

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Business Committee

Community Building & Zoom

Saturday, May 15, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:12 A.M.
- II. **Invocation:** Michelle Newton, Member.
- III. **Roll Call:**
 - 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 April 17, 2021, BC Meeting, and phone polls were presented for approval.
 - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, 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 April 30, 2021, was submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee by standard accounting procedures.
 - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
- VII. **Approval/Disapproval of Program Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports:** The Program Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports for the period ending April 30, 2021, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.
 - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
- VIII. **Program Directors' Reports.**
 - **Corissa Millard** – Court of the Quapaw Nation.
 - There were two dockets held in April.
 - There were two criminal, one divorce, and one civil case on the April 1, 2021, docket.

- There was one divorce, two guardianships, one protective order, one adoption, and one civil case on the April 21, 2021, docket.
- There are currently fifty-two active members of the Quapaw Nation Bar Association.
- The new Juror Code was finalized and approved on April 28, 2021, and the court held a mock trial of the big bad wolf versus the three little pigs. This mock trial was done with Billie Burtrum and her youth program.
- There will be two more mock trials held during the Summer Youth Camp this summer.
- The Quapaw Nation Court Clerk's Office works with attorneys by in-person filing, email, fax, and regular mail for filing paperwork throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective April 26, 2021, masks are recommended but are not mandatory, and only seventeen public viewers are allowed in the courtroom.
- There have been nineteen new cases in 2021. These cases include two child support, one civil, ten criminal, three guardianships, one deprived case, and two protective orders.
 - **Joseph Byrd** – Glad the mock trials will be continuing for the youth, and congratulations on your Master's Degree in Native American Law.
- **Tom Stelle** – Housing Department.
 - There is still one two-bedroom/handicapped accessible unit, a two-bedroom unit, and three one-bedroom units available.
 - There are not any applicants on the Quapaw Nation Rental Housing Program, and all units are occupied.
 - There were not any new applications for the NAHASDA Rehab and Replacement Program for April. One house in Peoria was recirculated to a person on the waiting list.
 - There have been six applications for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program received. Five applications were out of our service area, which made them not eligible.
 - The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program applications are available online or can be picked up at the Housing Department office.
- **Micheal Richardson** – IT Department.
 - They have been working on security, body cams, Bolt internet, and Laserfiche.
 - They are fifty percent completed at the new marshal's building.
 - The IT Department has hired two new support techs.
 - They are looking to replace the storage unit due to the growth of the system.
- **Trenton Stand** – Realty/Trust Services' Department.
 - They assisted the restricted owners with determining what interest was restricted versus fee interest.

- They worked on gift deed conveyances and completed an exchange/partition with the BIA; three more conveyances are needed to complete this project.
- Lease money collection actions and violation notices sent to lessees.
- They have been working in TAAMS and are 100% paperless with the BIA.
- They are getting stricter on non-payment individuals that owe money for residential leases.
- They have worked on some ROW projects, EPA projects, and probate projects.
- They are working with IT and LaserFiche regarding receiving requests from the website to send informational packets to individuals upon requests.
- **Mandy Dement** – Family Services Department.
 - They received a new grant for a domestic violence docket, and they can prosecute non-Indian offenders. The Domestic Violence Department helps every gender/race, anyone a victim of domestic violence crimes.
 - Linda Davis operates our Domestic Violence Program and currently has fourteen clients.
 - They have five cases currently in tribal court custody, thirty-two Quapaw children in state court custody, two open state referrals, and six Quapaw Nation foster homes.
 - Billie Burtrum operates our youth program. She had five youth attend the InterTribal youth language conference, and she has started a language series via Facebook.
 - Clarissa Sumpter operates our Victims of Crime Program, and she currently has thirteen clients and has attended five court hearings.
 - There will be a Summer Youth Camp held at Five Mile Camp from August 9, 2021, through August 13, 2021, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
- **Terri Birch** – ROADS / Construction Management.
 - They are working on a twenty-year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
 - Researching contract options to obtain an engineering consultant for one year to design road and parking lot projects by Task Order.
 - The contractors' Pre-qual list is up and running now. They are sending out packets to existing contractors, engineers, architects, subcontractors.
 - The ROAD's bid package is modeled after the BIA.
 - All stakeholders approve the four-way stop, and the county is moving forward on reducing the speeds.
 - Still missing the limited waiver, the pass contracts have had a limited waiver by immunity done through resolution.
 - They are coordinating with the mechanic Michael Young to purchase and install the snow removal plows and salt spreaders.

- There are lots of construction projects in progress.
- **Barbara Collier** – Quapaw Nation Gaming Agency.
 - The two show cause hearings were postponed due to the filing of actions in court.
 - They have re-couped staff in compliance, and one is experienced.
 - The Quapaw Casino has one hundred two employees, of which thirty-four are Native Americans, and thirteen are Quapaw Members.
 - The Downstream Casino Resort has seven hundred ninety-two employees, one hundred eleven are Native Americans, and forty-eight are Quapaw Members.
 - **Henry Ellick** – Asked how many Quapaw Members were in managerial positions?
 - There are two directors and three supervisors.
 - **Joseph Byrd** – There is a policy that every Quapaw member that is an employee can receive free schooling.
 - There are three hundred sixty-one licensed vendors.
 - The IT Agent put the upgraded individual computers into place and wanted to thank the BC for the new server equipment.
 - The auditors are continuing their scheduled audits for the fiscal year for both casinos.
 - The QNGA Investigative Auditor is continuing to finalize the forensic audit reports from the QNGA interviews and investigation. As well as continuing to assist in all “Show Casuse Hearings” and follow-ups for any and all appeals.
- **Eric Bohn** – Chief Financial Officer.
 - The general fund had 4.2 million in revenue, and 1.7 million was from the land sale of the Port Authority. Expenses were 1.75 million, and Quapaw members’ benefit expenses were four hundred ninety thousand.
 - There have been three million over the last seven months; one hundred seventy-seven thousand for social services, twelve thousand for education.

IX. New Business.

- **Annual Quapaw Nation Memorial Dinner** – The dinner will be held on May 22, 2021, at noon.
- **Purchases Requests.**
 - **ROADS Program** – Parking lot reseal, stripe, and fix cracks at the Fitness Center, Museum, and Title VI, including the access road between the buildings.
 - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman for Bailey’s Asphalt bid.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.

- **Environmental** – The purchase of a 2022 Ford F250 for towing the recycling trailers.
 - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
- **Law Marshals** – The purchase of security cameras for the Quapaw School facilities funded through the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) grant.
 - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
- **Law Marshals** – The purchase of security cameras for the Quapaw School buses funded through the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) grant.
 - Motion by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
- **Resolutions**
 - **Resolution 051521-A:** AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF TWO BANK ACCOUNTS AT PEOPLE’S BANK OF SENECA FOR THE EAGLE CREEK GOLF COURSE.
 - Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
 - **Resolution 051521-B:** AUTHORIZING AN EASEMENT TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. THE EASEMENT DOESN’T INCLUDE THE SIGN.
 - Motion by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion Passes.
 - **Resolution 051521-C:** AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM.
 - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.

X. Donation Request:

- **Miami First Assembly of God Church (Caroline Harkins)** – Requesting a donation of \$1,033.21 for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
 - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member for \$500 donation subject to Quapaw Nation member paying the remainder of the funds first.

- Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent.
 - Motion passes.
 - **Henry Ellick** - Requested feedback after donation recipients have completed their event.
 - **Joseph Byrd** - Stated that feedback would start being required.
- XI. Open Forum:**
- **Joseph Byrd.**
 - Moment of silence for those that have passed.
 - American Recovery Plan was a twenty billion dollar package. The distribution methodology was the first one billion dollars went to five hundred seventy-four tribes. The second is \$12.35 billion prorated based on enrollment data. This will be the first round of payments.
 - There is \$6.565 billion for Tribal Government employees.
 - We immediately applied for the funds from the Treasury.
 - The package included tech assistance support, mortgage and food assistance, after-school tutoring assistance, data and technology, and Tribal members who own their own businesses.
 - Will be considering doing another COVID-19 check to Tribal members.
 - **Guy Barker.**
 - Treasury will send specific guidelines pertaining to the funds received.
 - There will be strict guidelines to spend a certain percentage on education.
 - The Treasury was very vague regarding guidelines.
 - **Eric Bohn.**
 - Tribal Member enrollment numbers, land base numbers, and employee numbers were sent to the Treasury last April. This information sent to the Treasury last April is the numbers they are using.
 - **Guy Barker.**
 - They have started the process of reaching out to our local delegation.
 - Quapaw Nation is trying to seek some exception guidelines.
 - **Mollie Drapeau.**
 - There are always stipulations on the unemployment side, but why is not anyone fighting for the people working and struggling.
 - **Guy Barker** – That is a topic that is being discussed.
 - **Mike Shawnee.**
 - Send information for the Powwow Program booklet to annapipestem@gmail.com.
 - **Grace Goodeagle.**
 - The Elder's Committee did not meet due to a funeral.

- The Elder’s Committee is continuing its efforts to keep the Quapaw culture and Quapaw ways alive.
- Elder’s Committee is asking people to be kind to one another.
- Title VI had huge hams, and Grace wanted to thank Title VI, DCR, Michelle, Callie, and the Quapaw Nation.
- **Michelle Newton.**
 - Camp Quapaw will be for ages 8 through 18 from June 22, 2021, through June 25, 2021, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Days 1 through 3 will be at the Community Building, and day 4 is at the Ki-Ho-Ta Center.
 - Billie Burtrum is the point of contact at (918) 238-3152. Registration is open, and it is geared towards teaching cultural activities to our youth. They are looking for volunteers.
- **Callie Bowden.**
 - The Farmer’s Market has been revamped. They have a seed library, fresh fruit, and meats. It is open on Friday, May 21, 2021, from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.
 - The Quapaw Post is where people can get news and information.
- **Joseph Byrd.**
 - Congratulations to all the graduates.
 - Graduates need to get their announcements posted to the Quapaw Post and Social Media.
 - June 11, 2021, will be the Employee Appreciation Luncheon from 2:30 P.M. to 6 P.M. at the Quapaw Powwow Grounds.
- **Bobby Harris via Zoom.**
 - He had a camp issue and was told to contact Administration.
- **Mike Shawnee.**
 - Fees for memorial pages in the Powwow program are on the website.
 - Full-page is \$150, and color is \$225, and \$100 for a half-page and \$125 for the half-page color.
- ***Contributors/Editors for the Quapaw Post are John Rodgers, BC, and directors. They are looking at getting two staff writers.***
- **Robyn Olsen via Zoom.**
 - Congratulations to JoOuita Olsen on 25 years of service with the Quapaw Nation.
- **Larry Mercer.**
 - Phone numbers and email addresses need to be updated on the website.

XII. Benediction: Jeremy Olsen, Member.

XIII. Adjournment: 10:56 A.M.

- Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, 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 June 19, 2021, with a vote reflecting
6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent.