

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Business Committee Ki-Ho-Ta Building & Zoom Saturday, June 18, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:09 a.m.
- II. **Invocation:** Michelle Newton, Member.
- III. **Roll Call by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.**
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| • Joseph Byrd, Chairman | Absent |
| • 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 | Vacant |
- IV. **Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- V. **Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May 21, 2022, regular meeting, May 28, 2022, special meeting, and June 1, 2022, special meeting were presented for approval.
- Motion to approve May 21, 2022, regular meeting minutes by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving May 21, 2022, meeting minutes.

 - Motion to approve May 28, 2022, special meeting minutes by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 2 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving May 28, 2022, special meeting minutes.
 - *This special meeting was conducted due to a challenge against candidacy.*

 - Motion to approve June 1, 2022, special meeting minutes by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving June 1, 2022, special meeting minutes.
 - *This special meeting was conducted due to a challenge against candidacy.*
- VI. **Reading, Correction & Approval of Polls:** The following polls were presented for approval.
- Poll2123_Repository Acquisition
 - Poll2125_Resolution to finance QSA equipment with John Fabick Tractor
 - Poll2149_Purchase Request - IT - Phone System
 - Poll2268_Shala Brewster Interest Acquisition

- Poll2295_THPO Director Salary Range Increase
- Poll2296_THPO Compliance Specialist
- Poll2299_THPO Deputy Director
- Poll2300_THPO GIS Specialist
- Poll2303_Quapaw Nation Gaming Agency Salary Ranges Increase
- Poll2315_Field Engineer Job Description
- Poll2316_Safety and Health Assistant Manager Job Description

- Motion to approve polls by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving the polls.

VII. Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2022, was submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee by standard accounting procedures.

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Zack Turley, Member.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving the Treasurer's Report.

VIII. Approval/Disapproval of Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports submitted:

The Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports for the period ending May 31, 2022, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.

- Motion to approve the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports.

IX. Accounting Report by Eric Bohn – Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

- May 31, 2022, we received \$2.3 million in revenue in our general fund, bringing the year's total to \$15.4 million. Actual expenses for May were \$1.8 million, bringing our total for the year to \$16.5 million and \$27.75 million budgeted.
- The Tribal Member Health Benefit expenses for May were \$352,000, bringing the total for the year to \$2.8 million.
- Social Services expenses for May were \$182,000, bringing the total for the year to \$1.9 million.
- Education expenses were \$57,000 in May, bringing the fiscal year's total to \$677,000.
- The Tribal Enterprises such as QSA, QCC, and Food Services submitted \$750,000 to the general fund for May.

X. Subcommittees' Reports.

- **Powwow Committee** – Mike Shawnee, Chairman.
 - The Powwow will be from July 1st through July 4th, 2022.
 - Please work on your camps if you can; it will help the guys working on the grounds.

- Some volunteers are coming over the weekend to assist with the grounds.
- Rations will be given out on Saturday morning.
- On Saturday morning, there will be a horseshoe tournament, cornhole tournament, and footraces. There will be a golf tournament and dice tournament on Sunday.
- General Council will be on Monday, so there is not anything scheduled.
- July 2nd at 5 p.m. by the arena, there will be a group picture taken of all the Quapaws, and we invite all Tribal Members to participate.
- Gourd dancing will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The first night of the Powwow is Quapaw Night, and there will be an adults and teens Quapaw Dress contest and Straight Dance contest.
- **Election Committee.**
 - Recently there was a vacancy on the Business Committee, and the Election Committee was notified.
 - The Election Committee has 60 days to call the date and 60 days to have the election.
 - Everything is going well with the election.
- **Constitution Committee – Roman Kihega.**
 - The committee has been working hard at getting a booklet together.
 - The committee has started working with legal counsel.
 - The committee would like a forum for discussion at General Council.
 - The committee will ask the Business Committee to call a special General Council meeting to make changes or vote on the items presented in the booklet.

XI. New Business.

- **Resolutions**
 - **Resolution 061822-A:** AUTHORIZE THE AG LEASE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-A by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving Resolution 061822-A.
 - **Resolution 061822-B:** AUTHORIZE THE SALE IN CHAT IN THE CORTEZ AND THE CONSOLIDATED #3 CHAT PILES.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-B by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving Resolution 061822-B.

- **Resolution 061822-C:** AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 122921-F TO UPDATE THE AG LEASE AMOUNT ON 920 S 179.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-C by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - *Discussion by Lloyd Buffalo that the title of the resolution, the word "behalf," is misspelled.*
 - Motion to accept the correction and approve Resolution 061822-C by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member with the correction.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving Resolution 061822-C with the correction.
- **Resolution 061822-D:** ENACTING THE QUAPAW NATION ADULT GUARDIANSHIP CODE.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-D by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve Resolution 061822-D.
- **Resolution 061822-E:** ENACTING THE QUAPAW NATION CHILDREN'S CODE.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-E by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve Resolution 061822-E.
- **Resolution 061822-F:** AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE FY 2022 TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 061822-F by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve Resolution 061822-F.
- **Resolution 061822-G:** AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF CONFLICT COUNSEL.
 - Motion to table Resolution 061822-G by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to table Resolution 061822-G.

- **Resolution 061822-H:** ENACTING THE QUAPAW NATION MARRIAGE CODE.
 - Motion to table Resolution 061822-H by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to table Resolution 061822-H.

XII. Donation Requests:

- **American Indian Center of Springfield** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation.
 - Motion to donate \$500 by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$500 to the American Indian Center of Springfield.
- **Broken Arrow Intertribal Veterans Association** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation.
 - Motion to approve the bronze sponsorship of \$500 by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve the bronze sponsorship of \$500.
- **Christine Supernaw** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation to the Kihekah Steh Club.
 - Motion to donate \$500 by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$500 to the Kihekah Steh Club.
- **Columbus Saddle Club** – Rodeo Queen.
 - Motion to donate \$500 by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve donating \$500 to the Columbus Saddle Club for Rodeo Queen.
- **Santa Fe Indian Market** – Southwestern Association for Indian Arts.
 - Motion to deny the request by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to deny the request of the Santa Fe Indian Market.
- **Smokin' on the Route** – Miami, Ok.
 - Send over to the casinos for marketing efforts.

XIII. Change the agenda to move the open forum before the closed session.

- Motion to change the agenda and move the open forum before the closed session by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.

- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes to move the open forum before the closed session.

XIV. Open Forum:

- *The Vice-Chair requests a moment of silence to recognize those Tribal Members we have lost: Cathy King, Barbara Lynne, and Ronald James.*
- There was a discussion by Abigail Logan, who spoke regarding how the Quapaw Nation is a real nation and how everyone should show up to General Council and participate as a Nation. Everyone should agree to disagree, remain humble, and try to understand.
- Discussion regarding why DCR employees cannot have things that are being disposed of instead of things just being thrown away. Michelle Newton was going to check into it because there is a system to prevent that from happening.
- Wena Supernaw asked if there would be a designated independent parliamentarian for General Council to help everyone ensure that emotions are in good form and that something can be enacted positively. Guy Barker stated that the Nation's general counsel has three in-house attorneys who specify parliamentary procedures and offer services. He hopes to have somebody there at General Council.
- Wena also asked if there had been any discussion to reinstate the money given out at General Council. There will be gas cards, and there will be elder's gifts and breakfast.
- Wena asked about waiving the check-in fee for Tribal Members, and they said to reach out if it is a problem and will try to work out something.
- Caregivers should not be a problem assisting a Tribal Member at General Council.
- Bear Litigation (HR4715) was not taken up at DC because the discussion was McGirt-related. The next session will be in August and pick up speed in November. Wena asked who the legal representation is for the Bear litigation? There is no active representation for Group One or Group Two because it is purely legislative.
- Michelle Newton discussed the Quapaw Kids Camp held July 18th – July 22th, for ages 7 - 18. The group picture of all Quapaws attending will be on July 2nd at 5 p.m. at the arena.
- Barbara Collier discussed the court case and updates on the hearings. There is a court date on June 30, 2022. Barbara discussed at length issues regarding her department while employed with the Nation and NIGC rules and communication. Barbara spoke regarding her feelings about her departure.
- Discussion regarding personnel issues: Quapaw Tribal Members want and need jobs and higher pay. Avenues are being discussed and worked on to improve those issues mentioned.
- Discussion regarding wildlife, hunting, fishing, and preserving our land. We currently do not have a regulator to help regulate hunting activities. We

- have to get a regulator and then get the laws and ensure it is done correctly.
- Abigail Logan spoke again regarding Tribal Members that cannot work in casinos and possibly having avenues for the Tribal Members to be employed.
- Betty Geadtke spoke regarding the check-in deposit required for Tribal Members.
- Michelle Newtons spoke about being respectful if you live local for people needing rooms traveling far away for the Powwow. Please give a name for each room you reserve as a Tribal Member and do not take advantage of it.
- The museum will be expanding the items in the gift shop.

XV. Closed Session: 10:51 A.M. **Returned:** 12:01 P.M.

- *Enrollment Issue.*
- *Tribal Member Issue.*
- *The closed session discussed a number of enrollment issues relating to bureaucratic error and CDIB issues.*

XVI. Benediction: Zack Turley, Member.

XVII. Adjournment: 12:03 P.M.

- Motion to adjourn by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Second by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes to adjourn.

/s/ Guy Barker

Guy Barker, BC Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in
Accordance with Robert's
Rules of Order

By: /s/ Steva Stand

Interim BC Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business Committee on July 16, 2022, with a vote reflecting 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.