

## Minutes

### **Quapaw Nation Business Committee Quapaw Nation Title VI Building & Zoom Saturday, April 15, 2023**

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:13 AM.
- II. **Invocation:** Michelle Newton, Member.
- III. **Roll Call by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.**
- Joseph Byrd, Chairman Present
  - Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair Present
  - Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer Present
  - Michelle Newton, Member Present
  - Larry Mercer, Member Present
  - Member Vacant
  - Member Vacant
- Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- IV. **Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes:** March 18, 2023, BC Meeting minutes were presented for approval.
- Motion to approve March 18, 2023, meeting minutes by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 vacant, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes approving March 18, 2023, BC Meeting minutes.
- V. **Reading, Correction & Approval of Electronic Polls:** The following electronic polls were presented for approval.
- Poll10224\_Mutual NDA Approval
  - Poll11588\_Amended Resolution – Reality Office
  - Poll11632\_Purchase Request - CCDF - Van for Monitor
  - Poll11633\_Purchase Request - QSA - Mack Dump Trucks (4 Units)-Resolution
  - Poll11666\_Agriculture Lease Renewal-Resolution
  - Poll11699\_Donation Request - Miami Youth Soccer Team
  - Poll11719\_Mike Mize Art
  - Poll11736\_Donation Request - Educational Business Professionals of America Competition
  - Poll11744\_Indiana University Museum Usage of Quapaw Seal Image
  - Poll11758\_Purchase Request - QSA - CAT 336 Excavator
  - Poll11759\_Purchase Request - QSA - CAT D6T Dozer
  - Poll11760\_Tile Floor in Administration Building
  - Poll11762\_Undivided Restricted Interest in Two Tracts-Resolutions
  - Poll11763\_Access Request for Environmental Survey for 69-A Road Widening-
  - Poll11764\_Approval to begin Construction on the Domestic Violence (DV) Tiny Homes
  - Poll11770\_Beneficiary Inquiry
  - Poll11771\_Ranch House Request
  - Poll11780\_Internal MOU with Quapaw Nation and Quapaw Counseling Service
  - Poll11781\_Judges Compensation
  - Poll11787\_Purchase Request - QSA - 249D3 Track Loader
  - Poll11788\_Purchase Request - QSA - 289D3 Track Loader - 2 Units
  - Poll11789\_Purchase Request - Marshals - Narcotics Analyzers - 6 Units
  - Poll11790\_Concrete Pad for Wash and Pack House

- Poll11791\_Welch Property Renovation
  - Poll11792\_Ford Explorer-Title VI
  - Poll11793\_Farmers Market Building Erection
  - Poll11794\_Double Up Oklahoma Contract-Michelle Newton Signing
  - Poll11795\_Claremore Indian Hospital Renovation-Amended Resolution
  - Poll11797\_OLC Playground Updating and Resurfacing
  - Poll11805\_Easter Egg Hunt
  - Poll11817\_Authorization to Sign Gaming License's for Wena Kathryn Supernaw
  - Poll11857\_Purchase Request - OLC - Security Cameras
  - Poll11859\_Purchase Request - Environmental - Soil Analyzer
  - Poll11870\_Metrolink Monitoring Agreement
  - Poll11872\_Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Deployment-Amended Resolution
  - Poll11874\_Donation Request - Quapaw Middle School Band
  - Poll13989\_Amended Juror Code - Resolution
  - Poll13994\_Quapaw Nation Attorney Contract Execution
  - Motion to approve the reading correction and approval of electronic phone polls by Wena Kathryn Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Larry Mercer, member.
  - Tribal Member brought up a concern about Poll11760 with utilizing the same construction company over and over.
  - Tribal Member spoke about having a code inspector to validate construction work.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 vacant, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes approving reading correction and electronic polls.
- VI. Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2023, was submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee by standard accounting procedures.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Callie Bowden, Vice Chair.
  - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 vacant, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes approving the Treasurer's Report.
- VII. Approval/Disapproval of Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports submitted:** The Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports for the period ending March 31, 2023, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.
- Motion to approve the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Seconded by Larry Mercer, Member.
  - Wena Supernaw requested that all Sub-Committees submit a monthly written report.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 vacant, and 0 absent.
  - Motion passes approving the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports.
- VIII. Chairman's Report:**
- Reminded people to vote next door.
  - On behalf of the Business Committee, the Chairman thanked Virginia Mouse, Abigail, Beth, and Linda and all others that were involved in making the Easter Egg Hunt a successful and special event for our youth.
  - Saracen Casino Executive Team was granted the opportunity by the National Indian Gaming Association to have a panel discussion on tribally owned commercial casino properties in San Diego, California at the national conference. Highlighted were the achievements made by Saracen and the acknowledgement to the Quapaw Nation to be able to reclaim some of its ancestral homeland and to be an economic driver for the state of Arkansas.

- In the last few weeks, members of the Oklahoma US Congressional delegation have visited the Quapaw area.
  - The Business Committee greeted and engaged with Senator Markwayne Mullin office, Senator James Lankford, Congressman Josh Brecheen and with other representatives from their staffs.
  - The main discussions were the Bear Authorization Bill and the Indian Agriculture and Farm Bill which ties in with food sovereignty.
  - This was a fantastic opportunity for the Quapaw Nation to advocate and garner support from the Congressional delegation for not only these two bills, but other governmental issues.
- During the same time, the Quapaw nation was invited to participate in a consultation from the Musee du Quai Branly in Paris France. Quapaw sent a delegation to the Musee du Quai Branly to engage and participate in a consultation. The main focus of the Musee du Quai Branly is to collaborate with Tribal partners in the hopes of developing an exhibit that would be featured at the facility in France as well as the United States. The Museum wants to highlight the painted Robes, historic maps, and possibly historic treaties that are in the collection from the French Colonial Era. This would include interpretations developed from in-depth research, consultations, and collaborations with Tribal partners.
  - The delegation was able to meet with staff and partners who will be involved in the research and development process of the proposed exhibit.
  - They were able to view and consult over painted hides from the Musee du Quai Branly collection as well as from the Lille and Besancon museums. The highlight from this was the inclusion of a Robe that has not been seen previously, which is to believe to be of Quapaw origin.
  - Visited Versailles, which was the site of the 1725 visit from various tribal delegations and houses historical records from the French Colonial Era.
  - They were able to visit the Historical Service of the Army, the National Library, and the National Archives, which all house historic maps and records from the French Colonial Era.
  - Our delegation also requested the partners research the existence of French Treaties with tribal nations.
  - A discussion of a Tactile exhibit was also held, which is a proposed effort from the partners in France to develop tools to include exhibits that would enable individuals who are seeing impaired to be able to learn from the exhibits and would be developed in collaboration with tribal partners. They intend to include the Quapaw three villages Robe in this effort and plan to eventually provide a copy of the work for Quapaw to retain for the community as well.
  - It was a historic trip because Quapaw Nation was only one of three Tribal Nations that were represented at the table and that Quapaw now has a seat at that table, which will allow Quapaw to bring the painted hides back home.
  - Everett Bandy and Carrie V Wilson was thanked for making the trip happen
- This week, Chairman Joseph Byrd received notification that the Election Committee certified a recall petition that met the requirements for a special election for the Chairman position.
  - He resigned effective this day and vacated the meeting.
- Motion for a 5-minute recess by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Vote: **4** yes, **0** no, **0** abstaining, **3** vacant, and **0** absent.
- Motion passes for a recess.
- Meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM

- IX. Accounting Report by Eric Bohn:** – Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- **March General Funds:** received 3.9 million, total for the year 14.1 million. Total expenses for March were 2.5 million, total for the year 14.8 million.
  - **Tribal Member Health Benefit:** expenses for March were \$555,000 bringing the total for the fiscal year to 2.6 million.
  - **Social Service:** expenses for March were \$395,000, total for the year 1.66 million.
  - **Education:** expenses for March were \$43,000, total for the year \$597,000.
- X. Subcommittees' Reports:**
- **Constitution Committee** – Roman Kihega.
    - Having a public open meeting April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00-8:30 PM with a potluck and meeting will commence at 6:30 PM. Possible location may be the Gymnasium. Agenda will be posted once location has been set, and notification will be made through social media and website.
    - Have identified some funding to hopefully help the Nation expedite the reform process and get more people involved with the process.
    - Have submitted a budget to the Grants Department as well as the Business Committee. Would like a meet with the Business Committee next week to discuss and identify some of the issues with this. The proposal of the budget includes a lot of seminar opportunities for the Tribal citizens to engage in Constitution reform which is the main goal of the meetings.
    - Looking at meeting monthly. The funding would support accomplishment of this.
  - **Elder's Committee** – Grace Goodeagle.
    - May 17-18, 2 day/1 night trip. Points of interest include Woolaroc Museum, Bartlesville, OK, Pioneer Woman Mercantile, Pawhuska, OK, Tall Grass Prairie, Pawhuska, OK, and First Americans Museum, Oklahoma City, OK.
    - Those who were on the waiting list, please get your applications in. It will be a repeat of the October 22 trip. A complete description of the trip itinerary is available, and Debbie Wray has the applications here today.
    - Elders have been invited to take part in Camp Quapaw coming up in June. If anyone is interested in being part of it contact Grace Goodeagle.
    - Reminder that Kyle Arnall who has been our community paramedic for some time is moving on. His last day will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. They still have Dewayne Chuckluck as their CHR.
- XI. Executive Directors Reports:**
- James Dawson was introduced as the New Executive Director of Quapaw Facilities Authority.
  - **Chief Financial Officer - Eric Bohn**
    - **Accounting Department:** 2 weeks into 2023 ARPA application cycle and have received right at 3,000 applications so far, which is about 90% of what is anticipated from historical information from previous applications. Have processed 2433 checks, totaling 4.5 million so far.
    - **CCDF Program:** is putting together what they are calling, "The Week of the Young Child Events."
      - 17-18 April, event at the Coleman Theater, Buckets & Boards show, which is a comedy show for elementary kids.
      - 20 April, event at the Civic Center, Fun Fest for Child Care facility children. Will include inflatables, facepainting, balloon animals, and characters and costumes.
      - 21 April, event at the NEO Equine Center with a petting zoo, camel rides, and trout ponds for childcare facility children.
      - 28-29 April, a conference at Riverbend Casino, "Re-energize and Revive for childcare providers.

- **Grants Department:**
  - Nation has been awarded 18 grants with 3 million in funding.
  - Have 6 grant applications pending totaling 6 million.
  - Continue to look for opportunities for funding
- **Information Technology (IT) Department:**
  - Preparing to deploy a new phone system.
  - Completed wiring of the administration building
  - Wiring the new Wyandotte Fire Station
  - Working on installing new security cameras
  - Played a huge part in getting the electronic application for the ARPA relief payments set so that it makes it easier to complete online and decreases paper usage.
- **Procurement Department:**
  - In Process of revising the procurement policy to bring it in line with the restructuring that has taken place.
- **Tax Commission:**
  - Through the first six months \$771,000 has been collected.
- Administration Building Update: Tile is being laid and about Two-Thirds complete. Once tile work is complete, finished work will begin. Looking at mid-May for move in.
- **Resource Management Executive Director – Trenton Stand.**
  - Looking at new ways to gain efficiency. Resource Management includes Environmental, Food Sovereignty, Forestry, QSA, Mechanics, Processing Plant, Quapaw Cattle Company, Realty, and Fencing.
  - Team assisted in the recent Congressional dignitaries visit.
  - **Environmental Department:**
    - Army Corps of Engineers meeting with Environmental for restoration went well.
    - Picher dumpsters are available again.
  - **Food Sovereignty Department:**
    - Farmers Market starts again in May – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 10am – 2pm.
    - Broke ground on wash and pack house on Welch property.
    - Planting is in progress and working toward getting high tunnels and greenhouses centralized on the property.
  - **Forestry Department:**
    - Working on individual projects for property owners and trying to get caught up.
  - **QSA Department:**
    - Hit a record of 6M ton of material removed from the site since inception.
    - Met with Emergency Management for disaster to help with community cleanup if needed based on Memos of Understanding.
    - Looking at a system to help monitor the sites and material movement.
  - **Mechanics Department:**
    - Looking into obtaining a new fleet tracking program. One system to track all equipment.
  - **Processing Plant:**
    - Additional Buffalo and cattle contracts underway.
    - Working with James Dawson on some facility improvements.
    - Working on a meat distribution in the fall and quarterly thereafter to benefit Quapaw tribal members.

- **Realty Department:**
    - In May, BIA is conducting fee to trust training on new proposed regulations to streamline the process. It includes a timeline that coincides with the environmental timeline.
    - Fee Estate submitted to BC that will benefit the Quapaw Cattle Company.
    - Stacia Forbis is the new Realty Director
    - Created a new email mailbox to consolidate and facilitate response times to tribal members and others. Tribal members can utilize it to communicate between monthly meetings.
  - **Social Services Executive Director – Steva Stand.**
    - On behalf of the Election Committee – Recall Election will be on 7/8/23. Filing period will open on April 17 and will close on May 15.
    - **Family Services Department:**
      - Native Connections Youth Program. May 19 children’s Pow Wow at gymnasium. Dinner at 5 and Grand Entry at 6.
      - Camp Quapaw applications to become available end of April. All their events will become available on the tribal website and social media.
      - ICW attended ICWA conference. Supreme Court ruling is expected in June.
      - DV started construction of tiny homes.
    - **Higher Education Department:**
      - Graduation banquet is on 6/10 at Downstream. Please RSVP by May 13.
    - **Learning Center Department:**
      - ProCare Connect is up and allows families to see and interact with their children during the day.
      - Would like Tribal Elders to come read to the children, so please contact Ashley McCloud if you would like to assist.
    - Other areas are working on efficiencies, new program ideas and how to deliver services more effectively.
    - Some areas are working with the Court system on a Holistic Defense Program to prevent re-offenses.
    - Working with Grants on a homeless housing grant.
    - Shared mailbox is available. Survey will become available for improvements.
    - Fitness Center, Title VI, Enrollment and Social Services are all producing ways to improve things for tribal members.
- XII. New Business:**
- **Resolutions**
    - **041523-A\_Integrated Resource Engagement Extension.**
      - Motion to approve Resolution 041523-A Integrated Resource Engagement Extension by Michelle Newton, Member.
      - Seconded by Larry Mercer, Member.
      - Vote: **4** yes, **0** no, **0** abstaining, **0** absent, **3** vacant.
      - Motion passes approving Resolution 041523-A Integrated Resource Engagement Extension
    - **041523-B\_Authorizing, Endorsing, and Supporting updated Bear Authorization Bill Language.**
      - **Removal of the word Landowner.**
      - **Defines “certain tribal members” as those enrolled as of 9/27/2019 and still living at the time of distribution.**
      - **Specifies the allocation to be both full and equal.**

- **Defines the distribution tax treatment to be non-taxable at the federal and the state level.**
- Motion to approve Resolution 041523-B Authorizing, Endorsing, and Supporting updated Bear Authorization Bill Language by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
- Motion passes approving Resolution 041523-B Authorizing, Endorsing, and Supporting updated Bear Authorization Bill Language.
- **041523-C Approval for the Revisions to the Financial Accounting Procedures.**
  - Motion to approve Resolution 041523-C Approval for the Revisions to the Financial Accounting Procedures by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion passes approving Resolution 041523-C Approval for the Revisions to the Financial Accounting Procedures.

**XIII. Donations:**

- **01 Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa County:** Requesting \$1000 donation to help to promote education through fieldtrips.
  - Motion to approve \$1000 donation request by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Seconded by Larry Mercer, Member.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion passes to approve the Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa County \$1000 donation request.
- **02 College Heights Christian School:** Requesting Quapaw Nation to donate 350 quarter pound hamburgers.
  - Motion to table the donation request by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion tabled for the College Heights Christian School Hamburger patties donation request.
- **03 Commerce Days:** Requesting \$500 donation for assisting in things such as kids events, door prizes and entertainment.
  - Motion to approve \$500 donation request by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion passes to approve the Commerce Days \$500 donation request.
- **04 Fathers House CRO:** Requesting \$1000 donation to assist him attending annual Celebrate Recovery Summit.
  - Motion to approve \$1000 donation request by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Larry Mercer, Member.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion passes to approve the Fathers House CRO \$1000 donation request.
- **05 Miami Youth Baseball:** Requesting \$299.20 to supply their team with hats, socks, and uniforms.
  - Motion to approve \$299.20 donation request by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
  - Motion passes to approve Miami Youth Baseball \$299.20 donation request.

- **06 NEO Area Homeschool Parents:** Requesting \$500 to help homeschool students attend a prom.
    - Motion to approve \$500 donation request by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion passes to approve NEO Area Homeschool Parents \$500 donation request.
  - **07 Nichols Upper Elementary:** Requesting \$1600 donation from Quapaw Nation to introduce educational possibilities through fieldtrips.
    - Motion to approve \$1600 donation request by Larry Mercer, Member.
    - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion passes to approve Nichols Upper Elementary \$1600 donation
  - **08 Cushing Arts and Humanities Day Camp:** Requesting \$30 donation to attend Art Day Camp.
    - Motion to table this by Larry Mercer, Member.
    - Seconded by Wena Kathryn Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion was Tabled for the Cushing Arts and Humanities Day Camp \$30 donation request.
  - **09 Ottawa County Seniors Sponsorship:** Requesting \$525 donation to congratulate all graduating Ottawa County Seniors.
    - Motion to approve \$525 donation request by Larry Mercer, Member.
    - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion passes to approve Ottawa County Senior Sponsorship \$525
  - **10 MPS Baseball Donation Request** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation assist in sponsoring MPS Baseball Booster Club for \$550 first year and \$400 yearly renewal.
    - Motion to take from the table the MPS Baseball donation request by Larry Mercer, Member.
    - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion to approve a one-time \$500 donation request by Larry Mercer, Member.
    - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
    - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 3 vacant.
    - Motion passes to approve the MPS Baseball Booster Club one-time \$500 donation.
- XIV. Open Forum:**
- Each person has 5 minutes, 1 trip to the podium, must pertain to the agenda, or filed the form to be placed on the agenda.
  - Discussion from the floor and zoom.
  - Everett Bandy-Director of the Historic Preservation Office presented the Business Committee with a plaque from the head of the US Forest Service for the Bridging the Gap conference.
  - Wena Kathryn Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer announced the upcoming Annual Tribal Memorial Dinner, which is scheduled for May 20, 2023. The Cedar Smoking is at 11:30; dinner at 12:00 PM. The location is yet to be determined. If available, we will have the dinner at the Community Building, and if not, available we will most likely have to have the dinner at the Title VI Elders Center. A flyer will be posted as soon as we have determined the location.



**XV. Benediction:** Larry Mercer, Member.

**XVI. Adjournment:** 11:35 AM.

- Motion to adjourn by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Second by Larry Mercer, Member.
- Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 3 vacant.
- Motion passes to adjourn.

/s/ Wena Supernaw \_\_\_\_\_

Wena Supernaw, BC Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in Accordance with  
Robert's Rules of Order

By: /s/ Brent Divine \_\_\_\_\_ I

BC Executive Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business Committee on May 20, 2023, with a vote reflecting 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 3 vacant.