

# Minutes

## **Quapaw Nation Business Committee Community Building & Zoom Saturday, August 20, 2022**

- I. Call to Order:** 9:15 a.m.
- II. Invocation:** Michelle Newton, Member.
- III. Installation of Officers.**
- Joseph Byrd, Chairman
  - Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer
  - Mike Shawnee, Member
- IV. Crowning of the Quapaw Nation Junior Princess Mia Forbis.**
- V. Roll Call by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.**
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| • Joseph Byrd, Chairman              | Present |
| • Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairwoman     | Present |
| • Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer | Present |
| • Michelle Newton, Member            | Present |
| • Zack Turley, Member                | Absent  |
| • Mike Shawnee, Member               | Present |
| • Member                             | Vacant  |
- VI. Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- VII. Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the July 16, 2022, BC Meeting were presented for approval.
- Motion to approve July 16, 2022, meeting minutes by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
  - Motion passes approving the July 16, 2022, meeting minutes.
- VIII. Reading, Correction & Approval of Electronic Polls:** The following electronic polls were presented for approval.
- Poll1991\_Triple J Ranch Auto LLC Parcel
  - Poll2088\_Flint Rock Litigation - Approval
  - Poll2751\_JUNIOR TRIBAL PRINCESS STIPEND
  - Poll2800\_Marshal Services- Lieutenant Patrol Supervisor Job Description
  - Poll2801\_Marshal Services- Fish and Game Officer Job Description
  - Poll2802\_Marshal Services- Deputy Chief Investigations Job Description
  - Poll2875\_2nd Opinion Invoice Payment
  - Poll2876\_Purchase Request - Forestry - Skid Loader
  - Poll3892\_Marshal Services- Probation and Parole Officer Job Description
  - Poll3994\_Hay Donation For Elkdog Medicine, Inc 2022
  - Poll4013\_Remaking Tribal Constitution Seminar
  - Poll4018\_Cultural Activities Coordinator
  - Poll4110\_ITC Property ROW for Liberty
  - Poll4159\_Welch Property Purchase
  - Poll4161\_NAFOA (Native American Finance Officers Association) Membership Renewal
  - Poll4164\_Resolution to Submit FVPSA application for 2022

- Motion to approve polls by Mike Shawnee, Member.
  - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
  - Motion passes approving all the electronic polls.
- IX. Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s Report for the period ending July 31, 2022, was submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee by standard accounting procedures.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Michelle Newton, Member.
  - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
  - Motion passes approving the Treasurer’s Report.
- X. Approval/Disapproval of Directors’ and Subcommittees’ Reports submitted:** The Directors’ and Subcommittees’ Reports for the period ending July 31, 2022, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.
- Motion to approve the Directors’ and Subcommittees’ Reports by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
  - Seconded by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
  - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 vacant.
  - Motion passes approving the Directors’ and Subcommittees’ Reports.
- XI. Chairman’s Report – Joseph Byrd deferred to Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.**
- Veterans’ Day for Quapaw Nation’s veterans will be held at Downstream on November 11, 2022.
  - An Elders’ trip is scheduled for the week of October 17, 2022, and it will be a two-day and one-night trip. Elders will receive an invitation in the mail.
  - The Elders’ Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 17, 2022, a social will begin at 5 p.m, and dinner/entertainment will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Please submit ideas for the Veterans’ Day or Elders’ Christmas dinner.
  - The Quapaw Nation is trying to build up their foster homes inventory, so if you are interested, there will be a flyer with contact information coming soon.
  - The Community Health Representative (CHR) program is under our Emergency Management Services (EMS) and is available to everyone. They provide home-safety surveys, blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks, transportation to doctor visits, medical equipment, home visits, and many other items. There will be an informational flyer coming out soon.
  - The Chairman reported that Downstream Casino and Resort made a \$10 million payment to the investors and raised the total debt elimination to \$85 million this year. It gets the Nation closer to debt elimination and Downstream being paid off and lifting the restrictions on dividend payments that come back to the Quapaw Nation government.
  - The Vice-Chair reported that all casinos received a clean report from the State of Oklahoma and NIGC.
- XII. Accounting Report by Eric Bohn – Chief Financial Officer (CFO).**
- July 31, 2022, we received \$2.46 million in revenue in our general fund, bringing the year’s total to \$22.5 million. Actual expenses for

July were \$3.96 million, bringing our total for the year to \$22.9 million and \$27.75 million budgeted.

- The Tribal Member Health Benefit expenses for July were \$469,000, bringing the total for the year to \$3.7 million.
- Social Services expenses for June were \$290,000, bringing the total for the year to \$2.4 million.
- Education expenses were \$126,000 in July, bringing the fiscal year's total to \$898,000.
- Tribal Enterprises such as QSA, QCC, and Food Services submitted \$650,000 to the general fund for July.
- The Business Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss FY 2023 budgets with the new members.

### **XIII. Subcommittees' Reports.**

- **Constitution Committee** – Roman Kihega, Chairman.
  - The committee is proposing amendments to the current Governing Resolution because this process gives us the most control on how to shape our own documents instead of creating a constitution, so we can keep things in-house instead of going thru the Dept of Interior right now. We will then go through the secretarial vote process. A constitution is in our view but is not what we are working on right now. It is just an easier step in working towards a constitution.
  - The Special General Council meeting was postponed to October 22, 2022. The Constitution Committee does take issue with the lack of clarity of Section 14 of our Governing Resolution that defines the process. The Constitution Committee proposed that we focus on Section 14 to clarify the process and engage the Election Committee. They want it to be a balloted procedure. Our current process allows debate and amendment at the time of voting. We believe there is a way to accomplish that, but we do not know what it is. We want to ask the Business Committee about the process around how this would take place.
  - The Chairman liked Section 14 being solely amended and having a balloting procedure. The act of having a Special General Council to change something in our laws, which would require a referendum vote for everyone. On Oct 22, we should talk about and come to a consensus and debate and then put it to a referendum vote for all. Callie Bowden and Michelle Newton agreed that is a good starting point. The Constitution Committee would like to have in writing what that procedure would be from the Business Committee. Wena Supernaw will draft a letter regarding that procedure.
  - The Constitution Committee should have multiple town hall meetings and get that engagement from everyone. The Constitution Committee can set some dates for the town hall meetings, which will be confirmed on Monday and sent to everyone.

- Three members are attending the Remaking Tribal Constitution seminar.
- Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the Constitution Committee, will submit a list of recommendations for her replacement on the Constitution Committee. The Constitution Committee is also requesting a couple of additional members on the Constitution Committee.
- The Constitution Committee is going to start having public meetings.
- **Emergency Funding Assistance (EFA)** – Larry Mercer.
  - The committee appreciates the budget the Business Committee gave, allowing them to help many Quapaw Nation members.

**XIV. New Business.**

- **Resolutions**

- **Resolutions 082022-A through 082088-J:**

- 082022-A Office of Special Trustee Signatories
- 082022-B Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Signatories
- 082022-C Quapaw Food Services Authority Signatories
- 082022-D Quapaw Casino Signatories
- 082022-E Quapaw Nation Signatories
- 082022-F Quapaw Services Authority Signatories
- 082022-G Saracen Casino & Resort Signatories
- 082022-H Downstream Casino & Resort Signatories
- 082022-I Downstream Golf Club, LLC Signatories
- 082022-J Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) 4432 Forms and Enrollment Signatories
- Motion to approve Resolutions 082022-A through 082022-J updating all signatories with the new administration on all bank accounts with the Quapaw Nation by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving Resolutions 082022-A through 082022-J, updating all signatories with the new administration on all bank accounts with the Quapaw Nation.

**XV. Open Forum:**

- The Kids Quapaw Camp was enjoyable for the kids. Great appreciation goes out to Billie Burtrum, her team, and everyone involved for their hard work that helped make it a great camp for the kids.
- All discarded items from the casinos and the Nation will first go to the Quapaw Nation entities; if they do not want them, they will go to the Breast Cancer Awareness team to auction off to help raise money.
- Following up on the request to open the grounds up the weekend of the Business Committee meeting is still being discussed, and still trying to work

out the logistics to do so.

- There is still no date for the Fall Gathering, but hopefully, it will be decided in the coming weeks.

**XVI. Closed Session:** 10:31 A.M.                      **Returned:** 11:25 A.M.

- Personnel Issue
- Personnel Issue
- Tenant Issue

**XVII. Benediction:** Amy Kvistad, Tribal Member.

**XVIII. Adjournment:** 11:31 A.M.

- Motion to adjourn by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Second by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
- Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, and 1 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/ Steva Stand

Interim BC Executive Secretary

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business Committee on September 17, 2022, with a vote reflecting 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.