

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Business Committee Quapaw Nation Museum Classroom & Zoom Saturday, September 17, 2022

- I. Call to Order:** 9:12 A.M.
- II. Invocation:** Michelle Newton, Member.
- III. 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 | Present |
| • Mike Shawnee, Member | Present |
| • Member | Vacant |
- IV. Declaration of Quorum:** Announced by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- V. Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of August 20, 2022, BC Meeting were presented for approval.
- Motion to approve August 20, 2022, meeting minutes by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving the August 20, 2022, meeting minutes.
- VI. Reading, Correction & Approval of Electronic Polls:** The following electronic polls were presented for approval.
- Poll4295_TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION
 - Poll4320_QCS Case Management Coordinator- Job Description Revisions
 - Poll4334_Scale House and Scale Permit Renewal
 - Poll4354_Property Fee to Trust Resolution
 - Poll4363_ADOPTION
 - Poll4364_INFINIUM MIGRATION FROM DOWNSTREAM SERVER PER QNGA DIRECTIVE
 - Poll4474_INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL (ITBC) DELEGATES RESOLUTION
 - Poll4533_TRIBAL MEMBER UTILITY DISPUTE
- Motion to approve polls by Mike Shawnee, Member.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes approving all the electronic polls.
- VII. Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 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 Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
 - 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 August 31, 2022, were submitted to the Quapaw Nation Business Committee.

- Motion to approve the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
- Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, and 1 vacant.
- Motion passes approving the Directors' and Subcommittees' Reports.

IX. Chairman's Report

• **Bear Settlement.**

- Congress is in recess in the month of August.
- More work is needed with the House Natural Resource Committee.
- A more strategic approach is needed to getting into those meetings and in the halls, specifically with our Republican counterparts.
- A more strategic approach is needed to reeducate our congressional delegates and representatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas and make them aware of what this means to the Quapaw people.
- There is unofficial support from the Secretary of Interiors Haaland.

• **Saracen Casino.**

- Year-to-date interest expense savings of \$19.7 million under the new refinance structure compared to a year ago. These savings enable a large portion of developments to be paid with cash flow and utilization of current credit facilities.
- The EBITDA for the fiscal year to date is \$8.3 million, which has outpaced the previous year.
- The hotel and event center construction is to begin sometime in 2023, and we expect to fund the development with cash flow.

• **Downstream Casino.**

- A \$10.7 million principal payment will be made at the end of this month, including an additional payment bringing the total debt elimination at the end of the fiscal year to a little over \$100 million.
- A little over 1/3 of the \$300 million debt has been repaid, meaning the dividend restriction of \$10 million will be lifted later this year, allowing us to increase employee compensation, health insurance, and social programs for Tribal citizens.

X. Subcommittees' Reports.

• **Constitution Committee** – Roman Kihega, Chairman.

- We received a new written opinion from our counsel stating that the election ordinance is the prevailing document we should follow when amending the governing resolution.
- This changes our approach but will help us in being able to allow the validating measures to take place without us having to go back and vote on this at a Special General Council meeting.

- October 22, 2022, will still be a special in-person meeting, but there will not be any vote taking place. The meeting will be to get the wording for the amendments to the Governing Resolution.
- There will need to be at least 100 registered voters to show up so a petition can be signed and presented to the Business Committee. There will be Zoom meetings for citizens' participation.
- The Election Ordinance supersedes Section 14 of the Governing Resolution.
- A meeting with the entire Business Committee, the Election Committee Chairman, and the Constitution Committee to resolve if the election must be called by the BC Chairman or the Election Committee Chairman will need to be scheduled. The Constitution Committee Chairman will provide a date for that meeting.
- **Emergency Funding Assistance (EFA)** – Larry Mercer.
 - The EFA Committee is over budget for the second time in twelve years but will continue to assist Tribal citizens.
- **Cultural Committee** – Carrie V. Wilson.
 - There will be a film viewing on September 20, 2022, at the Museum of Native American Heritage in Bentonville, AR, at 5:30 P.M.
 - There will be an appreciation dinner for the Archeological Survey and Museum on September 22, 2022, in Fayetteville, AR; the events will begin at 2:30 P.M.
 - A meeting on October 2, 2022, to discuss establishing a Quapaw Color Guard, which Bill Griffin will lead; the meeting location will be announced, and invitations will be sent out.
 - November 9th or 10th will be a Veterans' Day brunch.
 - On November 11, 2022, there will be a Veterans' Day Dinner at the Downstream Pavilion for Quapaw Veterans.
 - On November 20, 2022, will be the Fall Gathering at the Downstream Pavilion. This event will be centered around social dances, including stomp dances and various games and activities for all ages. The event will begin at 10 A.M., and Carolyn Nott is organizing vendors, so please contact her if anyone is interested. Any volunteers, suggestions, and prizes are needed.
 - Betty Gaedtke will coordinate with the Quapaw Cancer Awareness Committee on putting together a Quapaw Cookbook.

XI. Donations.

- **Santa Claus Program (Jerry Coach)** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation for their annual toy drive.
 - Motion to donate \$1000 by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$1000 to the Santa Claus Program for their annual toy drive.

- **Backpack of Food (First Presbyterian Church)** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation for their Backpack of Food Program.
 - Motion to donate \$1000 by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$1000 to the Backpack of Food Program.
- **4-H State Qualifier for Trap/Skeet (Montana Elmer)** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation of \$500 for gas, two-night lodging, and meals to attend the 4-H Shotgun State Contest.
 - Motion to donate \$500 by Zack Turley, Member.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$500 to Montana Elmer to attend the 4-H Shotgun State Contest.
- **River Bottom Sportsmen** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation of \$1000 to assist paralyzed veterans in a deer hunt.
 - Motion to donate \$1000 by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Mike Shawnee, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate \$1000 to the River Bottom Sportsmen Association to assist paralyzed veterans in a deer hunt.
- **QN Cancer Awareness Team** – Requesting the Quapaw Nation to assist with a donation of 5 ½ cases of hamburger patties for a Chili Feed to help raise money for Tribal Members or employees that are battling cancer.
 - Motion to donate 5 ½ cases of ground beef and a Pendleton blanket for the raffle by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
 - Seconded by Michelle Newton, Member.
 - Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent, 1 vacant.
 - Motion passes to donate 5 ½ cases of ground beef and a Pendleton blanket for the raffle to the QN Cancer Awareness Team.

XII. Open Forum:

- Secretary-Treasurer Wena Supernaw stated that the BC had reviewed subcommittee memberships, stipends, and any new needed subcommittees. There were recommendations for ten new subcommittee members across three subcommittees. A Children’s Committee with seven members was agreed to commence. In the process of connecting with the chairpersons of the subcommittees and the new members of those subcommittees.

XIII. Closed Session: Start Time: 11:12 A.M. End Time: 1:17 P.M.

- Personnel Issue

XIV. Benediction: Mike Shawnee, Member.

XV. Adjournment: 1:18 P.M.

- Motion to adjourn by Wena Supernaw, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Second by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chair.
- Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 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 as corrected by the Quapaw Nation Business Committee on October 15, 2022, with a vote reflecting 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining, and 1 absent.