before.

**John thanked Grace Goodeagle and Carol Green for coming up with the idea for the trip. He also thanked Tena Smith at Downstream for helping get the trip details worked out. He also thanked Zack for going on the trip to help with the elders.**

Fran Wood, Judy Truster, Betty Gaedtke, Rhonda Weaver, and Debbie Wray thanked the Business Committee for making the trip possible and shared some of their favorite memories of the trip.

**Diana Hammons** – Diana is an attorney and a professor at NSU. She has a contract with Tribal Justice Services, through the BIA, and their mission is to help fund and develop tribal judicial systems. She is contracted to do an assessment of our tribal court and help determine how much we can be funded for and what areas we need to work on. Ms. Hammons started by reading off some of the high points of her assessment. She spoke with a few attorneys who practice in our court and one of the attorneys stated he would bring all his cases to Quapaw Tribal court if he could. He also added that the court is very cost efficient, and he felt that criminal defendants are treated more fairly here. Diana moved on to the template she must fill out based on questions provided by the BIA. She stated that while we do a great job providing forms for pro se litigants we need work on making those forms more accessible. She mentioned we might consider placing them on the website or have a kiosk set up. She also recommended that the court meet with the Business Committee annually or bi-annually to keep some transparency between the two, but maintain some separation between the two branches. This will give an opportunity to discuss the courts case load as well as wants and needs. Diana recommended that we need to consider funding for a bailiff. Diana believes that the new Justice Center will be a great thing to have for safety reasons. She suggested getting walk through metal detectors or wands.

**Mr. Berrey thanked her for her assessment and agreed with her findings.**

When working to get more grants Kim can use this assessment as a tool to show unmet needs and show where we are trying to meet those.

**Chairman Berrey asked that this assessment be placed on the website.**

**O Jay Bowen** – Spoke to the Business Committee about funding for a new baseball field for Afton Schools. **Chairman Berrey asked that Ed Rodgers work with Mr. Bowen to maybe do some of the work instead of a monetary donation.**

**Secretary Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves, introduced the new tribal court clerk, Corissa Berry. Chairman Berrey asked that Corissa be involved with decisions made regarding the new Justice Center.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Steve Ward** – Steve has been in meetings this past week with the Justice Department and the Department of Interior in Washington. There have been a lot of delays due to changes in administration in Washington, but Steve believes we may have found a path forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DONATIONS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:** 11:55 am

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** 12:55 pm

**TOPIC(S):**

1. Discussed employee evaluations with Eric Bohn
2. The BC concurs with the recommendations made by RWI

**BENEDICTION:** Zack Turley

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:59 pm

/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 November 18, 2017 with a vote reflecting

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