

Quapaw Tribe Business Committee

Community Building

Regular Meeting

November 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION: John Berrey

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	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 Chairman, John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND PHONE POLLS: The minutes of the October 21, 2017 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). Motion passes.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 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; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 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; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; RM, yes; ZT, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining 0 absent). Motion passes.**

PROGRAM DIRECTORS:

Barbara (TGA) – Barbara thanked the Business Committee for the approval of the TICS ordinance. There were a few bumps in the road when TGA enacted that, but it will work out. There will be a training at Quapaw Casino next week. There will be people from Downstream, TGA, and Quapaw Casino that will attend that. There was a positive move from the new regulations from National Indian Gaming Commission that is we must have all class 2 games approved and in line prior to November 2018. Downstream changed out 150 machines this month.

Karen Hildreth (Museum) – Karen recently went to a conf. in Oct. to Albuquerque. It was very informative. Language classes are still going on at the museum until mid-December and they will start up again in the spring. The cultural committee is still working with Gilcrease to get the museum database up a running. There have been a few fundraisers held at the museum classroom with ATEC (All Tribes Education Consortium)

Everette Bandy (THPO) – Everett has been working with Carrie Wilson on a NAGPRA Grant. In the past month 189 federal projects were reviewed. Those projects are scopes of work that the THPO department make sure does not affect any historical landmarks of the Quapaw Tribe, such as cemeteries or mounds. We are currently working with the Army Corp of Engineers just outside of Memphis and that has to do with the expansion of a creek to mitigate flooding. That will come very close to an archeological site. Everett has also been coordinating with Tena Smith to send Ardina Moore to a Gala at the Arkansas Museum. Everett has also been working with the grant department to help write review letters when they occur on trust land. We spoke with the advisory counsel to get that wording just right.

Chairman Berrey spoke with Everett about a meeting he would like him to attend in December, with the Advisor Counsel for Historic Preservation, to discuss some railroad issues.

Debbie Wray (Tax Commission) – All the retailer tobacco, beer, and liquor licenses are current and up to date. Downstream will renew again in July of 2018. Since the installation of the return check policy for the tag department the Tax Commission has recovered 3 insufficient check balances. In September Debbie attend the National Intertribal Tax Alliance Conference. Next years conference will be in Spokane, Washington.

Rhonda Weaver (Title VI) – This past week was the Title VI Thanksgiving dinner. They served over 200 meals. That was between the tribal elders and tribal employees. They also delivered 70 home-bound meals. Rhonda has about 2 to 3 people come sign up for the Title VI program. Last month they served over 1500 meals and over 1400 home-bound meals and she had about 200 volunteers.

John thanked Rhonda and her staff for what they do for our people. John recently met with the Secretary of Agriculture and he is impressed with what the tribe is doing with our Title VI program and he would like to come down take a tour and have lunch there.

Rhonda concluded by thanking Barbara and Jean Ann for participating with the crafty seniors. They are going to start sewing some moccasins. They have about 13 people attend, and they always have fun.

John Berrey mentioned that our new goal is to get a grant through ICDBG to expand the library and museum.

Pattie Billings (Library) – The library has been very busy with school back in session. Teachers from Quapaw have been coming in on a weekly basis and checking out anywhere from 20 to 30 books. Even online books have seen a rise in usage. People email all the time to find out how to get an online library card. Patti still has story hour once a week with the learning center and a special program is coming to the library. The Tulsa Zoo is bringing a few animals native to Oklahoma and explain to the kids how they change for the seasons. The kids are looking forward to it. Pattie recently came back from a conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico and she was informed that the annual ILMS (Institute of Library and Museum Services) Grant has increased from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Chairman Berrey stated that there was now an open chair on the Business Committee and an election will be held for Vice-Chairman.

He also gave a few dates for upcoming events. The children's Christmas party will be held on December 9th, the teen's Christmas party will be on December 10th, and the elder's Christmas dinner will be on December 17th at Downstream in the pavilion.

GUEST: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Social Service Guidelines – There was an open discussion regarding suggested changes to the Social Service Guidelines for 2018. **Chairman Berrey requested that the BC be allowed time to discuss the changes. The request was tabled with no action.**

OPEN FORUM:

Chairman spoke briefly about the open chair on the Business Committee and stated that the Election Committee will be doing an election in the days to come.

Barbara Collier asked if she could post something in the newspaper about the names change of the tribe. As discussed at General Council. **Chairman Berrey agreed.**

Tribal Member, Brenda Murray, asked if the tribe was involved with marijuana. **Chairman Berrey responded no. He continued stating that we don't want to lose everything we have fought so hard for to something that is not legal.**

DONATIONS:

DHS Children's Christmas – Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer, Tamara Smiley-Reeves, to donate \$1,200. Seconded by 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). Motion passes.

CLOSED SESSION: 10:30 am

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 12:45 pm

TOPIC(S):

1. The BC concurs with the recommendations made by RWI

BENEDICTION: Zack Turley

ADJOURNMENT: 12:46 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 December 16, 2017 with a vote reflecting

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