Chairman Berrey, Downstream Casino Receive Prestigious National Award

Chairman John L. Berrey and Downstream Casino Resort have been named the Tribal Enterprise of the Year by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), which cited Berrey’s leadership and Downstream’s community service to Joplin following the May 2011 tornado disaster.

The award is one of a handful of annual awards that will be recognized at the 26th annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2012), to be held February 27 through March 1 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. The NCAIED selects RES honorees for their commitment to economic and enterprise development within their respective communities.

“John Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe, which operates the Downstream Casino Resort, will receive the Tribal Enterprise of the Year Award for demonstrating altruism and providing a positive impact for the tribe’s efforts to assist the Joplin, Missouri community in the aftermath of tornado devastation,” the NCAIED said a news release.

The NCAIED’s annual Reservation Economic Summit is the oldest and largest conference that focuses on business and economic development in Indian Country. Tribes from all corners of the country are represented each year.

“This is humbling, to put it mildly,” Chairman Berrey, of Sperry, Okla., said, “because there are thousands of real heroes who stepped up for Joplin after the tornado disaster. I feel like we only did what we were supposed to do for our community, and helping is its own reward.”

The Quapaw Tribe’s Fire & Emergency Service Team, based at Downstream and Quapaw, Okla., was among the first responders, just minutes after the storm. Downstream then donated: temporary storm shelter; hotel rooms for storm survivors, relief workers and 20 rooms for two weeks for the American Red Cross; meals at casino restaurants for victims and relief workers, thousands of hot meals and sandwiches delivered to the Joplin Emergency Command Center and to workers in the disaster zone; clothing, coats, and household items for hundreds of families who lost everything in the disaster; direct financial assistance to victims and a variety of fund-raising sponsorships. Downstream is still involved in a variety of tornado recovery efforts. The resort’s total giving in Joplin storm relief and fund-raising exceeds $300,000, but that does not include tens of thousands of paid and volunteered team-member hours.

“We actually didn’t want to talk about our role or seek any recognition. To do so seemed so pointless,” Berrey added. “But, now, receiving this award — I’m very proud of all our team members and the whole Joplin community. This award is for all of you.”
has been gentle. I am also saddened by the losses we as a nation have suffered from the loss of elders and friends. The passing of young Seneca Mathews has been a tremendous blow to the many hearts of us who were blessed to know him. I am so grateful for the effort and love that so many people in our community graciously gave to the Mathews family in the hours and days preparing Seneca for his journey. Flossie and Thomas who serve us so well have been in such pain, please remember them and JR, Beth and Sean in your prayers and stop by and say hello when you get the chance. Seneca was and will remain as a bright light in our lives and the entire Downstream, and we will make it especially appealing and convenient for casino patrons and workers who are associated with our benefit programs. We have chosen to implement the Quapaw Tribal Member Health plan, eliminating the need for a 1099 tax form to be sent to all tribal members for Medical, Vision and Dental insurance needs. That is a huge plus for our tribal members.

So what's happening? What's cooking? Here at Quapaw? Well I think so much has been said in Indian Country about the importance of Native-to-Native business partnerships. I wanted to tell you about a Native-to-Native success story that involves one of our own tribal members. RWI Benefits, LLC and Native Care Health, LLC are 100% owned by Robert Weaver, a Quapaw Tribal Member. These entities are part of a business plan that unites Native Americans and expands Native American opportunity to determine a part of our economic future. The Business Committee and Mr. Weaver have worked continuously over the past four years to improve the employee benefit plans for our tribal enterprises and specifically to meet our goal of providing access to quality healthcare to all Quapaw Tribal Members. Significant things to note are:

1. The Business Committee and RWI Benefits have successfully implemented the Quapaw Tribal Member Health plan, eliminating the need for a 1099 tax form to be sent to all tribal members for Medical, Vision and Dental insurance needs. That is a huge plus for our tribal members.

2. The response from the tribal members has been overwhelmingly positive. We have a tremendous amount of success stories where members have never had the ability to get medications and other services before, because they lived outside of the IHS service area.

3. The Business Committee and RWI Benefits have reduced fixed costs as well as negotiated several new agreements to lower claims costs.

4. RWI Benefits created a new entity called Native Care Health, LLC as a marketing division of its current company to further the control of a Native American of the many contracts and negotiations that are associated with our benefit programs. We have chosen to strengthen Native-to-Native relationships long term as did many of those who have gone before us.

I want to thank you all for the support over the last ten years and god willing and with your support I hope to continue to deliver services and programs that help the Quapaw Tribe maintain our sovereignty, our culture and keep growing.

Gun-ney-gay
John
QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE

The Quapaw Tribe Annual Election will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the Quapaw Tribal Complex, Quapaw, Oklahoma. The polling place shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote. All registered voters who have met the voting eligibility requirements specified by the Tribal Election Ordinance will be eligible to vote. A valid Registration Card and a picture I.D. must be in each registered voter's possession in order to obtain a ballot.

All qualified members of the Quapaw Tribe who desire his or her name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for Elective Office must file a “Declaration of Candidacy” in person with the Election Board Secretary or a designated representative at the Quapaw Tribal Administrative Office located at 5681 S. 630 Rd., Quapaw, Oklahoma. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office at any one time. All such filings of Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no sooner than April 19, 2012, and no later than May 21, 2012. No later than three business days following the close of the filing period, the Election Board Secretary shall cause to be posted at the Tribal Complex a complete list of all candidates along with their respective office of candidacy.

A filing fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall be assessed to each candidate for any Elective Office, payable to the Quapaw Tribe by certified check, cashier’s check, or money order. These fees shall be used for election purposes. The filing fee shall be paid on the same date the prospective candidate submits his or her Declaration of Candidacy. Said filing fee is non-refundable.

Absentee Ballot request forms must be obtained from the enrollment office at the Quapaw Tribal Administration Office in Quapaw, Oklahoma. Upon the hand written, e-mail or facsimile (FAX), request of a qualified voter for an absentee ballot, the Election Board Secretary and/or enrollment office shall give or mail to said qualified voter and Absentee Ballot Packet. In order to be counted, all absentee ballots must be received by close of business on the last working day before the voting day. No hand-carried absentee ballots will be accepted on the day of the election. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

Chairman (two-year term)
Secretary / Treasurer (two-year term)
Committee Member (two-year term)

Dates to Remember:

Spring Semester Education Scholarship
Application Deadline -
February 29, 2012

Summer Semester Education Scholarship
Applications Accepted -
May 1, 2012

2012 Social Services Guidelines

The Social Services program was formed to assist tribal members with utility assistance, veterans assistance, burial assistance and school clothing and supplies for our tribal members. Guidelines are set forth by the Social Service Committee and passed by the Business Committee. The current funding cycle runs from January 1, 2012 to December 30, 2012. Changes to school clothing and veterans assistance applications have been made; information about these changes may be viewed at www.quapawtribe.com/socialservices.

The Social Services Department follows a first-come first-serve basis. All services will be offered as long as funding is available. All forms must be updated at the beginning of the new funding cycle. This includes; W-9s: authorization to release information, legal documents for minor children if living with someone other than tribal parent, address corrections, name changes and landlord/roommate forms and leases.

Due to the rapid growth of our tribe the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee passed a new resolution, effective January 1, 2012, stating that new enrollees to the Quapaw Tribe Roll, excluding infants enrolled before his/her first birthday, are eligible for services provided by the Social Services/Higher Education Programs and Quapaw Tribal Member Insurance Plan during the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which he/she was enrolled with the Quapaw Tribe.
In Memorium

Seneca Black Elk Mathews

Seneca Black Elk Mathews, a name we all knew and loved had a smile no one will ever forget.

Seneca passed from this earth and is joining his many relatives that have gone before him. Seneca had a great smile and he always wore it well along with his “colorful attire”. Seneca was a great son, brother, grandson, nephew, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Seneca was born April 10, 1984, to Willis (J R) Mathews and Beth (Graves) Mathews at their home in Tulsa, Okla.

Seneca is survived by his parents, J R and Beth; his brother, Sean Crawfish Mathews of Quapaw, Okla.; brother, Thomas Crawfish Mathews and Jamie Mathews of Quapaw; and their children, Tyler, Tanner, Tori, Trace, and little Thomas (T); his brothers, Anthony and Justin Bryant; his grandmother, Flossie Mathews of Miami, Okla.; grandfather, Willis and Lee Ann Mathews of Miami; Okla.; grandmother, Willis and Lee Ann Mathews of Miami; Tim and Jerri Montgomery aunt and uncle of Miami, Okla.; and numerous cousins, loved ones, and friends. Seneca was preceded in death by his beloved great-grandmother, Pearl Crawfish Dukes; and his maternal grandparents Vera and Buck Graves of Lawton.

Seneca will be missed by anyone who had ever had contact with him. His mischievous grin made you think he was always up to something, and he usually was. Seneca loved life and made everyone around him love life because of him. We love you Seneca and everyone will miss you.

Services were held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the First Christian Church in Miami with Ranny McWaters leading the services. Interment followed in the G.A.R. Cemetery under the direction of Paul Thomas Funeral of Miami. Native American Rites were conducted by Ranny McWaters and Russ Garber. Pallbearers were Sean, Thomas, Anthony, Justin, Dwindle and Tyler. Honorary Pallbearers were Brody Pursley, Jimmy Burgess, Jeremy Bludell, Kirk Myrick, Michael Avicla and Grandpa LeRoy. Seneca lay in state at his parents’ home until the services were held.

Sandra D. Parnell

In Loving Memory of

Sandra D. Parnell

Born
Tuesday, June 17, 1952
San Saba, TX

Entered into Rest
Saturday, December 17, 2011
Alex, OK

God saw that you were getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
And whispered ‘Come to me’.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Tribal Elder Housing

“Home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to, in the strongest conjuration.”

Charles Dickens

The dream of our elders to have a safe and comfortable home on our Quapaw land has become a reality for two of our tribal elders. Moving day came in January when they became the first residents of the Quapaw Tribal Elder Housing complex.

The drawing of the names of elders who had expressed interest in living in the units was held in December of 2011. Because of various circumstances some of those who were chosen will not be able to occupy the additional planned units. Housing officials have announced that they are still accepting applications. Once applications are received and when units become available, the applicants must submit a full application taking into consideration the minimum age requirement of 62. For more information please contact the Quapaw Tribal Housing Department at 918-542-1430.

Beautiful kitchen with new appliances

Full laundry facilities in each unit

Spacious living room
Quapaw Tribal Employees Participate in America Recycles Week

Quapaw Tribal employees joined together on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 to clean up trash and recyclables from a section of N. 620 Rd. in Quapaw. The day's efforts were coordinated by the Quapaw Tribe Environmental department as one of the events planned for their annual America Recycles week.

This section of Ottawa county road is lined with remnants of past tornado debris and litter. With state and county budgets stretched to their limits, this clean-up will help to allow existing funds to be used for other projects. Employees picked up 489 pounds of garbage in one 1.5 mile stretch!

The Quapaw Tribal Environmental department also sponsored an employee recycling contest for the week of November 7-10, 2011. The winners for the 2011 QT Environmental Department Recycling Contest are:

- First Place, Ramona Maute - 1724 lbs
- Second Place, Debbie Wray - 1016 lbs
- Third Place, Bill Blair - 82 lbs

for a total of 2822 lbs!

The mission of the Environmental Department is to protect human health, the environment, and the cultural heritage of the Quapaw people through applying scientific methods in understanding impacts to our natural world.

Quapaw Tribe Marshal Service Receives Kansas Commission

Quapaw Tribe Marshal Service officers were sworn in as special commissioned officers for the State of Kansas on Monday, January 10, 2012. Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood administered the oath of office at the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office while Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves looked on.

This commission grants jurisdiction over native and non-native people while on Quapaw Tribal land that is located in Kansas. Quapaw Tribal marshals will also be able to provide assistance to Kansas law enforcement on state, county and local levels when needed.

The fact that state of Kansas commissioned the tribal officers is recognition of the efforts extended by the Quapaw Tribe in developing a well-trained, professional police organization that is available to assist area law enforcement agencies when the need arises.

Quapaw Tribal Youth Place in State Competition

Kayera Smith and Leanna Olson, juniors at Quapaw High School, joined the Quapaw High School Cheerleader Squad in competing for honors in Class 2A competition on October 3, 2011. Their squad was named the Oklahoma 2A State runner-up squad.

Kayera and Leanna are the great granddaughters of the late Ed R. Quapaw and Mary B. Olson.
The day to day business of the Quapaw Tribe is handled by a number of departments that each specialize in handling different aspects of tribal business. In this column we will spotlight different departments to help to explain to the members of the Quapaw Tribe how each department works. This issue's department is:

The Quapaw Tribal Library

Have you visited your tribal library lately? Let me tell you about some of the great changes that are in the works in the coming months.

The library recently received a large grant through the Institute of Library & Museum services (IMLS), which will allow us to offer FREE downloadable eBooks and audio books via a service called “Overdrive”. Checkout time for the eBooks will be three weeks, which can be downloaded to most eReaders, mp3 players, iPods, Android phones, iPads and most PCs. The audio books, once downloaded, are yours to keep forever. All this can be done simply by logging into our catalog online and inputting your library card number and a password. Tribal members will be able to utilize the services of “Overdrive” no matter where they live via the Internet! Go Live date for this service is expected sometime in February, 2012.

Also, funding from the grant is enabling the library to offer traditional crafts classes. We recently held a Finger weaving Class, taught by tribal member Charles Wheeler. The next anticipated class (Indian Beadwork) will be held sometime in February or March, depending upon the weather, and the selection of an instructor.

In addition the library offers the following services:

- Checkout of books, movies, audio books, and magazines
- Four public Internet Stations
- Reference Materials, including a great selection of Native American materials
- Weekly story hour for 2-3 year olds from the QLC
- Open late every Tuesday until 7:00 pm
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The library is open the following hours:

- Monday: 8:00 – 5:00
- Tuesday: 9:00 – 7:00
- Wednesday: 8:00 – 5:00
- Thursday: 9:00 – 5:00
- Friday: 8:00 – 4:00

The Quapaw Tribe is rich in heritage. Our traditions have taught us cultural pride, and working together continues the advancement of our people. The library is committed to promoting a bright future that respects traditions, history, and education by providing materials on the Quapaw Indians, other Indian Tribes, and Native American law that is high in quality and timeliness while promoting the joy of reading, research, literacy, and access to information for people of all ages.

The mission of the library is to provide “Free access to Information” to everyone, by providing a welcoming, friendly environment, and a diverse set of materials to meet the needs of both tribal members and the general public.

Students - Check out

- Scholarship Opportunities Available
- Summer Internships & Jobs
- College Planning Events

at www.quapawtribe.com/students
Graduate Success Stories

Education News: At the bottom of the Education Department’s page on our website, (www.quapawtribe.com/education), is a link to the Graduate Information Form. By clicking on the link, students can update the tribe and celebrate their educational accomplishments. We welcome your submissions.

Zack Turley:
Quapaw Tribal employee Zack Turley, graduated in August 2011 with a paramedic degree. Zack started with the tribe three years ago as a basic firefighter but through hard work and dedication he completed his course work to receive his paramedic degree. Zack is married with a 1 1/2 year old son and is planning on continuing his education to get a nursing degree.

Harry Imbeau:
Harry Imbeau graduated from Pittsburg State University with a B.A. while majoring in Instructional Design and Technology, Business Administration, Communication and French. He then received a Master of Business Administration from Walden University.

Erin Nelson:
Erin Nelson attended the University of California, Los Angeles, and received her B.A. in Spanish and Linguistics. She then received her Master of Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Erin is currently an Administrative Fellow at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead

Allyn Kaufmann:
Allyn Kaufmann received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas with degrees in Biochemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry. Allyn, who is a Senior Scientist for Procter & Gamble, is involved in the recruitment of Native Americans for positions in the company.

Allyn is the son of Carolyn Nott and grandson of Charlene and Charlie Button. He is married and is a dad to three wonderful children, Jack, Ella and Henry:

Blake Shockley:
Blake Shockley received his B.A. from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma with a major in English and a minor in Communication. Blake plans on continuing on with his education in the future.

Brienna Caldwell:
Brienna received her Bachelors of Science/Associate of Arts degree from the Southwestern Assemblies of God University and her Masters of Education (Secondary) from Texas A & M. She also plans on continuing her education.

Brienna noted, ”I am looking into the teaching field and am equipping myself with higher education by working on my Masters Degree. With the current budget cuts in education, I feel that great teachers are still needed for the youth of America. While this task can be difficult while juggling a full time job, and many other things, it is worth it. The Quapaw Tribe helps make it possible with financial awards.”

Susan Gilmore:
Susan Gilmore received her B.A. from the University of Wyoming with a major in English and just finished a summer internship at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. She will graduate with a Masters degree in Archives and Records Management in April 2012. She hopes to establish or work at an archive for the preservation of American Indian languages and cultures. She stated that “Though we each must find our own direction in life, we also must respect the people who have walked before us, who walk beside us, and those who will come after.”

Johnnie A. Parnell:
Johnnie received his bachelors degree from the University of Oklahoma in Multidisciplinary Studies with a focus on Human Behaavior and Social Skills. He plans to Further his education and return to school to attend graduate school in order to receive a masters degree in Human Relations. Johnnie would like to say, “Thank you to my wonderful family for all of their unfailing support and encouragement. Thanks to the Quapaw Tribe for assisting me with my education funding in order to make this possible.”

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Students were welcomed by tribal governing officials who explained tribal government, their responsibilities and the future direction of the tribe. Departmental representatives gave brief presentations and answered questions from the students.

The day-long tour included visiting:
- Tribal Museum
- Library
- Title VI Elder Program
- Convenience Store
- Counseling and Substance Abuse Program
- Quapaw Casino
- Downstream Casino Resort

Downstream’s Soap Recycling Program Receives National Attention

News of “Hand In Hand,” Downstream Casino Resort’s unique soap recycling program, spread across the country in January when one of the nation’s leading newspapers, The Washington Post, published a Sunday story that was later widely distributed by the Associated Press. The story was seen reprinted in a handful of major city newspapers from Buffalo, N.Y., to Denver, Colo., and Wichita, Kan.

In 2010, Downstream launched “Hand In Hand” to recycle the hotel’s leftover soap, shampoo and conditioner, and deliver nifty soap kits to homeless shelters, halfway houses and other community based charitable organizations in Tulsa and the Joplin Tri-State region.

Quapaw Tribal Chairman John Berrey noted “We believe that this is a great project. We remove usable products from the waste stream, we create work for disadvantaged members of our local community and we provide personal health care items for the most needy people in our communities.”

In 2011, the Hilton Garden Inn of Joplin and the Hotel Phillips in Kansas City joined the program. Sean Harrison of Downstream said, “We are very grateful to have those two hotel partners in the ‘Hand In Hand’ program, and this latest national publicity is a great boost to spreading the word and helping us gain even more hotel partners.”

Washington University Masters Students Visit Quapaw Tribe

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The visiting students are enrolled in the Kathryn M. Bruder Center for American Indian Studies, which is one of the most respected centers in the nation for academic advancement and study of American Indian issues related to social work. Miriam Jorgensen, a visiting scholar and Research Director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and of the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona also accompanied the students along with Pete RG Coser, Jr. who is Mvskoke-Creek, Choctaw, and Chickasaw and born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Pete is the current Program Manager at the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies.
AARP OK Launches Indian Elder Navigator Website

Craig E. Davis, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director, has announced the launch of the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Navigator – a single point of entry website for Indian elder services that can be accessed at: www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator.

“We hope that this new website will be a place where Indian elders from any Oklahoma Indian Tribe can go to find the service or resource that best fits their needs,” said AARP Executive Council Member and former Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe John Edwards. “We envision it as a ‘living room’ of information for tribal elders.”

The AARP Indian Elder Navigator is designed to be a resource center where tribes can list their contact information and resources on such topics as housing, transportation and health care. At its launch, information on tribal nutrition and food commodity programs were posted on the site.

AARP and AARP Foundation have launched an effort called Drive to End Hunger to raise awareness of senior hunger and enroll more seniors in the Supplemental Food Nutrition Program (SNAP). Edwards said AARP Oklahoma is expanding Drive to End Hunger to Indian Country by posting Indian nutrition sites and food commodity distribution programs on the Indian Elder Navigator.

Going forward, AARP officials say they hope to work directly with tribal leaders and program directors from all federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma to add new and updated information to the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Navigator.

Quapaw Students Receive NTGCR Scholarships

Joshua L. Ray and Charles R. Jones have each received a $5,000 scholarship from the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators (NTGCR) Scholarship Committee for the Fall 2011 semester. The scholarship will assist with tuition, books, meal cards and living expenses. Recipients were selected based on academic grade point average, exhibition of leadership, community involvement, written essay, letters of recommendation, accomplishments and professional development.

The NTGCR is a non-profit organization consisting of 72 members and other non-voting affiliate members. The organization is dedicated to providing tribal gaming regulators with education and training.

Quapaw Museum Gift Shop

The Quapaw Tribal Museum Gift Shop is located at the entrance of the Quapaw Tribal Museum at 905 Whitebird St. in Quapaw. The shop stocks exquisite Pendleton purses, robes, notebooks and blankets. The extensive blanket selection includes three new Pendleton blankets to commemorate our nation’s veterans.

A beautiful selection of jewelry, gift items and home decor is always in stock. For information about purchasing items call the museum directly at 918-674-2619 or log on to www.quapawtribe.com/museum.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Spring Semester Education Scholarship Application Deadline - Wednesday, February 29
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, March 6, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Quapaw Tribal Court - Thursday, March 8, 2:30PM, Tribal Community Room
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, March 13, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Free Health Screening - Wednesday, March 14, 11AM-12PM, Tribal Elder Center
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, March 17, 9:00AM, Tribal Community Building
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, March 20, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, March 27, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, April 3, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, April 10, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Quapaw Tribal Court - Thursday, April 12, 2:30PM, Tribal Community Room
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, April 17, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum
- Free Health Screening - Wednesday, April 18, 11AM-12PM, Tribal Elder Center
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, April 21, 9:00AM, Tribal Community Building
- Quapaw Language Class - Tuesday, April 24, 7-9PM, Tribal Museum

Log on to www.quapawtribe.com/calendar for more information about events.

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 am
INeVOCATION: Marilyn Rogers
ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Jesse “Manz” McKibben Present
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes of the May 21, 2011 QTBC meeting were presented for
approval. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to approve
the minutes with corrections a noted,(Linda Kay had stated she
was given the wrong date and time of a Social Services Committee
meeting. Linda Kay found later she was given the proper notification
of the Social Services Committee meeting.) of the May 21, 2011 QTBC
meeting. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley. VOTE: JB,
yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0
no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending
May 31, 2011 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard
accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers,
to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending May 31,
2011. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes;
JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no,
0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

O-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were
submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in
the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSTREAM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were
submitted in the QTBC packet and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted
in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW CASINO/QCA: Written reports were submitted in the
QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the
QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT/DDA: Written reports were
submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the
QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve written reports as
submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn
Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes;
RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):
A. QTBC Member Flossie Mathews requested that Debbie Wray
include the ATEC monthly minutes in the QTBC packets.

B. QTBC Member T.C. Bear reported Inter-Tribal Council was
planning a benefit pow-wow for the tornado victims of Joplin, MO.

ITC has asked all tribes for $200 in support of the benefit pow-wow.
Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve and appropriate a
donation in the amount of $200 to Inter-Tribal Council in support of a
benefit pow-wow for the tornado victims of Joplin, MO. Seconded by
QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes;
MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand updated the
QTBC with information regarding the Crawford Property as requested.
Concurrence of the QTBC to have Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist,
Trenton Stand and QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley work with the
landowner to negotiate an offer and bring back information to the
QTBC.

B. Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand updated the
QTBC with information regarding the mineral interests’ properties as
requested. Concurrence of the QTBC to have Realty/Lease Compliance
Specialist, Trenton Stand and QTBC Sec./Treas., Tamara Smiley and
Environmental Director, Tim Kent work on the land to establish a
negotiable offer and bring back to the QTBC.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to approve
and appropriate the reallocation of Indian Reservation Roads (IRR)
funds in the amount of $100,000 to partner with Ottawa County on the East
50 Rd. project. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE:
JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes,
0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

B. Resolution Number 061811-A: To Enact a Sex Offender Registration Code for the Quapaw Tribe. Motion by QTBC Member
Flossie Mathews to adopt Resolution Number 061811-A; To Enact a
Sex Offender Registration Code for the Quapaw Tribe. Seconded by
QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. (RE: SORNA & Adam Walsh Act)
VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

C. Resolution Number 061811-B: Resolution in Support of Application for Funding Under U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services Administration for Children and Families and Child Care Development Fund. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to adopt
Resolution Number 061811-B; Resolution in Support of Application for Funding Under U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families and Child Care Development Fund. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. (RE: SORNA & Adam Walsh Act) VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes;
FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

D. Resolution Number 061811-C: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface Only) Located Under
the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize
the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the
Purchase of on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma.
Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 061811-
C; A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface Only) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw
Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized
Representative to Negotiate the Purchase of on Behalf of the Quapaw
Tribe of Oklahoma. (NOTE: Purchase Restricted Interest 920 143; 1.389 acres ml).
Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE:
JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes,
0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

E. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 061811-D thru Resolution Number 061811-M.
Seconded QTBC member Marilyn Rogers. NOTE: (D: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 175; 0.278 acres ml; E: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 182-C:0.484 acres ml; F: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 182-E:0.080 acres ml; G: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 185; 0.139 acres ml; H: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 185; 0.556 acres ml; I: Purchase Restricted...
Interest Allotment 920 B 188;0.556 acres ml; J: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 SB 201;0.026 acres ml; K: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 SB 201;0.036 acres ml; L: Purchase Restricted Interest Allotment 920 SB 201; 0.037 acres ml; M: Final Decision-Purchase Restricted Interest—Robert Holt 3.581 acres ml) VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

E. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 061811-N thru Resolution Number 061811-W. Seconded by QTBC Member, . VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to approve written minutes of the June 18, 2011 QTBC meeting and electronic/phone polls as presented. Motion by QTBC Member, to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2011. Seconded by QTBC member, . VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Jesse “Manz” McKibben Present
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 18, 2011 QTBC meeting and electronic/phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2011 QTBC meeting and electronic/phone polls as presented. Seconded by QTBC member. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2011 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC member, to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending June 30, 2011. Seconded by QTBC member, . VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

O-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW CASINO/QCA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT/OMGAH: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand updated the QTBC with information regarding the Coldsping Lease. There is several fencing/crossing issues that need to be taken care of. Concurrence of the QTBC to have Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand bring back cost information to the QTBC. B. Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand updated the QTBC with information regarding the mineral interests’ properties. Concurrence of the QTBC to have Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand prepare and submit a resolution to the QTBC reflecting the offer(s) and bring back to the QTBC.
NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval/Disapproval of Annual Request for Supplemental Funding for the Title VI Program. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $55,000 for the Annual Request for Supplemental Funding for the Title VI Program. Seconded by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

B. Resolution Number 072011-A; MOU, Fed. Hwy. Adm.; Arkansas State Hwy & Transp. Dept.; Arkansas State HPO; Osage Nation; RE: St. Francis River Highway. Concurrence of the QTBC to hold in abeyance until additional information is received from consultant, Carrie V. Wilson.

C. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $2,599.99, payable to Tractor Supply, for the purchase of a cooling unit for the Maintenance Department garage/shop, per quote submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

CLOSED SESSION – 1:18 P.M.
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 1:30 P.M.

TOPIC(S) of CLOSED SESSION:
Tribal Member Assistance (Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray & other staff will handle as discussed in Closed Session.)

Tribal Member Assistance (Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray will conduct electronic phone poll as discussed in Closed Session.)

BENEDICTION : Flossie Mathews

Adjournment: 1:31 P.M.

s/Tamara Smiley ____________________________
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order [RONR (10th ed.), pg 451, 1. 25-28
By/s/ Debbie Wray
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On August 20, 2011 with a vote reflecting: _6_ yes; _0_ no; _0_ abstaining; _1_ absent.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:09 AM
INVOCATION: Marilyn Rogers

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced, prior to the meeting be called to order, he was given written notice from the Grievance Committee regarding the 2011 Election Challenge Appeal process. The installation of officers will be delayed until the matter is resolved. The Quapaw Tribal Business Committee will continue to conduct business with the current members seated.

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Jesse "Manzi" McKibben Present (arrive @ 9:15 am)
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranny McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 20, 2011 QTBC meeting and electronic/phone polls were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member, Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 QTBC meeting and electronic/phone polls with corrections as stated. Seconded by QTBC member Flossie Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining; 1 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2011 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC member Ranny McWatters, to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2011. Seconded by QTBC member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining; 1 absent) Motion Carries.

The Tribal Administrator, Sec./Treasurer, and the Tribal Operations Specialist will work with the Public Relations Department to get more information, including but not limited to, narrative program reports, subcommittee reports, etc. published on the official tribal web site. Tribal Administrator will give oral reports and up-dates during QTBC meetings.

O-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSREAM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSSTREAM CASINO RESORT/LLC: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Approval/Disapproval of Annual Request for Supplemental Funding for the Title VI Program.

B. Resolution Number 072011-A; MOU, Fed. Hwy. Adm.; Arkansas State Hwy & Transp. Dept.; Arkansas State HPO; Osage Nation; RE: St. Francis River Highway. Concurrence of the QTBC to hold in abeyance until additional information is received from consultant, Carrie V. Wilson.

C. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $2,599.99, payable to Tractor Supply, for the purchase of a cooling unit for the Maintenance Department garage/shop, per quote submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

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C. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $2,599.99, payable to Tractor Supply, for the purchase of a cooling unit for the Maintenance Department garage/shop, per quote submitted. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining; 1 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

QTBC member Flossie Mathews announced ATEC will be holding a 'Breakfast Fundraiser'; tentatively scheduled for October 7th, 7:00 am -11:00 am. Flossie encourages participation in the fund raising efforts; proceeds go toward educational scholarships. ATEC has cookbooks for sale for $10 each.

QTBC member Flossie Mathews discussed the tribal language classes offered, and also announced the tribal language is now available on CD. All tribal members will soon receive a CD of the tribal language.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand updated the QTBC with information regarding the Coldspring Lease. There are several fencing/crossing issues that need to be taken care of. Concurrence of the QTBC to have Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist,
Trenton Stand bring back cost information to the QTBC. QTBC member Flossie Mathews requested additional time to review and asked for phone/electronic poll be conducted.

B. Resolution Number 082011-A was submitted by Realty/Lease Compliance Specialist, Trenton Stand per the QTBC meeting of July 20, 2011. Motion by QTBC member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 082011-A: A Resolution Authorizing the Starting Price for Negotiations for the Purchase of Mineral Interest of Trust Land Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma From Tribal Members and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the Purchase on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley. YOTE: JB, yes; JM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

C. Resolution Number 082011-B was submitted by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), JeanAnn Lambert per the QTBC meeting of July 20, 2011. QTBC member Flossie Mathews requested additional time to review and asked for phone/electronic poll be conducted.

D. DRAFT - Tribal Member Emergency and/or Extraordinary Financial Assistance was resubmitted by Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray. Concurrence of the QTBC to make copies of the draft available at the front-desk, put on the tribal web-site for tribal member comments and to include a “sign-up” form if they would like to consider serving on this committee. The Policy will be brought to the next QTBC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Resolution Number 082011-C was submitted by Tribal Grant Writer, Kim Messer. A ResolutionAuthorizing the Continuation of the Tribe’s Partnership with Grand Gateway Economic Development Administration to Submit an Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the Fiscal Year 2011 5311 C Tribal Transit Program. Concurrence of the QTBC additional information is needed. Tribal Administrator Donna Mercer will contact the grant writer to secure the additional information as requested.

B. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to adopt the LPL Financial Non-Corporate Resolution for the Barbara Shapp Schmidt Scholarship Fund. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. YOTE: JB, yes; JM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

C. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathews to approve a Letter of Support to the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma regarding their support to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for the propagation of endangered Neosho Madtom and Fresh Water Mussels. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; JM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

D. The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Operation Policy was submitted by tribal administrator, Donna Mercer. The written policy is required and satisfies the Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) for Self-Governance. QTBC member Flossie Mathews requested additional time to review and asked for phone/electronic poll be conducted.

E. Approval/Disapproval of a bid for a 24’x 40’ Pottery Studio was submitted by the Cultural Committee in the amount of $105,000. Concurrence of the QTBC to hold in abeyance until an “over all” plan can be reviewed.

F. Approval/Disapproval of the donation request submitted by Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma. Concurrence of the QTBC directing Tribal Administrator Donna Mercer, to check with the Tribal Court Clerk and the Family Services/ICW Director to see how supportive these services are to our tribal members; then resubmit request to the QTBC.

G. Approval/Disapproval of the donation request submitted on behalf of the Miami Wardog Band. Concurrence of the QTBC directing Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray to Obtain the number of tribal members &or Native Americans participating in the Wardog band; then resubmit request to the QTBC.

H. Approval/Disapproval of the donation request submitted by Miami Area Chamber of Commerce for the Native Oklahoma Weekend (NOW) event. NO ACTION TAKEN: (both casinos are supporters of the event.)

CLOSED SESSION: 10:20 A.M. RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 12:31 P.M.

TOPIC(S) of CLOSED SESSION:
1. Tribal Member Assistance Requests (Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray & other necessary staff will handle as discussed in Closed Session.)
2. Personnel Issue: TGA Issue

BENEDICTION: John Berrey

ADJOURNMENT: 12:41 P.M.

Tamar Smiley, Sec./Treas.


YOTE: JB, yes; JMM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee Community Building Regular Meeting September 17, 2011 CALL TO ORDER: 9:15 AM

INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Quapaw Tribal Election Committee Chairperson, Callie Darr conducted the installation of officers; Thomas Mathews, Chairman, Flossie Mathews, Marilyn Rogers and TC Bear.

FOR THE RECORD: Due to (absence) quorum of QTBC Secretary Tamara Smiley, Chairman John Berrey, requested Tribal Operations Specialist/Recording Secretary, Debbie Wray to conduct Roll Call and record the minutes.

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews Present
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas. Absent (excused)
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Flossie Mathews, Member Present
Ranmy McWatters, Member Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 20, 2011 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member, Flossie Mathews to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2011 QTBC meeting with corrections as stated. (including Tribal Administrator’s oral report requested). Seconded by QTBC member T.C. Bear VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, abstain; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending August 31, 2011 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC member Marilyn Rogers to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending August 31,
2011. Seconded by QTBC member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

The Tribal Administrator, Sec./Treasurer, and the Tribal Operations Specialist will work with the Public Relations Department to get more information, including but not limited to, narrative program reports, sub-committee reports, etc. published on the official tribal web site.

Financial Assistance/Donation Committee: Larry Mercer, Beverly Jones, Sarah Hiatt, Terra Kelley, Debbie Wray

Per direction of the QTBC, all appointees will be notified in writing by Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray.

Cricket Rice gave an oral presentation regarding the making of a CD with Quapaw songs. A budget, including justifications, timeline schedule, written agreement(s), etc. must be presented to the QTBC for consideration at the next QTBC meeting. Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray will provide informational assistance as needed.

O-GAH-PAH CONVENIENCE STORE: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

O-GAH-PAH LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSWARM LEARNING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

QUAPAW COUNSELING CENTER: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented. QTBC Chairman John Berrey reported on the options of ending the agreement with NHS regarding billing issues; currently working with Rodney Spriggs to review contract/agreement.

QUAPAW CASINO/QCA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

TRIBAL GAMING AGENCY: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

DOWNSWARM CASINO RESORT/DDA: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member, Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

QTBC member Flossie Mathews announced ATEC will be holding a “Breakfast Fundraiser”; October 7, 2011, at the Ottawa Peoria Cultural Center from 7:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Flossie encourages participation in the fundraising efforts; proceeds go toward educational scholarships.

Ardina Moore, spoke on behalf of the Cultural Committee concerning the need for a facility/studio for the pottery classes. QTBC Chairman John Berrey, recommends the use of the former Picher High School as a solution. Arrangements will be made for the Cultural Committee to check out the facility. Tribal Member Betty Gadetke, informed those present, she has a contact person in Arkansas who makes pottery who could provide additional pottery lessons/teaching if needed. Tribal language and tribal singing/drumming classes continue to be offered by the Cultural Committee. QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced an Open House will be scheduled after the Cultural Committee gets their “Pottery Studio” set up, as well as an Open House for the Marshals Department

Tribal member, Betty Gadetke reported on the tribal Childrens’ Christmas party. The first meeting was held on Friday, September 16th, with future meetings to follow. Age group, radius, activities, etc., are among the decisions to be made. Tribal member’s input will be taken into consideration. QTBC Marilyn Rogers was asked to assist the committee as needed. A budget will be prepared by the committee and presented for consideration to the QTBC.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Housing Committee: (Senior and Emergency Rental) Flossie Mathews, Marilyn Rogers, Terry Kropp, Charlene Button, Brenda Murray, Debbie Wray

PER DIRECTION OF QTBC, all appointees will be notified in writing by Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray.

Cricket Rice gave an oral presentation regarding the making of a CD with Quapaw songs. A budget, including justifications, timeline schedule, written agreement(s), etc. must be presented to the QTBC for consideration at the next QTBC meeting. Tribal Operations Specialist Debbie Wray will provide informational assistance as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution Number 091711-A re: Ruth Goodeagle Allotment 920 175, was submitted by the Realty Department. Motion by QTBC member Flossie Mathews to adopt Resolution Number 091711-A; A Resolution Authorizing The Lease Of Trust Land Located Under The Jurisdiction Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma For The Use Of Farming and Grazing and Authorize The Chairperson Or An Authorized Representative To Negotiate Lease On Behalf Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

B. Resolution Number 091711-B re: HahWinNahZhe Stanley Allotment 920 181 E, was submitted by the Realty Department. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 091711-B; A Resolution Authorizing The Lease Of Trust Land Located Under The Jurisdiction Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma For The Use Of Farming and Grazing and Authorize The Chairperson Or An Authorized Representative To Negotiate Lease On Behalf Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Vice Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

C. Resolution Number 091711-C re: Francis Q. Goodeagle Allotment 920 S 188, was submitted by the Realty Department. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 091711-C; A Resolution Authorizing The Lease Of Trust Land Located Under The Jurisdiction Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma For The Use Of Farming and Grazing and Authorize The Chairperson Or An Authorized Representative To Negotiate Lease On Behalf Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

D. Resolution Number 091711-D re: Bond Waiver; Joseph Greenback Allotment 920 S 13, was submitted by the Realty Department. Motion by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters to adopt Resolution number 091711-D; A Resolution Authorizing The Waiver Of the bond Required To Lease Trust Land Located Under The Jurisdiction Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

E. Resolution Number 091711-E re: Fee to Trust Application on Kansas Property, was submitted by the Realty Department. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 091711-E; A Resolution To Request The Secretary Of Interior To Take A Parcel Of Land Consisting Of Approximately 123.831 Acres, More or Less, Into Trust For The Benefit Of The Quapaw Tribe Of Indians, Oklahoma. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, absent; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, abstain; RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent) Motion Carries.

F. Approval/Disapproval-Quote; re: Exercise Equipment (revised proposal), was submitted by CHR Director, Jami Feagan. Concurrence of the QTBC to continue to hold in abeyance until the Title VI expansion plans are further reviewed and or completed.

G. Approval/Disapproval- Quote; re: Surveillance System, was
submitted on behalf of the Marshalls Department. (SEE NOTE)

H. Approval/Disapproval- Quote; re: Surveillance System, (Family Visitation Room) was submitted on behalf of the Department of Family Services. (SEE NOTE)

I. Approval/Disapproval- Quote; re: Surveillance System, (Museum entrance/exit) was submitted on behalf of the Cultural Committee. (SEE NOTE)

NOTE: Items G, H and I, Approval/Disapproval-Quotes; re Surveillance Systems will be reviewed by Josh Lewis of the Marshals Department and recommendation will be given regarding the selection; PHONE/ELECTRONIC POLL WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO PURCHASE.

CLOSED SESSION: 10:20 A.M.
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION: 10:50 A.M.

TOPIC(S) of CLOSED SESSION:
1. Tribal Member Assistance Requests (Tribal Operations Specialist, Debbie Wray & other necessary staff will handle as discussed in Closed Session.) 2. Veteran’s Assistance 2012 Budget: Increased to $1,000, Applicants may only apply for a maximum quarterly amount of $250.

BENEDICTION: Ardina Moore
ADJOURNMENT: 10:57 A.M.

s/Tamara Smiley_________________
Tamara Smiley, Sec./Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order [RONR (10th ed.), pg 451, 1. 25-28
By:/s/ Debbie Wray__
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
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On October 15, 2011 with a vote reflecting
7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 0 absent.

Northeastern Tribal Health System Clinic Update

Work is continuing on the new 50,000 square foot Northeastern Tribal Health System Clinic. The new building, slated to be completed by the fall of 2012, will replace the current 12,000 square foot clinic leased from the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe at 2301 Eight Tribes Trail where it has been housed for 33 years.

The project is a collaborative effort between the Quapaw, Modoc, Ottawa, Peoria and Miami Tribes, Housing and Urban Development and Northeastern Tribal Health System.

Approximately 65,000 patients are seen at the existing clinic yearly, therefore the expansion will help facilitate increased patient care in larger patient health service areas. It will also be a more efficient work environment for staff. Two concrete storm-safe rooms that will double as conference rooms have been built within the structure of the new facility. The new building will allow staff to host educational presentations and meetings for patients, staff and the community.

Quoted recently in a Miami News Record article, Project Director Kim Chuculate said the Corps of Engineers is carefully following and inspecting the project to ensure that all regulations, standards, requirements and specifications are met. "We have a weekly meeting with our Project Management Team and Bryan or I walk the site daily," Chuculate said.

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for quality assurance inspections for the clinic, which helps to ensure quality construction, according to Project Manager Bryan Moore. He said the contractor, tribal inspectors, and the Corps of Engineers are all going over the project as it comes along for a detailed inspection.

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The Quapaw Tribe Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Program assists low income Native American families with child care expenses. If your net monthly income is equal to or less than the dollar amount on the chart then you may qualify for assistance. In order to qualify the following requirements must be met:

- Meet the income guidelines for the family size (see the above chart)
- All adult household members must be working
- Live within a 100 mile radius of the Quapaw Tribe
- Must have copies of CDIB card for children
- Must have proof of address (utility bill)
- Must have copies of all children’s birth certificates
- Must have proof of income ( copies of 3 most recent check stubs)
- Employment verification form (supplied with application)
- If parent/guardian is attending school must have proof of enrollment and schedule (on-line courses do not qualify for assistance).

Applications are available on line at quapawtribe.com/ccdf or available at the O-Gah-Pah Learning Center or Downstream Learning Center.
Quapaw Tribe Donates Monitoring Equipment To United States Geological Survey

The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Department has recently purchased monitoring equipment for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to support continued water data collection in both the Spring River and Tar Creek.

The rain gauge and two signal transformers, valued at $1,200, are used to collect water quality and quantity flow data at both sites. Past lead and zinc mining have left huge piles of mine tailings and the resulting minerals have seeped into local water supplies. The Quapaw Tribe utilizes USGS data to determine mass loading rates for metals such as iron, zinc, and lead. These metals enter Tar Creek and Spring River from abandoned mining sites. As EPA remediates these mining sites across the Tri-State area, the Tribe hopes to see metal levels decrease with time in Tribal waterways.

The Environmental Department, which has been instrumental in facilitating the continued monitoring and clean up of the Tar Creek Superfund site, considers this donation an investment in the future of the human health, the environment, and the cultural heritage of the Quapaw people.

The Quapaw Tribe Environmental Department Director Tim Kent noted, “We were happy to support the USGS in monitoring surface water within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The Environmental Department utilizes data collected at USGS monitoring stations on Tar Creek and Spring River in our monthly water quality monitoring program. This equipment will improve these USGS monitoring stations.”

Tribe Welcomes Buffaloes to New Home at Downstream

Downstream Casino Resort features a golf course, a concert venue and now — live buffaloes.

The Tribe welcomed the arrival of eight beautiful buffaloes, seven cows and a bull, last November. A pen encompassing 27 acres of grazing land and woods was constructed to serve as the animals’ new home just east of Downstream. A welcome ceremony, “Ha-way, teh-toh-kay”, commemorated the special event, and that night the buffaloes were featured on several evening TV news shows.

Then, on December 29, 2011, the buffalo caretakers were going about the morning feeding chores when they happened on a great surprise — a ninth buffalo. The calf had been born sometime in the early morning hours. This photo shows a wary eyed mother keeping close tabs on the photographer, T.C. Bear. The calf’s gender is yet unknown, and it has not yet been named.

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In 1997 Senator/Chief Kelly Haney, Seminole, painted the Heritage of Valor painting depicting a Native American Woman for the Women in Military Service of America Memorial. The picture, which depicts a woman in a battle stance in her native Seneca dress with a view of a modern military woman in a flight helmet in the background, honors all women veterans past, present and future. The model for the painting is Vicki Jones. The original painting is displayed in the Native American Alcove of the 45th Division Museum in Oklahoma City.

Ms Jones said she is very humbled to have been selected as the model. “To be allowed to honor Lady Warriors both past and present is something I will always hold close to my heart. As I sat for the painting, I was always aware of the women who had served before me. And I was always aware of those who will serve their home and country in the future. If the painting is in some small way an inspiration to my sister warriors, I am very pleased.”

Ms Jones and her spouse of fifteen years, Paul are involved with Meals on Wheels and the Patriot Guard Riders. To the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization she gives thanks that they honored her with the Nomination, which she would receive as part of the October 29, 2011 Oklahoma Women Veterans Day celebration. These individuals she says has made her a better Veteran.