

# Minutes

## Quapaw Nation Business Committee

### Community Building & Zoom

Saturday, April 17, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:03 A.M.
- II. **Invocation:** Jeremy Olsen, Member.
- III. **Roll Call:** Joseph Byrd, Chairman.
  - Joseph Byrd, Chairman Present
  - Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman Present
  - Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer Present
  - Michelle Newton, Member Present
  - Zack Turley, Member Present
  - Lloyd Buffalo, Member Present
  - Jeremy Olsen, Member Present
- IV. **Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- V. **Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes & Phone Polls:** The Minutes of March 17, 2021, BC Meeting, and phone polls were presented for approval.
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- VI. **Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2021, was submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee by standard accounting procedures.
  - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- VII. **Approval/Disapproval of Program Directors' Reports submitted.**
  - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- VIII. **Program Directors' Reports.**
  - **Barbara Collier** – Quapaw Nation Gaming Agency (QNGA).
    - We have hired two Compliance Agents at DCR.
    - All document requests from NIGC have been submitted.
    - Discussed the active Show Cause Hearings currently underway.
    - QNGA policies and procedures are being updated.

- Employee licensing and up-dating renewal licenses at both casinos remain an ongoing priority.
- Quapaw Casino has 103 employees, of whom 13 are Quapaw Members.
- Downstream Casino Resort has 788 employees, of whom 44 are Quapaw Members.
- **Leon Crow** – Department of Public Safety.
  - The Quapaw Nation Fire Marshal and K9 Ron attended recertification training.
  - The Life Safety inspection was completed on all tribal buildings.
  - The Fire Marshal attended the firearms qualifications with the Marshal Service at the Picher Shooting Range.
  - The Emergency Management Department has participated in COVID tracking and contact tracing for QN employees.
  - We are seeing fewer patients relating to COVID on the ambulance side.
  - The numbers for our county are decreasing.
  - The Quapaw Nation Community Paramedic had fifty-two home visits and nine 911 assists.
  - The Marshal Service responded to two hundred thirty calls for March, and thirty-five calls were for the City of Quapaw.
- **Jake White** – Quapaw Counseling Services.
  - The census for March decreased by one to ninety-seven.
  - The current Out-Patient SAP provided one hundred eleven services for March.
  - The out-patient portion generated \$3,803.00 for March.
  - Group counseling started back in March.
- **Kari Sisson** – Enrollment Department.
  - There are fifty-six hundred twenty-three currently enrolled Quapaw Members.
  - Two applications are waiting for enrollment, and the Enrollment Committee has a meeting scheduled for April 13, 2021.
  - The Enrollment Department is getting ready for the Annual Election.
- **Melissa Morris** – Tag Department.
  - Renewal postcards have been sent out for April.
  - Total revenue for March was \$15,381.50.
  - There were seventy new vehicles registered and two hundred thirty-seven renewals in March.
  - There were a total of five car seats given to tribal children in March.
- **Mitch Albright** – Quapaw Cattle Company/Quapaw Food Services Authority.
  - The Hemp Pilot Program is waiting for a contract to be signed.
  - March had a total of forty-four hundred twenty-two pounds of product sold for a total of \$32,368.22.

- We applied for a nursery dealer license to sell live plants at the farmer's market.
- We are in the process of developing a curriculum for the Indigenous Master Gardener Program.
- The buffalo herd has seventy-eight cows, fifty-two bulls, one white buffalo bull, and seventy-four calves/yearlings.
- Discussion regarding compost.
  - **Guy Barker** – We go through a high demand for compost. We produce a lot of waste too. We plan to make and set up our own composting outfit. It will be a place for people to bring leaves, trees, and such to dump, which will aid in the composting process. We want to become self-reliant in composting.
  - **Joseph Byrd** – We would like to separate the bison manure to use for color in our pottery.
- **Eric Bohn** – Chief Financial Officer.
  - March wrapped up the first six months of FY2021 and are ahead of budget.
  - We received a clean audit for FY2020.

#### **IX. New Business.**

- **Purchases Requests.**
  - **Maintenance Department** – The purchase of three snowplows and three salt/sand spreaders.
    - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Quapaw Services Authority (QSA)** – The purchase of five Steel Safe Rooms for the Picher/Cardin area for the medication workers.
    - Motion by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Law Marshals** – The purchase of a Crisis Response System (Through-wall imaging system).
    - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Environmental Department** – EX03 Sonde with sensors and sensor assembly to analyze water at Beaver Creek at the Powwow Bridge.
    - Motion by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.

- **QN Gaming Agency (QNGA)** – The purchase of a new datastore that will assist in the QNGA going paperless.
  - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **QSA Mechanic Shop** – The purchase of an auto lift.
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Maintenance Department** – The purchase of a Takeuchi Mini Excavator.
  - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Maintenance Department** – The purchase of a Takeuchi Mini Track Loader.
  - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **QSA Mechanic Shop** – The purchase of 2 tire machines and a wheel balancer.
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Tribal Headquarters/Tribal Complex Signage** – The purchase of a Tribal headquarters directional sign to be installed at the Intersections of 50 Rd and 137 Hwy by OLC. A Tribal Complex sign is to be installed in the existing flower bed at the Tribal Complex.
  - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **IT Department** – The approval of the Security System Project that would provide surveillance cameras and security to all Quapaw Nation locations.
  - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.

- **Resolutions**
  - **Resolution 041721-A:** ENACTING THE QUAPAW NATION JUROR CODE.
    - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-B:** AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE QUAPAW NATION'S RESTRICTED INTEREST IN CHAT IN THE BIRD DOG CHAT PILE.
    - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
    - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion Passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-C:** DESIGNATING THE QUAPAW NATION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION (OIGA) AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF DUES FOR THE OIGA TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP.
    - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-D:** AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE QUAPAW NATION'S RESTRICTED INTEREST IN CHAT IN THE ST. JOE CHAT PILE.
    - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
    - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion: passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-E:** AUTHORIZING A BOND WAIVER ON AN AGRICULTURE FARMING/GRAZING LEASE.
    - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-F:** AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES OF DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT (DCR).
    - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
    - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
    - Motion passes.
  - **Resolution 041721-G:** AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES OF QUAPAW CASINO.
    - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
    - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.

- Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
- Motion passes.
- **Resolution 041721-H: AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES OF SARACEN CASINO RESORT (SCR).**
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Resolution 041721-I: AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES OF HIGHWAY 166 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.**
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.

**X. Donation Request:**

- **Ottawa County Boys & Girls Club – \$1000.00.**
  - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Travel Basketball 16U Team (Malachi Wesley) – \$500.00.**
  - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Latimer County Junior Livestock Sale (Nate Harkins) – \$300.00.**
  - Motion amended by Zack Turley, Member.
  - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.
- **Miami Wardog Soccer Booster Club – \$500.00 upon Tribal Member verification.**
  - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes.

**XI. Open Forum:**

- **Joseph Byrd.**
  - Moment of silence for those that have passed.
  - General Council will be on July 4, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. at the Downstream Casino Resort Pavillion. There will be gas vouchers given away but no door prizes or money given away.
  - The Constitutional Committee will collect information and provide a survey for putting together a strategic plan for the Quapaw Nation

for years to come.

- **Roman Kihega.**
  - The Constitutional Committee has been meeting since November 5, 2020; they will be conducting a digital survey through Survey Monkey.
  - The Constitutional Committee will be working with the Enrollment Department to mail out a hard copy of the survey.
  - The survey will include roll numbers to prevent duplication but no names.
  - There will be break-out sessions after General Council; there will be rooms set up to have discussions over different topics.
- **Mike Shawnee.**
  - The Powwow will be July 1, 2021, through July 4, 2021.
  - They are working on getting vendor forms and information on the website soon.
  - Administration (Donna and Steva) will be handling registration and registration forms.
- **Joseph Byrd.**
  - The BC, Betty Gaedtke, Carrie Wilson, Everett Bandy, and Solomon Jones attended a Repatriation Project at Angel Mounds to rebury 600 ancestry remains.
  - QN's Easter egg hunt was a success, and he thanked Jade Waters for organizing it and all the volunteers that helped.
  - The Cultural Committee is back having meetings again.
  - Our Seed Library is wanting to gain seed sovereignty, and Michelle Bowden is the point of contact. It is available at the Farmer's Market.
  - The Fitness Center is back fully open.
  - The Quapaw Nation is hosting a virtual STEAM fair.
  - There will be a 2021 Inaugural Class for the Quapaw Nation Youth Leadership Congress.
  - There are pending cases in the state court regarding Indian offenders relating to the McGirt decision, and all cases have been upheld. QN has a task force that is meeting regularly regarding the McGirt decision.
  - The Quapaw Post has been created as an information outlet for transparency. The Quapaw Post is the official news outlet.
  - US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) received \$2.3 million for housing projects, and I would like to thank our grant department.
  - April 15, 2021, is the filing date for candidacy for the BC election. July 24, 2021, is the election date.
  - April 16, 2021, the Tribal Prosecutor filed a court case of criminal offenses and embezzlement charges.

- **Guy Barker.**
  - Gaming has had the largest profitable month in history. We are looking at unbelievable growth.
  - The strategy is actively paying down the principle and talking to major banks regarding refinancing to get properties paid off sooner so that Tribal Members can see the profits.
  - Saracen continues to see new growth. Revenues continue to increase.
  - Quapaw Nation wants to invest in the education of our youth.
- **Abigail Logan.**
  - Quapaw Casino looks run down. She asked why nothing is being done to update the casino.
    - **Callie Bowden** – There is a feasibility study to see if it is feasible to build Quapaw Casino closer to the road. After the feasibility study is completed, things will be addressed.
  - Questioning whether a precedent is trying to be set for filing in the Quapaw Nation Tribal Court.
    - **Joseph Byrd** – There is no precedent being set. There are outside sources involved but not at the tribal level. NIGC has concerns and questions.
  - Bear Case appropriations and why the BC is not going to Washington, D.C. to fight for Tribal Members and get the money appropriated.
    - **Joseph Byrd** – Just because we are not seen going to Washington, D.C. does not mean we are not actively working on the issue.
    - **Guy Barker** – Some phases are being worked on to get through legal counsel. There is a trip scheduled to go to Washington, D.C. to push for that appropriation issue. There have been many Zoom meetings due to COVID but looking to go to the floor in Washington, D.C.
- **Solomon Jones.**
  - There are good employment opportunities with the Quapaw Nation and Quapaw Casino. The Quapaw Nation is great to work for.
- **Steve Owens.**
  - Are there jobs available for Tribal Members who do not have the cleanest past?
    - **Callie Bowden** – The jobs available depends on what type of felony, but yes, there are certain areas where Tribal Members can be employed.
    - **Jamie McNeely** – There are jobs that felons can hold; for example, QSA is one department. They need to fill out an application with the HR Departments at the casinos and the government side. At the casinos, felons can work in food and beverage.



- **Grace Goodeagle.**
  - The Elder's Committee is back conducting meetings the Thursday before the BC Meeting.
  - The Elder's Committee looked at old Powwow books regarding pictures and items of interest for the people. The Elder's Committee asks people to share their stories and send their stories to the QN office to be placed in the newsletter. Share the Quapaw ways which are part of our legacy.
  - The Elder's Committee was informed about the Indiana trip.
  - Tribal Members that are 65 plus in age the Elder's Committee would love to hear from all.
  - The Elder's Committee welcomes the survey.
  - The Elder's Committee is gathering, collecting, and storing information and would like to use the newsletter, Facebook, and the website for their platforms of getting information out to the people.

**XII. Benediction:** Michelle Newton, Member.

**XIII. Adjournment:** 11:12 A.M.

- Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
- Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
- Motion passes.

/s/ Guy Barker

Guy Barker, BC Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in  
Accordance with Robert's  
Rules of Order

By: /s/ Steva Stand

Interim Executive Secretary

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business  
Committee on May 15, 2021, with a vote  
reflecting 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and  
0 absent.