

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE QUAPAW TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
TO SPEAK AND ACT IN BEHALF OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE OF INDIANS

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WHEREAS, it is expensive and inconvenient for the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe to meet in general council when it is necessary to transact tribal business, and

WHEREAS, it is not the intention or desire of the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe to establish an organization for the purpose of governing the activities of the Tribe, but that it is the desire of the individual male members, 21 years of age and over, and female members, 18 years of age and over, to establish a responsible administrative body to represent, speak and act for the individual members of the Quapaw Tribe on matters affecting the properties and general business of the Tribe.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. (a) A Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is hereby established to consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, a Secretary-Treasurer, and four members who shall be elected by secret ballot and who shall serve for a term of two years.

(b) Four members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction of tribal business.

Sec. 2. No person shall be a candidate for membership in the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee unless he shall be a member of the Quapaw Tribe by blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls, and shall be at least 25 years of age.

Sec. 3. (a) The first election of a Tribal Business Committee under this resolution shall be called and supervised by the Area Director of the Muskogee Area Office or his authorized representative in accordance with election procedures outlined by him. Thereafter, elections shall be held every two years in July prior to the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the Tribal Business Committee. The date and place shall be designed by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, and thirty (30) days prior to the election, public notice shall be given. The terms of office of members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be for two years, or until their successors are elected, qualified and installed.

(b) Regular elections shall be held in even-numbered years. Nominations shall be from the floor. Election shall be by secret ballot, a plurality vote being necessary to elect. The newly elected officers shall be installed immediately upon their election.

(c) If the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall fail to give appropriate notice of the election, or in case a regular election has not been held as provided in Section of this Resolution, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative shall call such an election and shall give thirty (30) days' notice, setting the time and place of election.

Sec. 4. Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled at any regular or special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council.

Sec. 5. The Quapaw Tribal Business Committee is hereby empowered to appoint subordinate committees and representatives; to transact business of the Quapaw Tribe, including the management or disposition of tribal property and the expenditure of tribal funds, except such funds as may be due the members of the Quapaw Tribe as a result of the Quapaw Judgment Award against the United States . . . (May 7, 1954) and any future claims; and such additional business of the Tribe as the Quapaw Indian Council may see fit to delegate to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee from time to time by appropriate resolution: provided, however, that any ordinances passed by the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee governing membership, future membership or the loss of membership shall be subject to the approval of the Quapaw Indian Council and, so long as the affairs of the Quapaw Tribe are under the general supervision of the Federal Government, of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative.

Sec. 6. (a) A Grievance Committee, consisting of three persons of Quapaw Indian blood, shall be elected by the General Council, and shall not include any members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee. The term of office of the Grievance Committee shall be for two years and the members shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as that provided that the election of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee.

(b) The Grievance Committee shall investigate complaints of misconduct or other acts of the members of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and upon a proper showing shall request the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council to act upon such complaints. In the event the Chairman refuses or fails to call such a meeting the Grievance Committee shall advise the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative, who shall call the special meeting of the Quapaw Indian Council for the purpose of hearing and acting upon such complaints. Such Council shall have power, by a majority vote, after giving the accused a hearing, to clear him of the charges; or to remove him from office, if guilty, and proceed to elect a successor, except if a member of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee fails or refuses to attend two regular meetings in succession unless excused due to illness or other causes for which he cannot be held responsible, or shall be convicted of a felony, or a misdemeanor involving moral integrity, his office shall be forfeited automatically, and a special election shall be called by the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee for his replacement, in accordance with Section 4 of this Resolution.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings and perform all duties appertaining to the office. He shall exercise all authorities delegated to him and he shall be entitled to a vote on all questions.

Sec. 8. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, assuming all the privileges, duties and responsibilities of the Chairman.

Sec. 9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall correctly record all proceedings of all meetings and shall forward copies of the minutes of all meetings to the Area Director and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He shall be responsible for the prompt and efficient handling of all correspondence pertaining to the business of the Council. He shall make out the order of business for the Chairman; shall notify all committees of their appointments; shall have custody of the records and all papers on the Council which records and papers shall be open to inspection at any time, in his presence, by any members of the Council desiring to review them. He shall keep a correct list of all members of the Council, shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council, and in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, shall call the meetings to order until a chairman pro tem is selected. He shall render a written report at the annual meeting and at the expiration of his term of office, records and all papers in his possession shall be turned over to his successor. He shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence, as directed by the General Council of the Tribal Business Committee. He shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements of all monies belonging to the Tribe which may come into his hands and make appropriate reports to the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and to the Quapaw Indian Council at its annual meetings. The accounts and records of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee and the General Council shall be open at all times for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all tribal monies entrusted to his care in a special account and all disbursements therefrom should be made by check. He shall file a surety bond satisfactory to the Tribal Business Committee and to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs or his authorized representative. The cost of such bond shall be paid from tribal funds.

Sec. 10. Special meetings of the Quapaw Indian Council may be called at the discretion of the Chairman, and shall be called by him at the request in writing of the majority of the Tribal Business Committee, or by a written request of thirty percent of the members of the General Council.

Sec. 11. The regular meetings of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be held at a place and time to be determined by the Chairman, with proper notice to the members of the Committee during the months of January, April, July and October unless otherwise provided by resolution.

Sec. 12. Special meetings of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee may be called by the Chairman at his discretion and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Business Committee.

Sec. 13. All meetings of the Quapaw Indian Council and the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 14. This Resolution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians of Quapaw blood and on the approved Quapaw rolls voting at an election called for that purpose by the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Tribal Business Committee. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee to call such an election or referendum at

the request of a majority of the Quapaw Tribal Business Committee, or upon presentation of a petition signed by at least thirty percent of the qualified voters, members of the Quapaw Tribe: provided that not less than thirty (30) days' notice of such meeting and proposed amendment shall be given to the members of the Tribe directly by mail, if feasible, and by appropriate publicity throughout the communities in which the tribal members reside.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted this 19th day of August, 1956.

/s/ Robert A. Whitebird  
Chairman, Quapaw Tribal Business Committee

/s/ Harry F. Gilmore  
Secretary-Treasurer

This is to certify that there were approximately one-hundred-fifty (150) of the adult members of the Quapaw Tribe at the above General Council meeting; that there was one opposing vote and a few not voting on the above Resolution, and the Resolution was therefore adopted.

/s/ Paul L. Fickinger  
Area Director and Presiding Officer

/s/ Marie L. Hayes  
Administrative Assistant and  
Secretary Pro Tem

The foregoing resolution which was passed on August 19, 1956, by the Quapaw General Council is hereby approved effective as of the date of this adoption.

/s/ Glenn L. Emmons  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs