

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Business Committee Community Building & Zoom Saturday, July 16, 2022

- I. Call to Order:** 9:11 a.m.
- II. Invocation:** Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
- III. Roll Call by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.**
- 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
 - Member Vacant
- IV. Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- V. Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 18, 2022, BC Meeting were presented for approval.
- *The motion of Resolution 061822-A ENACTING THE QUAPAW NATION MARRIAGE CODE on page 5 of the minutes needs to be amended to reflect that the motion was to table the resolution.*
 - Motion to approve June 18, 2022, meeting minutes by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving June 18, 2022, meeting minutes with the correction.
- VI. Reading, Correction & Approval of Polls:** The following polls were presented for approval.
- Poll2301_Food Sovereignty Director
 - Poll2493_Camp Quapaw - T-Shirt Donation \$600
 - Poll2497_QCS-Transport Driver job description
 - Poll2542_Juvenile Affairs Case Manager
 - Poll2560_Purchase Request - QSA - Road Grader Pre-approval
 - Poll2592_Purchase Request - QSA - Mack Dump Trucks
 - Poll2609_Breast Cancer Committee Donation
 - Poll2645_2023 NAHASDA Indian Housing Plan Approval
 - Poll2651_Purchase Request - QSA - CAT Roller
 - Poll2656_Donation Request for Father's House - Celebrate Recovery Summit
 - Poll2823_Cancer Awareness Team
- Motion to approve polls by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving the polls.

- VII. Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2022, 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 Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 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 June 30, 2022, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.
- Motion to approve the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports.
- IX. Chairman's Report – Joseph Byrd.**
- Financial position, achievements, and successes realized this past year were acknowledged at General Council.
 - The 150th Powwow went well, and no infractions made for a good safe weekend. It was a very positive event.
 - Living Language Grant Program awarded \$72,000 for revitalizing the Quapaw language. Thanked the Osage and Cherokee Nations for their willingness to assist with the information that helped receive the high score to receive this grant. Thanked Billy Joe Proctor.
 - The Dhegiha Language Conference will take place at Downstream Casino Resort on July 27th and 28th.
- X. Accounting Report by Eric Bohn – Chief Financial Officer (CFO).**
- June 30, 2022, we received \$4.7 million in revenue in our general fund, bringing the year's total to \$20.1 million. Actual expenses for June were \$2.3 million, bringing our total for the year to \$18.8 million and \$27.75 million budgeted.
 - The Tribal Member Health Benefit expenses for June were \$425,000, bringing the total for the year to \$3.25 million.
 - Social Services expenses for June were \$185,000, bringing the total for the year to \$2.1 million.
 - Education expenses were \$85,000 in June, bringing the fiscal year's total to \$767,000.
 - The Tribal Enterprises such as QSA, QCC, and Food Services submitted \$400,000 to the general fund for June.
- XI. Subcommittees' Reports.**
- **Emergency Funding Assistance (EFA) – Larry Mercer.**
 - EFA is running on budget and expects to wrap up the year on budget.
 - **Election Committee – Linda Davis.**

- The Special Election filing is closed.
- The election will be held one week from today at the Community Building, and polling will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- There has been one request for an observer, and if anyone is running and would like to have an observer, please submit that request.
- Individuals can request an absentee ballot, but if they choose to be present to vote, they must return their absentee ballot to vote in person.
- You can submit your red voter card or your enrollment card that says registered voter on it with a photo id to be able to vote.
- **Constitution Committee – Roman Kihega, Chairman.**
 - The committee submitted a request to the Business Committee to call a Special General Council to hear and vote on proposed amendments.
 - The Business Committee wishes to extend the August 27, 2022, date to allow more time for notice and comments. This will allow all Tribal Members to have ample opportunity for review. This will also allow the document to have any necessary revisions before going to a vote of the entire voting membership of the Tribe.
 - Ninety days from now would be good, which will set the date to October 22, 2022, because it needs to take place in the form of an election because it calls for a referendum vote which would require the opportunity for absentee voting as well so there is a lot of other pieces to this other than just calling for the date.
 - The Constitution Committee is not agreeable to that date, but the Constitution Committee does not have the authority to set the meeting.
 - The timelines will be set at the next Constitution Committee meeting.
 - The Election Committee will be part of the process.
 - Make sure that it is qualified voters.
 - The amendments will be published for review.

XII. New Business.

- **Resolutions**
 - **Resolution 071622-A: CRYSTAL CHAT SALE.**
 - Motion to approve Resolution 071622-A by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
 - Seconded by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving Resolution 071622-A.
 - **Resolution 071622-B: ROADS PRIORITY LIST 2022 - 2026.**
 - Motion to approve Resolution 071622-B by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Seconded by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.

- *Discussion requesting to see more of the O-gah-pah language injected into the names of our street and road signs next year with this plan.*
- Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving Resolution 071622-B.
- **Resolution 071622-C: MACK DUMP TRUCKS' FINANCE AGREEMENT.**
 - Motion to approve Resolution 071622-C by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving Resolution 071622-C.

XIII. Donation Requests:

- **Commerce Public School** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation for safety door locks for all rooms that manage students.
 - Motion to donate \$1900 by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$1900 to the Commerce Public School.
- **Dhegiha Preservation Society** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation of \$5000 to assist with the Dhegiha Language Conference.
 - Motion to approve \$5000 by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to approve \$5000 to the Dhegiha Preservation Society.

XIV. Open Forum:

- *The Vice-Chair requests a moment of silence to recognize those Tribal Members that the Nation has lost: Juanita Waggoner and Sherri Pompano.*
- There was a discussion by Abigail Logan and issues she has with the Constitution Committee and other issues.
- Jesse McKibben discussed charges of the past administration, the DDA, and past bonuses.
- Wena Supernaw thanked BC for the financial and services book. Discussion of the payoff date for the Saracen debt, which is expected to be six years even though ten years is the set time frame.
- Wena also asked if there could be stand-alone financials for Quapaw Casino, Saracen Casino, Downstream Casino, and loan documents on the website. That might have to be by request instead of public publication.
- Saracen and Downstream Casinos have had a positive cash flow in the last two years. The construction at Saracen has already been budgeted.
- The Nation is trying to finalize ARPA funds because the guidelines were not received until late March.
- Bear Litigation (HR4715) markup work week was in July, we petitioned to be on the agenda, but we were unsuccessful. The self-dealing has delayed the process 6-8 months, so legislators have expressed that it could now be

- a two-year delay. The next potential markup could be in September.
- Barbara Kyser-Collier asked if the initial agreement was for the hotel to be built along with the property. Yes, it was slated for 3 phases. This is a sound financial investment.
- Barbara Kyser-Collier discussed how nothing in the Saracen Phase-2 plan had Native American designs and culture in the design. The design carpet has the topography of the river bed, and Betty's beautiful pottery will be throughout the Phase-2 plan.
- Steven Crane discussed campaign sign issues and campaign challenges from 2020.
- Linda Davis requested to open the grounds at the same time as the Business Committee meetings so individuals can come and camp more often than just a week before and a week after Powwow. Linda was asked to allow the BC to get together to discuss.
- Jerri Montgomery stated that Law Marshals would be needed to make sure people did not get out of hand but would like to see it open.
- Mikel Whitecrow stated that magnetic enrollment cards could be used for all Tribal Members to get in/out.
- Steve Owens thanked the BC for donating to Father's House and Celebrate Recovery.

XV. Benediction: Steve Owens, Tribal Member.

XVI. Adjournment: 10:59 A.M.

- Motion to adjourn by Lloyd Buffalo, Member.
- Second by Guy Barker, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 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 August 20, 2022, with a vote reflecting 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.