

Minutes
Quapaw Nation Business Committee
Community Room
Saturday, August 15, 2020

- I.** Call to Order: 10:00 AM
- II.** Invocation: John Berrey, Chairman
- III.** Installation of Officers
- Joseph Byrd, Chairman
 - Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Lloyd Buffalo, Member
- IV.** Roll Call:
- Joseph Byrd, Chairman Present
 - Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair Present
 - Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer Present
 - Michelle Newton, Member Present
 - Ranny McWatters, Member Present
 - Zack Turley, Member Present
 - Lloyd Buffalo, Member Present
- V.** Declaration of Quorum: Announced by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer
- VI.** Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes & Phone Polls: The Minutes of the July 21, 2020, QNBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval.
- Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member
 - Correction by Lloyd Buffalo. Yes, on minutes. No, on Phone Poll. Missing a phone poll and his vote on a phone poll.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 1 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
 - Motion Passes.
- VII.** Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the period ending July 31, 2020, was submitted to the QNBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures.
- Motion by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Seconded Lloyd Buffalo, Member
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
 - Motion Passes.
- VIII.** Approval/Disapproval of Program Directors Reports Submitted:
- Motion by Guy Baker, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Seconded Zack Turley, Member
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
 - Motion Passes.
- IX.** New Business:
- Resolution 08__20-A: A Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Payment to a Settlor in the Quapaw Trust Litigation to Correct an Error Resulting from an Incorrect Name in Federal and Tribal Records
 - Motioned by Lloyd Buffalo.
 - Discussed and should not be presented at this time.

- Resolution 081520-A: A Resolution Authorizing the Retention of Special Counsel to Investigate the Distribution of GoodEagle Funds to Individual Quapaw Nation Tribal Members, Who Where Plaintiffs in the GoodEagle Settlement, and an Accounting and Distribution of Money Received by the Quapaw Nation for the Quapaw Tribal Members Pursuant to the GoodEagle Settlement, Grace M. GoodEagle, et al. v. United States, Case No. 12-43 IL, Federal Court, Which Was Settled November 5, 2019 and Executed on Behalf of the Quapaw Nation by John Berrey and Steve Ward

- Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member
- Discussion
 - Lloyd Buffalo: I would like to ask what is the estimated cost to do this?
 - Guy Barker: I believe that what is being held and the interest generated will cover the cost.
 - Lloyd Buffalo: The estimated attorney fees?
 - Guy Barker: I don't have an exact figure for you.
 - Joseph Byrd: We will put it out there and have a bidding process. We are not going to give to just one firm. We will open it up and allow bidding to happen. Then we will make the decision as a body to move forward in that audit.
- Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
- Motion Passes.

X. Donations & Sponsorships:

- Hollie Busse- \$500
 - Motion by Zack Turley, Member
 - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair
 - Discussion:
 - Joseph Byrd: Moving forward and in an effort for transparency, I would like to invite tribal members to be present their requests in the future.
 - Vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent
 - Motion Passes.

XI. Open Forum:

- Callie Bowden: I wanted to give everyone a brief update and I don't have a lot of details but I do want to confirmed that the day after the election, majority of the Business Committee adopted a resolution to remove two former BC members off of the DDA. I wanted to let everyone to know that a forensic audit has been started. As soon as results are given, we will give a report in general council.
- John Rodgers: I want to congratulate you guys. I was wondering if you guys had seen Johns recent post in which he had stated that a lot of these things that popped out hadn't really happened. Callie was just touching on that. Something about the CFO, there was a rumor flying around, that he had carried out documentation that should not have been carried out. Would you guys like to say anything on that?
 - Joseph Byrd: I can go ahead and speak on that. I appreciate you being here in your capacity with Everything Quapaw and answering the invitation. Again, that goes with the whole transparency and being an open forum and having open dialogue with tribal members. But with the question that you

asked is a sensitive matter and involves current personal. There will be information forthcoming.

- Barbara Collier: I was asked to speak about the current business. The two casinos that we have regulatory over. Of course, in March, when the pandemic hit both casinos closed. There was some individual staff at each place working on billings, salaries, and things going on at Saracen. The biggest problem with that was the employees were furloughed. Some were furloughed for 2 weeks and some were longer. Some worked from home that were passed the age of 65. Upon leaving the casino and shut down, there was about probably 1,020 at Downstream and 140 at Quapaw Casino. When they reopened and decided under less time frame. They are not staying up all night, except at 2 on weekends at Downstream and midnight on weekdays. They are just now calling back people from furlough. There is about 700 employees at Downstream. They are trying to stay safe and cleaning more fervently than before. Spacing people out in those situations. Table games is probably the worse. It is the hardest to separate people because they try to put three to a table and that just doesn't work. People like people to be there to play with them. Machine wise at Quapaw Casino are spaced out every other one. At Downstream, they have certain ones operating that are a little closer. For the rumor about Covid, they sent a group of Saracen employees to Downstream for training. Week or week before last, one of the Saracen employees was struck with Covid and returned to Pine Bluff to be quarantined. The gentleman did pass away. They are very aware and trying to stay safe. Trying to keep things going smoothly. As far as our department, we are down 6 employees. I don't know if we will slowly pick those employees up at this time, but we are working very diligently to keep things going and regulatory. We are doing the best we can do.
 - Joseph: Could you speak on protocols and precautions that have become an industry standard that we are implementing and have been implementing to give reassurance to the general public.
 - Barbara Collier: As anyone that enters the casino, they have their temperature check. They have an automatic one that you can walk up to. If it is over 100.3, you cannot enter. They will not allow you too. There are sanitary wipes. Giving away masks. Requesting people to wear them. Buffet has been changed to a serving and order, when it is open. The 2 restaurants are not open all the time. Legends is open and have spaced the tables according to the CDC rules. All employees have to enter through the employee entrance. Their temperatures are taken, and they have sanitized bottles everywhere that they can be. They are trying to be very safe and spread individuals out throughout the casino and hotel. They keep everything very clean and sanitary. Every time someone leaves a table in the restaurant, they go over it with sanitizer and a rag before they seat someone else. They are trying to do that cautiously. I also forgot that you wanted me to speak on the lawsuit that we were a part of against the Governor of Oklahoma, where he sued because of he felt that the compacts that we had with the state to do gaming that it would roll over for another 15 years. Of course, Governor Stitt disagreed and tried doing compacts with two other tribes. It was deemed not legal. He lost his lawsuit. The tribes prevailed. We will continue on with the compact for 15 more years.
 - Joseph Byrd: Thank you, Barbara. I want to commend you and your staff in

the gaming agency for all the work that you have done and keeping our assets protected. I want to take this time to acknowledge everyone on the operational side. For those that don't know, pre-Covid, EVS and hotel housekeeping is some of the hardest jobs in the gaming industry. I just want to acknowledge their efforts because once Covid hit, their ability to adapt to those circumstances has been really exceptional to answer those threats and to keep us clean and sanitized. I just want to thank them.

- Joseph Byrd: While we are on the subject of Covid-19, I may put Zack Turley on the spot again. Sometime in March or April, you were presenting statistics and data to the business committee in terms of positive cases in our county and perhaps even within our tribe. I don't know if you are still keeping those records or numbers, but I think now would be a good time to present anything you may have found or been keeping during this time.
 - Zack Turley: I got one pulled up here. This is Randy Jackson, our emergency manager, he takes care of all of these and tracks these numbers daily. We have been trying to do a twice a week call, but it has been toughed the past couple weeks with the business committee to keep them updated with what is changing with Covid. This one is from a couple days ago, there was 43,398 cumulative positive cases of Covid in Oklahoma. That is up 670 from the day before. 795 have recovered. Bringing the active cases down 6,783 of the running totals. 9 additional deaths reported as of today. In Ottawa county, there is 395 positive cases. It is up 8 from the day before. This is the kind of reports that we have been getting from our emergency manager and he throws in any updates from the state health department that is put out there. We are currently working with an emergency representative out of Tulsa and with some of the Covid money that we received. We have the ability to buy a machine that produces disinfectant that will drive our cost down at the casinos, fire/ems, and for any emergency services that we have. If we buy the right one, we can produce enough to help with our schools since our kids are going back to schools. It drives the cost down to 4 cents a gallon for disinfectant. The city of Tulsa is using this city wide and using it all over Oklahoma. It is very safe and naturally occurring hormone in your body, like what your white blood cells produce. This machine can put an electrical charge to the water and creates that chemical. With that we can produce our own disinfectant and clean all of our own facilities for a lot cheaper. It is a lot better product.
- Joseph Byrd: Any other items open for discussion? I do have a couple of announcements that I would like to make. I don't know how many of you or our efforts in terms of our tribal presence in pushing for the census. It is extremely important. The deadline is coming up. I would encourage everyone to take it. It takes 10 minutes to do that. I know that there is this... as an Indian, you know you are anti-government anyway but that is how we are counted. That goes to public safety, public welfare, health and welfare of our citizens. It is good to be counted, rather than not counted because that provides us a seat at the table. That is how federal dollars are allocated to our tribe. That enhances our services and better serves our people and do what we need to do.
- Joseph Byrd: Something else that I want to introduce in the future is we have had several elders pass away since Covid has happen and it has really taken affect, taken a toll on our tribal community. I would like to take this time to acknowledge two

individuals that I grew up with dancing and were just down the hill. I have danced with them since I was a child and they made a pretty significant impact on our tribe, tribal communities, and upholding our cultures and traditions. That is Mr. Larry Daylight and as well as, Mr. Gary Wheeler, who was also a US Airforce Veteran. I believe Mr. Wheeler passed sometime in February, whether it was Covid related I am not sure. Mr. Larry Daylight was not only a pillar for culture and tradition but a sitting member of the cultural committee. My condolences to each of those families and to any families that have been impacted by this and request a moment of silence.

- Ranny McWatters: As I was coming in this morning, Paul Ingram Thomas called me, and his mother passed away last night. Paul Thomas funeral home has always helped many of our tribal members.
- Joseph Byrd: Thank you, Mr. McWatters. We will keep him in our prayers and his family. Just to echo what you said, he has been part of our Quapaw community and helping us put away our love ones for decades. Our hearts and prayers are with the Thomas family.

XII. Closed Session: 10:43 AM-12:50 PM

- Barbara Collier
 - Bills
 - Pay for former DDA Members
- Susie Jackson
 - Employee Related Matters

XIII. Benediction: Joseph Byrd, Chairman

XIV. Adjournment: 12:53 PM

/s/ Guy Barker
Guy Barker, BC Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in Accordance of
Robert's Rules of Order
By: /s/ Heather Dismuke
Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business
Committee on September 19, 2020 with a vote
reflecting 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 2 absent.