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Haway Ogahpah,

It’s fall and we survived the intense heat and drought. So far, the fall has been plentiful with rain and beauty and I am excited about a wonderful fall. I want to thank all the Quapaws who attended the annual General Council for such a wonderful meeting. We enjoyed a meeting filled with respect and fun, it was one of the best General Councils I have ever attended. We covered a lot of ground and we have responded to requests and inquiries. The weather once again was wild and crazy so we ended up having one night of the Pow-Wow in our gym in Picher. I am so grateful to the hard working people who made the Quapaw Pow-Wow the big success that it was! Again, “Catfish” Leonard Smith with support of so many others developed and managed a fantastic Pow-Wow.

It saddens me to think that Chairman Leonard Smith “Catfish” has left this world to be with his folks. Leonard was very humble, soft spoken and passionate about Quapaw culture including the funeral services, politics and pow-wow. It was rare to attend a Quapaw funeral that Leonard Smith didn’t participate in; he comforted so many with his knowledge of our ways and he will be missed. Catfish and I had an interesting relationship, he was very outspoken concerning various issues about much of the work we have accomplished over the past ten years and from a distance it might have looked very confrontational, but in reality we spoke often and agreed on many things. With all the differences we had, we also had a very good relationship. Whenever there was an issue related to discoveries of historic remains in Arkansas or during a cultural event; either funerals or dinners, Catfish and I had a respectful and enjoyable relationship. One of my greatest personal interests is the history of the Quapaw Tribe in Arkansas. When Leonard was Chairman he traveled to Arkansas and discussed many concerns and to this day many people involved in Quapaw history in Arkansas remember the contributions made by Chairman Smith.

I want to thank all of the tribal members that came out and supported Tamara, Ranny and I. We are so excited to serve two more years and we have exciting things on the horizon. We work very hard every day to improve the lives of the members of the Quapaw Tribe, it’s a pleasure to help and we believe we are making a difference. We have been approved on a grant for a Wellness Center and I have asked T.C. Bear, Marilyn Rogers and Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to sit on the important committee that will oversee the development of the Wellness Center with Donna Mercer and other tribal staff members. We have finally, after nearly 6 years of hard work received notice that our parking lot at Downstream Casino Resort has been taken into trust! We now have trust land in 2 states, the Quapaw has returned to Kansas. We have several tribal members in Kansas, but it feels great to have the Quapaw Tribe back in Kansas!

We recently completed the purchase of land in Arkansas that has tremendous cultural significance as well as economic development potential. The land is part of the old Thibault plantation east of Little Rock, south of the Arkansas River. This land has proven Quapaw historic significance and as things develop I will keep you informed. The Quapaw Tribal Business Committee has recently purchased 51% interest in a defense contracting business creating a partnership between Detonics and the Quapaw Tribe. This is a very exciting venture that if all goes well will position the Quapaw Tribe as a premier minority contractor in the law enforcement and handgun training space for military, state and local law enforcement, it’s a very exciting mix.

To me, fall is a very significant time of the year; it is a period of transition and reflection. Recently I had spiritual need and I was so blessed to have the Quapaw “way” to turn in our Native American Church. I met my brother and roadman Steven Pratt at our Lottie Shunkamolah Chapter in Hominy, Oklahoma and we were able to pray and reflect in the ways we have used for many generations to assist me in my hour of need. Grandpa fire, cedar, eagle wing and the many articles we use brought so much comfort and helped me to refocus and clear my road ahead. We have been blessed as Quapaws to have these “ways” and it is in these “ways” we have that if used properly will help provide for a more fulfilling future. I have heard talk of “bringing the church back to Quapaw” and it is my hope and prayers that someday soon we once again light that grandpa fire and pick up the water drum once again near Devils Promanade”.

Gun-Ney-Gay

John L Berrey
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Local SE Kansas Governments Team Up With Quapaw Tribe To Build Water Treatment System

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TAKE AIM AT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHEROKEE COUNTY, Kan. (Sept. 28, 2012) -- Local governments within Cherokee County have joined forces with the Quapaw Tribe to build a waste water treatment system viewed as a vital part of infrastructure to support future economic development in southeast Kansas.

Recently established as the Shoal Creek Basin Regional Waste Water Authority, the team effort is made up of official representatives of the Cherokee County Commission, the cities of Galena and Baxter Springs, and the Business Committee of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, whose Downstream Casino Resort is located partly in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The goal is to establish a waste water treatment system which, unlike the lagoon systems currently serving southeast Cherokee county’s communities, will have the capability to remove dissolved metals and industrial chemicals, and will provide much better overall water treatment. The Quapaw Tribe and Downstream brought the various governmental entities together and is providing capital to put things in motion.

“Economic growth for the whole region is what Downstream Casino is all about,” Quapaw Chairman John Berrey said. “Another very important aspect of this waste water plan is cleaning up the Spring River. We will improve our economic viability and quality of life for the region by ceasing to pollute the Spring River.”

Galena Mayor Dale Oglesby described the plan as a winning proposition for all parties.

“The ability to treat industrial waste water is one of the major keys to unlocking the region’s economic potential,” Oglesby said. “This new entity is a strong partnership that can get it done, and everyone is committed.”

Cherokee County Commissioner Richard Hilderbrand said: “We have talked for years about the county’s need for mechanical waste water treatment, but it always seemed like an unattainable goal. Now, with this new partnership we are feeling like it is not only possible but it’s really going to happen. It will make us far more competitive in recruiting business and industry to the region.”

Baxter Springs Mayor Jennifer Bingham said: “This plan will substantially lower the financial burden that our city would face in bringing this system to our town. Chairman Berrey and the Tribe have worked diligently with Baxter as well as surrounding cities to help bring us up to date with our water management system, and in return enrich the lives of area citizens with 21st century technology. We greatly appreciate their continued support and generosity.”

Kevin Cure, legal counsel to Cherokee County and the city of Galena, was instrumental in writing and gaining approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement that established the new Authority. He said the Kansas Attorney General’s office commented that it is possible this was the first such Interlocal Agreement of its kind in Kansas, with the purpose of establishing waste water treatment.

Now that the alliance is formed, the next step for Shoal Creek Basin Regional Waste Water Authority is to hire an engineering consultant to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report. It will then use that report to apply for various grants and loans through the USDA’s Rural Development programs for planning and, eventually, construction of the system.

Obituary

Schauer, Anastasia E.

9/17/1987 – 8/15/2012

of Denver, Colorado

formerly of Kalamazoo

If you should see a very bright and beautiful wild flower dancing in a meadow, please know it is our daughter Anastasia. She was taken from us when she died in an auto accident in Colorado. Her beauty and effervescence was surpassed only by our love for her. She robustly embraced life with determination and without regret. She was a fiercely loyal friend, and time you spent with her was equal parts celebration, surprise, and adventure. Ana took us camping, hiking, climbing, and fishing, and she loved to hang out with a wide cast of characters, including her dog Harley.

Her family and friends were everything to her. She considered long walks, bike rides, and car trips with her parents her bonding (or as she would put it, bondage) time, to which she contributed her unbridled sense of humor. She loved to curl up in the loving embrace of her sister, Kate, and they spent the past several years deepening their relationship and exploring Colorado together. With her brother, Jake, she engaged in school skipping, long monopoly games, and gentle mayhem.

Anastasia graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School, where she lettered in soccer and swimming, and the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, where she proclaimed herself Queen of the Nerds. She attended Western Michigan University on a Heyl Scholarship, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She was pursuing her career as a nurse on the telemetry floor at the Skyridge Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. She loved her job and her life in her adopted home of Colorado. She was a member of the Quapaw tribe of Oklahoma.

There were so many people who touched her life and whose lives she touched. Her death leaves a deep wound in the hearts of her parents, Mark and Cynthia, her sister and brother-in-law Kate and Andrew, and her brother and sister-in-law Jake and Lindsey. She was also a special gift to her grandparents Jan and Warren Schauer and Shirley Ray, and to her aunts, uncles, and cousins (Bob and Mary Jo, Lindsey, Andrew, and Evan Schauer; Jon and Anastasia, Katherine, and Nicholas Schauer; Joel and Kathy, Jennifer, Melissa, and Jacob Schauer, Mike and Cindy, Cody, Nicholas, and Luke Ray; Craig and Lisa, Zachary, and Alexandra Ray; Jeff and Leslie, Charles, Zoe, and Samuel Ray). She was also the goddaughter of our dear friends Pam and Pete Franklin. She will be greeted by her Papa Charles Ray, her grandmother who preceded her in death.

At the moment of impact Anastasia and her loyal dog Harley walked off into eternity together. In remembrance of her life, we will celebrate with a visitation and funeral Mass. The visitation will be at the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Westside Chapel, 3926 S. 9th St. from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM on Friday, August 24. The funeral Mass will be at 11 AM on Saturday, August 25, at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 421 Monroe Street. In honor of Anastasia, please dress in bright colors for the visitation, and for the Mass please arrive 5 minutes late and sit in the back of the church.

In lieu of flowers or for those so inclined, gifts in Anastasia’s honor can be sent via the following address: Anastasia Schauer Memorial Fund, WMU Foundation, 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49008-5403. Gifts can also be made at MyWMU.com/MyGift or by phone at 269-387-8746.
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Do we have your current address? If not you will not receive your newsletter, voting information, program notices or any other informational material. To update your address simply call 918-542-1853 ext 219, email cdaugherty@quapawtribe.com or log on to www.quapawtribe.com/address.

Tribal EMS Receives Award

The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal EMS has received the 2012 Oklahoma Native American EMS Association Service of the Year award at the association’s conference held in Oklahoma City on June 6, 2012. The Tribal EMS (Emergency Medical Services) was recognized for their continued excellence in the overall operations of the service as well as the work that they did during last year’s two major disasters; the Spring River Bridge rescue and the Joplin tornado.

During the Joplin tornado the department’s initial response included four ambulances, two rescue trucks and two fire engines. Assistance to the Joplin community continued for almost two weeks straight with additional ambulances and personnel. Numerous victims were transported from the Home Depot area where an area command and triage area was established by the Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS officers. The triage area was manned exclusively by the Tribes Fire/EMS for the first four hours of the disaster. Approximately 250 patients went through the triage area, many were treated and released but at least 200 were transported to area hospitals.

On hand to receive the award were Chief Jeff Reeves, Deputy Chief Leon Crow, Training Officer Chris Wilkens and service staff members Tim Reeves, Eric Reeves, Randy Jackson and Becca Hill.

CPR AED Classes Offered to Tribal Members

The Quapaw Tribal Fire/EMS Department is offering CPR AED classes at the Quapaw Tribe Fire/EMS Station #1 Building B 6300 S. Highway 69A Miami, OK. 74354 (north building).

Classes are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on 9, November 6 and December 4, 2012. The cost of the course is $15 per person for all tribal members and employees.

Class sizes are limited, depending on number of participants and class may be canceled due to low enrollment. Each class will be 3.5 hours in length.

“Our goal is to train our Tribal members and staff in CPR” Officer Wilkens stated.

Persons with questions or who are interested in enrolling may email Training Officer Chris Wilkens at hwilkens@quapawtribe.com, call 918-675-4200 or log on to www.quapawtribe.com/cpr.

Judge Douthitt Receives Custom Robe

The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee was instrumental in design and production of the beautiful robes that Judge Jon Douthitt wears as he presides over tribal court. Committee member Ardina Moore executed the beautiful ribbonwork design that graces Judge Douthitt’s robe.

Barbara Kyser-Collier Named One of 15 Most Influential Women

Barbara Kyser-Collier, Executive Director of the Quapaw Tribal Gaming Agency, was recently named by the Joplin Tri-State Business Journal as one of the 15 Most Influential Women of the Tri-State Region. this is an extraordinary honor for which all Quapaw Tribe members can be proud.

Barbara is a descendent of the Beaver Clan, and she has been involved in the Tribe’s gaming since the early 1980s. She has also worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, which put her in a position to help all tribes in this area. She has served over the years in national, regional and local capacities, providing significant services to form the basis of the Oklahoma Tribal gaming Regulators Association, and she has served as the association’s chairwoman.

Barbara has testified before the National Indian Gaming Commission on behalf of the Quapaw Tribe as well as other tribes to advance the positive rule-making capacity protecting the assets of tribes’ gaming facilities, and in support of measures to maintain a high level of integrity in gaming regulatory procedures.

The Joplin Tri-State Business Journal, in a special edition honoring the 15 Most Influential Women, had this to say about Barbara:

“Throughout her career, Barbara Kyser-Collier has tried to serve as a mentor and teacher, as well as a friend to seasoned colleagues and young people just starting out.”

Congratulations, Barbara!
Tribal Youth Receives Prestigious Bill Gates Scholarship

Tribal youth Haley Bird is one of only 1,000 students in the country who will receive the prestigious Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship this year. The scholarship application is the most intricate and all-encompassing application experience any student can have. Scholarship acceptance is, for the most part, based on academics, leadership, community service, and financial need. Applicants must write essays as if he or she is talking face-to-face with the reader.

Established in 1999 with the goal of developing Leaders for America's Future, the UNCF Millennium Scholars Program is funded by a $1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. To date, over 16,000 students have received GMSS scholarships, attending more than 1,500 schools, including Ivy League colleges, flagship state universities, UNCF member institutions and other minority serving institutions.

Ms. Bird stated, "When I received notice that I had won the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship, words couldn't describe how much it meant to me. I have worked my whole life toward a better future and this is by far the greatest accomplishment I have ever achieved. I was always the kid who worried about money and opportunities. I wanted to make something of my life, to be remembered, and to most importantly, help others. I'm going to the University of Arkansas this fall. I plan on majoring in kinesiology...exercise science. My whole life has revolved around fitness and I strive to educate members of my tribe about healthy lifestyles. College is my next step toward the dream of being a personal trainer. I can't tell you how many times I rewrote my application essays! Statistics have actually shown that it is easier to get into Harvard University than to be accepted as a Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship winner. Out of 24,000 applicants in 2012, I was one of only 1,000 chosen to receive this unlimited scholarship."

The Gates scholarship committee looks for deserving students who want to pursue higher education. They like to see minority students who are involved in their heritage. Applicants must show how they are different from the average student and how they are going to help society in the future.

Tribal Housing Update

The Tribal Housing Department has two main programs for providing housing for qualified Tribal members, the Elder Housing Duplexes, and the Temporary Family Emergency Housing, both of which have housing located in Quapaw near the Tribal Offices.

Elder Duplexes

The Tribe has three duplexes for elder housing - six units total. Each duplex contains 2 one-bedroom units. Pictures of the units are available on the Quapaw Tribe website at www.quapawtribe.com. Appliances provided are refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Monthly rent is based on income with a maximum rent amount of $400.00. All utilities are provided by the Tribe. Applicants must be Quapaw tribal members, 62 years of age, and must have a credit and background check. The background check must show no felonies. Earlier this year a lottery was conducted to determine which eligible tribal members would be admitted into Elder Housing first. There are still a few applicants from the lottery on a waiting list to get into Elder Housing when new units become available. There are plans to build more duplexes in the spring of 2013. If you are interested in applying for Elder Housing or have questions, please contact the Housing Department at 918-542-1430. The Housing Department office is located at 58150 E. 64 Road (beside the Quapaw Casino).

Temporary Family Emergency Housing

The Tribe has five FEMA trailers that are being used for Temporary Family Emergency Housing. Each unit is three bedrooms and one bath. Appliances provided are refrigerator, microwave, washer and dryer. These units are not wheelchair accessible. Utilities are provided by the Tribe. Housing is temporary for a six-month term to help the tribal member to get back on their feet. New guidelines for Emergency Housing will be defined as fire, flood or tornado damage to the home you are living in or violence in the home. Documentation is needed for verification. All other requests for emergency housing will be submitted to the Housing Committee for consideration as an emergency and verified by the Housing Department. Applicants must be Quapaw tribal members and must pass a background check. No felonies allowed. If there are not units available when applicants are approved, they will be placed on the Waiting List. New requirements implemented will include permanent housing searches and job searches for unemployed applicants. You may come by the Housing Department located at 58150 E. 64 Road (beside the Quapaw Casino) for applications or information, or you may call 918-542-1430.

Do You Need a Will?

Why You Need a Will if you have American Indian Trust or Property and how to get one done free.

The American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) of 2004 was enacted on October 27, 2004 and changes the way Indian trust estates are distributed to your heirs after your death. Trust estates are real or personal property where title is held by the United States government for the benefit of an individual Indian or an Indian tribe. Typically, title to this property cannot be transferred to another person without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior or an authorized representative such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For Quapaw tribal members this would include Indian trust land allotments, chat piles and any funds in an Individual Indian Money account. AIPRA increases the importance of writing a will and doing an estate plan. Writing a will improves your ability to control what happens to your Indian property after your death. If you do not have a will, your trust property will pass under the new federal probate code rather than according to your wishes.

When you pass on, your Indian trust property must go through a federal probate process before distribution of your property can be made to you heirs. The first step for the family is to notify the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office about the death. The BIA then prepares what is called a probate package. This package contains many things, such as information about the person who has passed on, their trust property ownership, their family and potential heirs, their last will and testament if there is one. The BIA then submits the package to the U.S. Office of Hearings and Appeals for probate, a federal court process that distributes the property according to the law and if there is one, the person’s last will and testament.

When you pass on without a will, the American Indian Probate Reform Act will determine who receives your Indian trust property unless the Tribe where your lands are located has an approved Tribal Probate Code. Currently, only a handful of tribes have approved probate codes or inheritance acts, so most Indians will have their trust property distributed under the laws of AIPRA if he or she dies without a Will. This may be very different from what you would want.

With a valid will, YOU are able to control what happens to your property at your death.

The Quapaw Tribe in partnership with Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) provides free American Indian Will drafting services to Quapaw Tribal members who own interests in Indian trust property; this would include trust land, chat piles or IIM accounts. OILS provides attorneys who are familiar with the provisions of the American Indian Probate Reform Act for consultation and Will drafting services on site at the Quapaw Tribal Court building. For more information and to register for the next Quapaw Indian Will Clinic contact Carol Feathers at 1 (918) 542-1853 or at cfeathers@quapawtribe.com.
Topping Out Ceremony Held for Downstream Second Hotel

Officials for the Downstream Casino Resort and the Quapaw Tribe held a “Topping Out” ceremony on Monday, July 9, 2012. Members of the Quapaw Tribe Business Committee, Manhattan Construction Group personnel, tribal members and Downstream staff signed the last support beam at the peak of the new building before it was raised into place.

The new hotel, slated to be complete in late 2012, will be seven stories tall with 152 rooms and will include a spa, an indoor pool, coffee shop and bakery.

Marshal Service Sponsors Training Class

The Quapaw Tribal Marshal Service has taken the lead in providing specialized training for their personnel along with other area law enforcement agencies. The Marshal Service has offered classes in the use of taser products and recently sponsored a Flying Armed class which was held at the Quapaw Tribal Cultural Center. Classes have been attended by representatives from a number of area law enforcement agencies.

These classes are taught by instructors highly regarded in their field; the Flying Armed class was taught by David Culver who is the CLEET Assistant Federal Security Director - Law Enforcement in Tulsa. He is also a member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.
Original Allottee Information Wanted

Haway Quapaw Tribal Members,

The Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee is working on an exhibit to honor the original allottees of the Quapaw Tribe. The exhibit will consist of two banners that will be permanently displayed at the museum. One banner will display the FINAL allottee roll certified by the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Office of Indian Affairs and the other banner will display pictures of the allottees. We need assistance from tribal members to acquire a copy of these pictures for the banner. The allottee roll has been posted on the Tribe's website and is also on display at the tribal museum.

If you would like to donate a picture of a relative listed on the roll, please complete and SIGN the gift deed form below and submit the form with the pictures to:

Karen Hildreth, Museum Receptionist
Quapaw Tribal Museum
905 Whitebird Rd,
Quapaw, OK 74363
918-674-2619
khilldreth@quapawtribe.com

Please submit copies of your pictures by February 28, 2013.

The cultural committee has hired Grace Goodeagle to assist with this project. She is available to answer questions at 918-675-4028. The committee appreciates your assistance in honoring our allottees.

Gun-ney-gay,
Quapaw Tribal Cultural Committee

GIFT DEED

Name of Donor: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Descended from what Allottee (if applicable)? ______________________________________

I, the above named person, acknowledge that I possess ownership rights sufficient for me to give, grant, and convey all rights, title and interests in the items listed below to the Quapaw Tribal Museum of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (O-Gah-Pah). Please list each item donated separately with a description that will aid in identifying the item (you may use more than one form if you run out of room):

Acceptance of the items listed on the previous page by the Quapaw Tribal Museum means that it is a valuable addition to the Museum's collections. I acknowledge that my sole consideration for this donation is that of aiding my Tribe in preserving our culture and heritage without any expectation of monetary or other compensation to me. These items shall be recorded as an unrestricted gift to the Quapaw Tribal Museum.

I further understand that items accepted by the Quapaw Tribal Museum become the sole property of the Quapaw Tribal Museum, a division of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, and are not returnable to me.

Gifts to the Quapaw Tribal Museum may be deductible from taxable income in accordance with the provisions of the federal income tax laws. I acknowledge that is my responsibility to establish the value of my gift and follow such laws.

The Quapaw Tribal Museum reserves the right to manage its property in accordance with its collections policy. Due to limited exhibition space and the Museum’s policy of rotating exhibits, exhibition of any particular item cannot be assured. As the Museum’s collection grows, the greater part of a museum’s collections may not be on public view at any given moment. I understand that the Quapaw Tribal Museum utilizes its collections in the following ways: permanent exhibition; rotating exhibition; loans to other museums and institutions for exhibition and research; educational programs and projects; scientific and historical research; maintaining type and study collections for research; preserving materials threatened by time or man’s activities; supporting the preservation of and reinvigoration Quapaw culture; and promoting goodwill toward the Quapaw Tribe and its people. The Museum’s seen and unseen collections enable the Museum to carry out this wide variety of programs.

This gift deed is executed between the Quapaw Tribal Museum and me, and is a completely intra-tribal transaction. Therefore, I and the Tribal Museum agree that any dispute over this Agreement must be heard only by the Quapaw Tribal Court, and I hereby consent the jurisdiction of such court.

Gun-ney-gay for your gift and your interest in preserving and promoting our culture and heritage!

Donor’s Signature ______________________________________ Date ________________

Gratefully Received by __________________________________________ Date ________________
Graduate Success Stories

If you would like to see your achievements highlighted in the Quapaw Tribal News, please go to www.quapawtribe.com/education and click on the link to the Graduate Information Form. By submitting that form, you will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by Chairman Berrey and your academic achievements highlighted in an edition of the Quapaw Tribal News.

Pierce Winters:

Pierce Winters, from Stillwater, Okla., earned his Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Oklahoma State University in December, 2011. Beginning with the fall 2012 semester, he plans to enter law school. Pierce has expressed his appreciation to his parents and to his tribe.

"I want to thank my parents for all their support. It wouldn’t have been possible without them. I also have to thank the tribe for all its financial assistance, especially Pam Leptich for making my experience with the Quapaw higher education program a personal one."

Nicole Cordova:

Nicole Cordova, from Prescott, Ariz., has earned her Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix. Nicole plans to continue her education and complete her Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice health administration. She is concentrating her studies in social work and wants to work with at-risk Native American juveniles and teens.

Samantha Jimenez:

My name is Samantha Jimenez. My father is Tony Jimenez and my mother is tribal member, Charla Gibson. My grandparents are Linda Kempel and tribal member, Charles Kempel. I thank the Quapaw Tribe for making tribal scholarships available to tribal members.

During my high school years, I played softball for Quapaw High School, earning offensive player of the year in 2008 and 2009. After receiving my high school diploma in 2009, I enrolled at NEO A&M College in Miami, Okla. I was nominated into Phi Theta Kappa during my first year in college and earned President’s Honor Roll distinctions in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. With the generous help of the Quapaw Tribe, I was able to complete an Associate’s Degree in General Studies in 2011 and an Associate’s Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant in 2012.

Again, I thank the Quapaw Tribe for making all this possible.

Dana Johnson:

Dana received her Master of Arts degree in curriculum and instruction from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Dana’s plans are clear, “My goal in the future is to become an educator. I strive to inspire and aid students in reaching their full potential.”

Dana Johnson graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in December, 2011, with an Associate’s Degree in Business Marketing and Management. While at NEO A&M, Dana was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and earned President’s Honor Roll and Dean’s Honor Roll distinctions. Says Dana, “I am very grateful to the Quapaw Tribe for helping me achieve my goal and get my degree. I am proud to be a part of a tribe that cares so much about its tribal members as though we are all one big family. Thank you, Quapaw Tribe.

Rachel Walker graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in December, 2011, with an Associate’s Degree in Business Marketing and Management. While at NEO A&M, Rachel was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and earned President’s Honor Roll and Dean’s Honor Roll distinctions. Says Rachel, “I am very grateful to the Quapaw Tribe for helping me achieve my goal and get my degree. I am proud to be a part of a tribe that cares so much about its tribal members as though we are all one big family. Thank you, Quapaw Tribe.

Rachel is currently giving back to the tribe by applying her education and skills to the position of receptionist at the Quapaw Tribal Administration building. Congratulations and thank you, Rachel.
Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

The Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of and to honor Mason McWatters, former member of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Business Committee.

Monetary Amount... $1,000.00 allocated to each of two scholarship recipients. Each scholarship student will receive his/her award at the rate of $500.00 a semester for the full and spring academic semesters at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami/Grove, Oklahoma.

Criteria...

1. One scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior attending an accredited Ottawa County, Oklahoma, high school. The student must be in good standing, graduate with at least a 2.5 grade point average on a typical 4.0 scale, and honor intentions to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami/Grove, Oklahoma, majoring in environmental science or related course of study.

2. One scholarship to be awarded to a current full time Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College freshman in good standing with at least a 2.5 grade point average on a typical 4.0 scale who is majoring in environmental science or related course of study. The student must honor the intention to attend Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College his/her sophomore year.

3. Each applicant must submit a complete Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College Development Foundation Scholarship Application by the stated deadline.

4. A student may win the scholarship twice, once as a high school senior and once as a college freshman.

Selection...

Qualified students who are enrolled tribal members of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma will be given first consideration. Qualified students who are enrolled tribal members of a federally recognized Native American tribe other than the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma will be given second consideration.

Non-Native American qualified students will be granted subsequent consideration.

Departmental employees of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Office will select the high school scholarship recipient from qualified applicants.

Faculty of the NEO A&M College School of Agriculture and Natural Sciences will select the freshman scholarship recipient from qualified applicants.

Presentation...

It is the expressed desire of the family that the recipients be present and so honored at the annual Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament whenever possible.

Forfeiture...

If a Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship student should not earn at least a 2.5 grade point average on a typical 4.0 scale, he/she will forfeit his/her scholarship.

If a Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship student should, for any other reason, lose his/her position of good standing at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, he/she will forfeit his/her scholarship.

If a Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship student should cease enrollment at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, he/she will forfeit his/her scholarship.

If a Mason McWatters Memorial Scholarship student is incarcerated, he/she will forfeit his/her scholarship.

For More Information, Contact:

Pam Leptich, Director of the Department of Higher Education for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma...
918-542-1853 Email: pleptich@quapawtribe.com
Jennifer Hessee, Executive Director of the Development Foundation at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College...
918-540-6250 Email: jennifer.hessee@neo.edu

Seneca Black Elk Mathews Memorial Scholarship
Oklahoma State University

From Jason Caniglia, Director of the Oklahoma State University Foundation, “Thanks to the generosity of the Mathews family, friends, the Quapaw and the Seneca Tribe of Oklahoma, the Seneca Black Elk Mathews Memorial Scholarship fund has been established at OSU. The scholarship will be managed by the OSU Office of Institutional Diversity and Pam Leptich will help direct eligible candidates to this office to apply for the scholarship. While the circumstances that led to the creation of this scholarship fund are tragic, the positive impact it will have on members of the Quapaw Tribe and Native Americans pursuing a degree at OSU will be incredible. OSU continues to matriculate more Native Americans than any other public institution in America, a fact we are very proud of as a Land Grant institution that is here to serve the people of Oklahoma and the Nation.”

The inaugural award for the Seneca Black Elk Mathews Memorial Scholarship beginning with the fall 2012 semester has been awarded to Kristen Enayart of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, a junior majoring in microbiology/cell and molecular biology and to Chris Redegale of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, a senior majoring in philosophy. Both students submitted outstanding applications. The selection committee believed the two students embody the very heart and soul that this award represents.

Applications should be sent to the OSU Office of Institutional Diversity, to the attention of:
Dr. Jason Kirksey – OSU Vice President of Institutional Diversity
408 Whitehurst
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078
(405) 744-9154
Email: Jason.kirksey@okstate.edu
Email: Emily.snow@okstate.edu

Guidelines: The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in good standing at Oklahoma State University. Two scholarships in the amount of $2,500 each will be awarded annually. When spendable cash in the fund will support more than two annual awards, then additional awards in the amount of $2,500 shall be made in accordance with the criteria for selection. The scholarships are to be granted for a period of four years, subject to annual review to determine if the recipient is in compliance with the criteria upon which the scholarship was granted. The recipient must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Selection Preference:

1. First Preference to an enrolled member of the following Federally recognized Native American Tribes: Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma or the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
2. Second selection preference will be given to students who graduated from a high school in the state of Oklahoma who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Native American tribe.
3. Third selection preference shall be given to students who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Native Americana tribe from any area of the country.

Recipients of the scholarship will also be encouraged to interact with the Mathews Family and the Quapaw and/or Seneca-Cayuga Tribes of Oklahoma. They will be encouraged to attend the Golf Tournament in support of the Seneca Black Elk Mathews Memorial Scholarship. By the recipients attending, they are helping to pay tribute to the memory of Seneca Black Elk Mathews and all who have supported the scholarship to date. The golf tournament takes place in June each year and recipients should be notified and encouraged to take this opportunity to meet family members and donors.

The next application deadline is tentatively March 1, 2013, for the 2013-2014 academic year. Applications will be available from the OSU Office of Institutional Diversity or from the Quapaw Tribe Department of Higher Education by January, 2013. High school seniors with early, tentative acceptance to OSU and current OSU undergraduate or graduate students in good standing may apply.

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918-542-1853 Email: pleptich@quapawtribe.com
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Quapaw Tribe Native Youth Writing Contest

The Quapaw Tribe Department of Higher Education, in conjunction with the Quapaw Tribal Library, is sponsoring the Quapaw Tribe Native Youth Writing Contest for Quapaw student writers.

The contest will feature the theme, "The Native American Experience," and is open to students in grades six through twelve. Home schooled student entries will be entered in a division determined by the age of the studen author.

Deadline for entries is January 14, 2013.

A complete explanation of contest information is available online at www.quapawtribe.com/writingcontest

AARP Oklahoma Honors Indian Elders at Annual Event; Announces Inter-Tribal Community Group

Thirty five Oklahoma Native American Tribes and Nations joined with AARP to celebrate the lives of honored elders at the 4th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors held tonight in Oklahoma City.

Tribal officials, friends and family members converged on the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum along with AARP state, regional and national officials to recognize language preservationists, artists, dancers, ministers, authors, patriarchs and matriarchs that have impacted their tribes, communities and state.

AARP also announced the formation of an Inter-Tribal Community Group that will meet on community issues and is open to all 50+ Native Americans in Oklahoma. To find more information or join this group, e-mail ok@aarp.org or call 1-866-295-7277.

Among honorees recognized at the event was one of the few remaining Oklahoma Indians who speaks only her native language, a world-champion fancy dancer and a noted artist who is 100 years old.

AARP National Board Member Joan Ruff, who delivered the keynote address, said, “We hope the partnerships we’ve established here will be the foundation to create partnerships between AARP and other Native American nations in other states.

But tonight our focus isn’t on AARP. It’s on you, the elders, and the contributions you’ve made to improve the lives of people around you – in your own tribes, the greater tribal community, in the state of Oklahoma, our nation, and even around the world.

Your lives are rich, living stories being passed on to the next generations.”

Ruff, along with AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge and Associate State Director Marshell Sourjohn presented each honoree with a medallion.

“One once again, we have come together in the spirit of goodwill and harmony to celebrate the remarkable lives of Native American elders from across the state,” Lyons said. “Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in tonight’s honorees, the common bond they share – respect, dignity and service to their fellow man.”

One of those honored was Quapaw Tribal member Lloyd Perry Buffalo.

Lloyd Perry Buffalo -Quapaw- former Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Councilman, Lloyd has also represented the tribe on the Inter-Tribal Council, Northeast Area Indian Health Board, Quapaw Tribal Gaming Corporation, is the longest active member of the Quapaw Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Downstream Development Authority. As Business Manager, Lloyd assisted in creating the Quapaw Tribal Office and Inter-Tribal Council, Northeast Area Indian Health Board, Quapaw Tribal Gaming Corporation, is the longest active member of the Quapaw Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Downstream Development Authority. As Business Manager, Lloyd assisted in creating the Quapaw Tribal Office and Inter-Tribal Council, Northeast Area Indian Health Board, Quapaw Tribal Gaming Corporation, is the longest active member of the Quapaw Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Downstream Development Authority.

Lloyd Perry Buffalo

Weaver Nominated for “40 Under 40 Award”

Robert Weaver, President and Founder of RWI Benefits has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious “Native American 40 Under 40” award. This is a special award recognition that was created four years ago to acknowledge emerging Native Americans, Alaskan Native and First Nation citizens between 18 and 39 years of age, who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout North America.

The NCAIED “Native American 40 Under 40” awards will be presented at the 37th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards (INPRO). This year, INPRO will be held simultaneously with the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) Oklahoma, a two-day multifaceted RES event on November 14th & 15th, 2012, at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa, OK. The INPRO Awards Banquet is the longest standing and most prestigious Native American recognition event in the nation.

Congratulations on your excellent achievement Rob!
Q Store Grand Opening

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Downstream Q Store celebrating the grand opening was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. The store, is a state-of-the-art convenience and liquor store, gas station, and RV Park on the Missouri side of the resort property. Chamber of Commerce representatives from Joplin, Mo. and Baxter Springs, Kan. joined Downstream staff and tribal representatives to cut the ribbon to open the store.

Chairman John Berrey displays the first dollar taken in at the new store.

Quapaw Tribal Ancestry Website

The Quapaw Tribal Ancestry website, developed by tribal member Risé Supernaw Proctor, features sections detailing the rich history of the Quapaw people complete with pictures and audio recordings of remembrances of our tribal elders.

Risé is known as an historian of Quapaw ancestry and for the last 35 years has been researching family histories for every tribal member on the 1890 roll. She has conducted interviews with members of the families of Bob Whitebird, Oddestine McWatters and her own grandmother, Mary Maude Supernaw. Other interviews with Mary Maude Supernaw were conducted and recorded by Bill Supernaw, Kugee Supernaw, and Charles Supernaw. Risé transcribed all taped interviews and used this information to help establish Quapaw family relationships.

A library consisting of Quapaw research documents, annuity rolls, census rolls, family trees, heirship rolls, funeral home documents, etc. along with documents obtained from the archives, libraries, and museums throughout many states are displayed throughout the site. The site can be found at www.quapawtribalancestry.com.

Northeastern Tribal Health Center Ribbon Cutting

Early on the morning of Wednesday, September 22, 2010 representatives from five area tribes gathered to break and bless the ground that would be home to the new 52000 foot, state-of-the-art medical complex for the Northeastern Tribal Health System. That dream became a reality on August 2, 2012 when the ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new $10 million clinic in Miami, Okla.

Tribal representatives joined dignitaries from the City of Miami and the Miami Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors to cut the ribbon to the clinic which will provide health care to members of the eight tribes – Peoria, Quapaw, Ottawa, Miami, Modoc, Seneca-Cayuga, Shawnee and Cherokee – which make up the consortium that runs the NTHS.

Five tribes, Peoria, Quapaw, Ottawa, Miami and Modoc gave up grant money so the clinic could be built. Additional money came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The NTHS also received an equipment grant from the Indian Health Services to help furnish the new clinic.

The new 52,000 foot clinic is over four times the size of the original 12,000 square foot clinic and offers medical care, dental, optometry, laboratory, X-ray, behavioral health, pharmacy, wellness center, diabetes education, dietitians, pediatrics as well as staff training facilities. There is also a pharmacy with a drive-thru window open to the clinic’s patients.
Downstream Sponsors Football Clinic

Downstream Casino Resort sponsored a two-day football clinic for area youth in June. The Day of Champions Football Camp was led by Coach Ken Heupel, former head football coach at Northern State University (S.D.) and staffed by Coaches and Players from various Colleges, Universities, and the National Football League.

The camp features special guest coach Josh Heupel, quarterback of the 2000 National Champion Sooners and offensive coordinator at the University of Oklahoma, drew players from Quapaw, Fairland, Miami, Afton, Riverton, Kansas City, Carthage and Webb City.

Those who attend the camp received mentoring and coaching in athletics, health, fitness and life choices to be successful in life.

Birth Announcement

Nashoba Waylon Supernaw was born at 3:58 p.m. on May 23, 2012 at the Claremore Indian Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 21 inches long. His proud parents are Casie Renee and William "Son" Supernaw IV. The child is the first for both.

He is the grandson of William "Kugee" Supernaw III and Phyllis Warrington. He is the great grandson of the late William Jr. and Irene Supernaw and the great-great grandson of the late William Sr. and Mary Maude Supernaw. He is also the great-great-great grandson of the late Louis Angel (Kihekah Steh/Tall Chief) who was the Last Hereditary Chief of the Quapaw Tribe. and Wasista Claremore.

In Memory of Leonard Martin "Catfish" Smith (March 21, 1954 - September 22, 2012)

Leonard Martin Smith, a spiritual leader for many Native Americans, affectionately known as "Catfish", passed from this earth to glory on Saturday, September 22, at his home in Miami, Okla. He will be missed.

Catfish was born March 21, 1954, to Martin Winford and Maude Emaline (Quapaw) in Claremore, Okla. He was 58 years old. He had lived in the area all of his life and served his tribes with great pride as a former Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe, 3 Chair of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, Business Committee member for both the Quapaw and Seneca, Pow Wow committee Chairman, and Spiritual Leader.

Numerous Quapaw members will remember Catfish serving as manager of the Bingo Hall for many years. Catfish is preceded in death by his wife Dusty, his parents, a brother, George Skye, and two sisters, Dorie Morris and Mah-deena TeeHee. In passing he leaves two sons, Jeffery Sanders and Jimmy H. Bowin; one daughter, Ashlee Strickland; one brother, Harry Smith; and one sister, Lois Franklin. He has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren who he loved dearly. Services for Catfish were held on Sept. 25, at the Quapaw Tribal Building with the Rev. Geoff Buffalo officiating. He was buried at the Quapaw Cemetery with Kevin Dawes honoring him with Native American Rites.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m., Tribal Community Building
- Spring Semester Education Scholarship Application Accepted - Thursday, November 1, 4:00 p.m.
- Daylight Savings Time Ends - Sunday, November 4
- Heartsaver CPR AED Classes - Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m., Station 1
- Quapaw Tribal Court - Thursday, November 8, 2:30 p.m., Tribal Community Room
- Veterans Day - Monday, November 12, Tribal Administrative Offices Closed
- Business Committee Meeting - Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m., Tribal Community Building
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 22, Tribal Administrative Offices Closed

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

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Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 1:10 pm

INVOCATION: Ranny McWatters

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman  Present
Thomas Mathews  Present
Tamarra Smiley, Sec. /Treas.  Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member  Present
T.C. Bear, Member  Present
Florence Marie Mathews, Member  Absent (Excused)
Ranny McWatters, Member  Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 21, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes the January 21, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); 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 Secretary Treasurer Tamarra Smiley to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Election Committee: The Annual Tribal Election is July 28, 2012. QTBC Chairman Berrey read aloud the Election Notice. Election Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the tribal office and has been posted on the tribal web-site.

Enrollment Committee: The Enrollment Committee submitted written notification of relinquishment for tribal enrollee number 3486. Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to accept the written notification for relinquishment from tribal enrollee number 3486. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Number 022212-A: A Resolution Continuing the Terms of the Tribal Judge, Tribal Prosecutor, and Tribal Defender

Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 022212-A: A Resolution Continuing the Terms of the Tribal Judge, Tribal Prosecutor, and Tribal Defender. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 022212-B: A Resolution Approving the Cooperative Agreement Between the Quapaw Tribal Fire Department and the BIA for the Purpose of Protecting the Natural Resources, Forests and Wild Land

Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 022212-B: A Resolution Approving the Cooperative Agreement Between the Quapaw Tribal Fire Department and the BIA for the Purpose of Protecting the Natural Resources, Forests and Wild Land. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, abstain; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 022212-C: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface and Minerals) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the Purchase on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (Charlotte Hoffman Willis).

Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 022212-C: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface and Minerals) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the Purchase on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (Charlotte Hoffman Willis). Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. Discussion: strike “negotiate” insert “execute”. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 022212-D: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface and Minerals) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the Purchase on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (Charles Felix Hoffman Jr.).

Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 022212-D: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Restricted Interest in Land (Surface and Minerals) Located Under the Jurisdiction of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Authorize the Chairperson or an Authorized Representative to Negotiate the Purchase on Behalf of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (Charles Felix Hoffman Jr.). Seconded by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley. Discussion: strike “negotiate” insert “execute”. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 022212-E: A Resolution to Correct the Tribal
Name as it Appears in the Federal Register in Resolution Number 121711-1 Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to Take a Parcel of Land Consisting of Approximately 11.95 Acres, More or Less, Into Trust for the Benefit of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma

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Resolution Number 022212-F: A Resolution Approving the Design-Build Contract for the Quapaw Elders Center Expansion

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 022212-F: A Resolution Approving the Design-Build Contract for the Quapaw Elders Center Expansion. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 022212-G: A Resolution Authorizing the Application to the BIA for Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Mineral Development Grant Program

Motion by QTBC Secretary Treasurer Tamara Smiley to adopt Resolution Number 022212-G: A Resolution Authorizing the Application to the BIA for Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Mineral Development Grant Program. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes (3-8-12); RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

CLOSED SESSION: 1:30 PM
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 2:00 PM.

TOPIC(S) OF CLOSED SESSION: Land, Personnel, Elder Housing, and Bureau of Indian Affairs

BENEDICTION: John Berrey

ADJOURNMENT: 2:02 PM

S/Tamara Smiley__________________
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas.

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with Robert's Rules of Order
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By: /s/ Debbie Wray
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On March 17, 2012 a vote reflecting
7 Yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 0 absent.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman  Present
Thomas Mathews  Present
Tamara Smiley, Sec. /Treas.  Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member  Present
T.C. Bear, Member  Present
Florence Marie 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 February 22, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member T.C. Bear to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, 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 February 29, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, 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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EAGLE CREEK GOLF CLUB: Written reports were submitted in the QTBC packets and were accepted as presented.

Motion by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. Discussion: Environmental Department should submit a narrative including only the activities for the current reporting month. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, 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):

Housing Committee: Housing Committee Chairperson Brenda Murray, submitted a Housing Committee Budget in the amount of $16,280. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Housing Committee recommends the appointment of tribal member Carolyn Nott to serve as an Alternate on the Housing Committee. Concurrence of the QTBC for the appointment of Carolyn Nott to serve as an Alternate on the Housing Committee.

Cultural Committee: The Cultural Committee recommends the appointments of tribal members Ranny McWatters and Russ Garber to serve on the Cultural Committee. Concurrence of the QTBC for the appointments of tribal members Ranny McWatters and Russ Garber.
Garber to serve on the Cultural Committee.

ATEC: QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews announced the All Tribes Education Consortium (ATEC) will be having their Dinner and Auction fundraising event March 31, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Ottawa/Peoria Building in Miami, OK. All proceeds raised will be used to fund scholarships to Native Americans.

ITC: QTBC Member T.C. Bear reported Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (ITC) requested tribal representation during meetings regarding grants. Tribal Grant Writer, Kim Messer has been notified of the request and will be attending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Quapaw Tribal Emergency/Elder Housing Operational Budget as presented by Tribal Administrator, Donna Mercer. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley to approve the Quapaw Tribal Emergency/Elder Housing Operational Budget as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Number 031712-A; A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Dept of Justice for the FY 2012 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grant Program. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 031712-B; A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Dept of Justice for the FY 2012 Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grant Program. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Resolution Number 031712-B; A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Dept of Justice for the FY 2012 Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grant Program. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

OPEN FORUM – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The annual Quapaw Pow-Wow will be held July 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th; General Council will be July 4th, the annual Health Fair will be July 6th. Discussion was held regarding Quapaw tribal members being exempt from paying vendor fees during the pow-wow. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews to allow Quapaw tribal members to be exempt from paying vendor fee(s) during the pow-wow. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. Discussion: A designated space/area will be assigned. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews announced the Cultural Committee is requesting/accepting pictures of the original Quapaw allottees’ for the Quapaw Tribal Museum displays.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced the archives gathered by the Quapaw Information System are being set-up in the Quapaw Tribal Library, and will soon be available for all tribal members/library card holders to view. Over 700,000 tribal historical documents were gathered and put in a searchable, user friendly data base. The proposed date to be available for public use is Friday, March 23, 2012.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey reported on the “Clean-Up Project” on the town lots within the Town of Quapaw. Most of the lots are on the west side of south Main Street. This project has been a cooperative effort between the Quapaw Tribe and the Town of Quapaw.

QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews reported on the “virtual” library services available to tribal members/library card holders.

Discussed and recommended by concurrence of the QTBC and tribal members of the audience to have the Quapaw Tribal Library open on the 3rd Saturday, monthly. Tribal Administrator Donna Mercer, will advise the Tribal Librarian, Patti Billings, to adjust the operational hours to include being open on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey reported the Fee to Trust application for the Kansas property (parking lot at Downstream Casino Resort). The Downstream Development Authority and or the QTBC are currently working with locals of the community and state representatives regarding the application/transaction. Also they are working on the implementation of a Steering Committee to build a waste water treatment facility for southeastern Kansas.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey reported on the new Q-Store/Liquor and Gas Station under construction on the Missouri property. Discounts will be available to tribal members as well as Q-club player points will be accepted for discounts.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey reported on the construction/addition of 150 rooms to the hotel at Downstream Casino Resort. There is approximately 3,000 rooms per month turned down/away due to no vacancies.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced the Wyandotte Nation recently donated Quapaw pottery pieces to the Quapaw Museum. The Wyandotte Nation also has a Fee to Trust application for their properties within the State of Kansas.

QTBC Chairman John Berrey announced the addition to the buffalo herd; a new baby buffalo was born. By raising and increasing the “pure breed” of buffalo, the goal is to reintroduce bison into the diet of tribal members. There are plans to make improvements, including a walking trail around the area/pasture of the buffalo herd, as well as landscaping and road improvements at the historical “Tri-State” marker.

Tribal member “Bootsie” Skye was present to thank the QTBC and all involved in the Elder Housing project. She is one of the residents of the newly constructed units, and is so thankful to be back at home near family and friends.

CLOSED SESSION: 9:50 AM
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 11:08 AM

TOPIC(S) OF CLOSED SESSION: Indian Child Welfare (ICW); Tribal Member Insurance Plan; Employee(s) Issues Re: Tribal Gaming Agency (TGA); ACTION: Attorney Jack Brill will be contacted regarding the ICW client(s) discussed in Closed Session.

BENEDICTION: Florence Marie Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 AM

Minutes Prepared In Accordance with
Robert's Rules of Order
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By: /s/ Debbie Wray ____________________________
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

On April 21, 2012 a vote reflecting
7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 0 absent.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 AM
INVOCATION: Thomas Mathews

ROLL CALL:
John Berrey, Chairman Present
Thomas Mathews Present
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec. /Treas. Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
T.C. Bear, Member Present
Florence Marie 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 March 17, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Flossie Mathew to approve the minutes the March 17, 2012 QTBC meeting with corrections. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, 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 March 31, 2012 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 March 31, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

GUEST: Tribal member Emily Buffalo was present to request travel assistance for her trip to Zambia, South Africa to provide assistance/work in an orphanage. Emily has sent requests out to churches. Motion by QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews to approve and appropriate funds from the QTBC Budget Line “Special Travel” to cover the cost of airfare for Emily Buffalo. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.

GUEST: Tribal member John Rodgers reports on the informational meeting held with QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves and other members of the QTBC and tribal members. The questions/answers were related to the ASARCO settlement, Blue Tee settlement, and communications between QTBC and the tribal membership. Upon request another meeting will be held, possibly a pot luck luncheon/dinner. Also, John Rodgers set up a group on facebook “Everything Quapaw”. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve and appropriate a donation/sponsorship of $500 to Miami NOW (Native Oklahoma Weekend) an annual cultural event.

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 Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-reeves to approve written reports as submitted in the QTBC packets. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. Discussion?. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, 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):

Housing Committee: Housing Committee Chairperson Brenda Murray gave an oral report. Housing Committee recommends/requests QTBC to consider medi-care payments as a deduction when computing rent. Chairman Berrey explained the Tribe will be receiving federal funds to build additional units and the Tribe would have to go by federal guidelines. The units that are occupied and/or under construction were built with tribal funds. They have tenants ready, just waiting on the other units to be completed. The project should be completed by May 1, 2012. A cook-out is planned for June 9th, 2012. Discussed the units having storm/screen doors installed; and second opinion for installation is request by the QTBC.

ATGCC: QTBC Member Florence Marie Mathews announced the All Tribes Education Consortium (ATEC) will be having their Wild Onions & Eggs Dinner fundraising event Friday, April 27, 2012 at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Ottawa/Peoria Building in Miami, OK. All proceeds raised will be used to fund scholarships to Native Americans.

Enrollment Committee: A motion from the Enrollment Committee to charge a $2.00 card fee for the first card issued and $5.00 card fee for each duplicate, thereafter. Discussion was held regarding the new tribal cards, including but not limited to, the card fees, and photo identification. More information is needed from the Enrollment Committee. Motion Fails for Lack of a Second.

Break – 9:35 am Return to Session – 9:43 am

Pow-Wow Committee: Jennifer Lunsford was present to give a report. The pow-wow is July 4, 5, 6, & 7th. Head staff has been selected. The first night will be a Quapaw night for “Special & Giveaways”. Linda Davis is in charge of the Pow-wow princess contest. Cathy King will be handling “Rations”. The committee would like to do a “unity” photo of all Quapaw in the arena as it was done years ago. There will be contest in all four categories. The committee is accepting donations for the Tiny Tots contest. A budget will be presented at the next meeting. June 1st is the deadline for the pow-wow program books.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Donna Mercer, Tribal Adm. Requested approval of Donation/Sponsorship for Miami NOW (Native Oklahoma Weekend) an annual cultural event. Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve and appropriate a donation/sponsorship of $500 to Miami NOW (Native Oklahoma Weekend) an annual cultural event. Seconded by QTBC Member T.C. Bear. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS:

QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves announced HUD has FEMA trailers available again. Concurrence of the QTBC to respond/coordinate with HUD requesting a total of ten (10) FEMA trailers.

Resolution Number 042112-A; Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to adopt Number 042112-A; A Resolution Authorizing 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 2012 5311C Tribal Transit Program. Seconded by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara
Invocation: John Berrey. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TS, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; FM, yes; RM, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent) Motion Carries.


S/Tamara Smiley-Reeves_________
Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas.

DEBBIE WRAY, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On May 19, 2012 with a vote reflecting 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 2 absent.

Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
Community Building
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05 AM

INVOCATION: John Berrey

ROLL CALL:

| John Berrey, Chairman | Present |
| Thomas Mathews | Present |
| Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Sec./Treas. | Present |
| Marilyn Rogers, Member | Present |
| T.C. Bear, Member | Absent (excused) |
| Florence Marie Mathews, Member | Absent (excused) |
| Ranny McWatters, Member | Present |

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Announced by QTBC Chairman John Berrey.

READING, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 21, 2012 QTBC meeting were presented for approval. Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2012 QTBC meeting as presented. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2012 was submitted to the QTBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures. Motion by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews to accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2012. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

GUEST: Tribal member Joseph Byrd announced he was accepted into the Pre-Law Summer Institute in New Mexico. This is a 2 month program that simulates a semester of law school. There will be 15-20 law schools recruiting from this program. Financial Assistance requested: $2,904. Total costs to attend $11,400; scholarships have covered the remaining tuition balance.

Motion by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers to approve and appropriate funds in the amount of $2,904 to complete the costs for Joe Byrd to attend the Pre-Law Institute. Seconded by QTBC Vice-Chairman Thomas Mathews. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: All program Directors are requested to be at next month's QTBC meeting.
NEW BUSINESS:

Palmerton & Parrish, Inc. Proposal; Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to approve and appropriate funds from the QTBC account line item "MISC" in the amount of $8,444.00; payable to Palmerton & Parrish, Inc. to provide Construction Material Testing and Special Inspections for the Quapaw Tribal Elder Activity Center Expansion, as submitted in written proposal. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

Resolution Number 051912-A; Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to adopt Number 051912-A; A Resolution Approving Design Build Contract For New Quapaw Tribal Convenience Center. Seconded by QTBC Member Ranny McWatters. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

OSU Student Request; Concurrence of the QTBC to allow OSU Masters Student(s) to conduct research along Beaver Creek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
The annual tribal memorial dinner is today after the QTBC meeting.
The Cemetery will be open Thursday before Memorial Day weekend thru Tuesday after Memorial Day.

CLOSED SESSION: 9:30 am
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 10:05 am

TOPIC(S) OF CLOSED SESSION: Housing; Housing Extension Requests; Chairman & Vice-Chairman will go look at a tribal member's housing conditions following today's meeting

Motion by QTBC Sec./Treas. Tamara Smiley-Reeves to adjust the Elder Housing rent $400 maximum per month. Seconded by QTBC Member Marilyn Rogers. VOTE: JB, yes; TM, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, absent; FM, absent; RM, yes; (5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent) Motion Carries.

BENEDICTION: Thomas Mathews

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 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. 25-258
By: /s/ Debbie Wray__________________
Debbie Wray, Recording Secretary
Tribal Operations Specialist

CERTIFICATION
Approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee
On June 16, 2012 with a vote reflecting 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining; 1 absent.

QUAPAW TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

TRIBAL MEMBER EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma may provide emergency financial relief to assist tribal members in personal situations for which there is no other alternative assistance. The financial assistance offered is for the direct benefit of members of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, regardless of their household income or jurisdiction of residency. Assistance to businesses and organizations is not permitted under these guidelines. Individuals should attempt to apply for all other forms of assistance that may be available before applying for emergency and or extraordinary assistance with the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma. The primary purpose and intent is to provide assistance to tribal members such as the unemployed, economically disadvantaged, medically/physically challenged, and to those who are experiencing extraordinary hardship. This is not an entitlement program. Assistance requests are reviewed on a first-come-first served basis. In order for the circumstances to be considered for funding, the applicant must meet the criteria approved by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to ensure fairness and equity. Quapaw tribal members are allowed, if requirements are met and approved for funding, ONE TIME assistance per household within the current fiscal year. The Emergency Financial Assistance program has a MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE AMOUNT OF $500. When at all possible, financial assistance will be paid directly to vendors.

REQUEST PROCEDURE

All requests must be in writing and on letterhead if applicable and submitted to:
  • Quapaw Tribal Office
    ATTN: Emergency Financial Assistance
    P.O. Box 765
    Quapaw, OK    74363
  • Fax to (918)542-4694

All requests from individual tribal members must be concise and contain the following information:
  • Full Name of Tribal Member and Roll Number
  • Complete Mailing Address
  • Telephone Number, FAX Number and E-Mail (if applicable)
  • A brief summary of the need or purpose of the request
  • Copies of all supporting documents such as bills, invoices, etc.

Emergency Financial Assistance Program
Expenditures – FY 2012

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