

Minutes

Quapaw Nation Business Committee Community Building Saturday, July 20, 2019

- I. *Call to Order:* 9:05 a.m.
- II. *Invocation:* T.C. Bear, Member
- III. *Roll Call:*
 - John Berrey, Chairman Present
 - Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairman Present
 - Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer Present
 - Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
 - T.C. Bear, Member Present
 - Zack Turley, Member Present
 - Lloyd Buffalo, Member Present
- IV. *Declaration of Quorum:* Announced By: Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer
- V. *Reading, Correction & Approval of Minutes & Phone Polls:* The Minutes of the June 15, 2019, QNBC meeting and phone polls were presented for approval.
 - Motion by Marilyn Rogers, Member
 - Seconded Zack Turley, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.
- VI. *Approval/Disapproval of Treasurer's Report:* The Treasurer's report for the period ending June 30, 2019, was submitted to the QNBC in accordance with standard accounting procedures.
 - Motion by Lloyd Buffalo, Member
 - Seconded T.C. Bear, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.
- VII. *Approval/Disapproval of Program Directors Reports Submitted:*
 - Motion by Marilyn Rogers, Member
 - Seconded Zack Turley, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.
- VIII. *Directors Report:*
 - Karen Hildreth, Museum- The exhibits have been updated. There are different groupings and some items on temporary loans. There is new pottery coming in from the archaeological survey in the couple of months. The sale at the gift shop on July 5th was really good. We sold over 1500 dollars' worth of merchandise. Pattie and Betty Gaedtker had a pottery display during the sale. There was a donation of a war club in June from the DDA. It was owned by Whitebird. It was in

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France and it came back to us. I have been busy updating records and pictures. I am getting the storage units cleaned out.

- Everett Bandy, THPO- I am reporting on THPO activities this month. We have completed and submit for our grant at the end of June. We received approval 3 weeks later. We received and replied to 87 Section 106 letters and 296 emails. We surveyed 21 cell phone towers. There were significant projects done this month. Such as, we executed an agreement with Arkansas. In the agreement, we discuss the work being done at the site. We agreed that there will be an archaeologist on site. We are still working on the Bradley agreement site. It stalled and is taking some extra time, but we got it kick started with a Cultural Resource Survey. Beginning of the month, I traveled to DC with Chairman Berrey. Met with some officials about THPO. Lastly, the Osage was digging through their collection and came across a pottery. We brought it back and is displayed at the museum.
- Debbie Wray, Tax Commission- We have received 2nd quarter rebate. It paid for the audit. We don't have to renew till 2020. The next annual update will be the 2nd quarter of 2019 and will include all "tribal population figures" postmarked between the dates of July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019; received from either the BIA or an independent CPA office on behalf of the Quapaw. Amendment tax ordinance increase by sales tax by 2 percent. The last tribal sales tax increase was effective June 1, 2015. The current tribal sales tax rate for Downstream Casino Resort and Quapaw Casino is 7%. The current rate for all other locations, Quapaw C-Store, Tribal Museum, and Tribal Administration is 5%. I compiled a spreadsheet, of the current fiscal year to compare the difference. If the current locations collecting 5% would have been collecting 7% this would have increased the overall/combined tribal tax remittance by just over \$13,000 for just these locations, within the past 8 months. This is not a significant amount of tax revenue, but again, it becomes accumulative over a period of time. I would like to ask you reconsider the 5% tribal tax rate imposed at these locations; and increase the tribal tax rate to 7%. I do not think the 2% increase will have any impact on the customer. If the tax increase is approved keep in mind the effective date, to allow enough time to get the notification to the facilities, updated reporting forms, etc. and of course the collection of the tribal tax.
- Patti Billings, Library- With school out and summer in full swing, the library has been very busy. I am doing story time at OLC. We have pottery class and it is in demand. We are going to have children's pottery class. I have been contacted by Ashley Wright at the DLC about Storytime. On Thursday, I will be doing Storytime two times at DLC. The Little Free Library is going well, and we are keeping it stock. By having it people are coming in as a result of the little free library. The fastest books that are being picked up are children's book and cookbooks. If you haven't been to the library lately, I invite you to come by and check out the wonderful resources your tribal library has to offer.
- Rhonda Weaver, Title VI- Thank you to Quapaw Casino for donations of chairs and tables. Vendors at the food expo love Downstream and are impressed with our tribe. We hosted Father Days dinner. We also had Senior Day at Buffalo Run. The

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crafty senior is growing. At the mobile food bank at High Winds, we had 90 people. It is third Thursday of each month. With the caregiver support group meeting, we partner with Wyandotte and had picnic in the park.

- Eric Bohn, CFO

IX. *Sub Committee Reports:*

- *Elders committee:*

- John Berrey, Chairman stated the Christmas Dinner is a donation from Downstream. Tena will work with you on the menu.
- Trip to Arkansas
 - Motion to approve trip by Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Seconded Lloyd Buffalo, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.

X. *New Business:*

- Resolution 072019-A: A Resolution Committing to Fund Matching Costs of Construction of Indian Housing Block Grant Funded Homes
 - Tabled. Need more information.
- Constitution Committee. Post on website for group of people.
- Saracen groundbreaking Aug 5th. Opening Oct. 1. Q store open in a couple of weeks.
- Revenue share on compacts.

XI. *Donations:*

- Quapaw Cub Scout Pack 70-\$1500
 - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairman
 - Seconded Zack Turley, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.
- Autumn DeMaro-\$300
 - Motion by Zack Turley, Member
 - Seconded Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
(7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)
 - Motion Passes.
- David's Fight- Donation of Meat- \$127.60
 - Tabled.
- Welch High School Cheer- \$2500
 - Motion by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairman by 500
 - Seconded Marilyn Rogers, Member
 - Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes;
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- Two donations requests received by Callie Bowden, Vice-Chairman & Tamara Smiley-Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer shall be done by phone poll.

XII. *Open Forum:*

- *Donation world series next. Request \$500.*
 - *Motion by Zack Turley, Member*
 - *Seconded T.C. Bear, Member*
 - *Vote: JB, yes; CB, yes; TSR, yes; MR, yes; TB, yes; ZT, yes; LB, yes; (7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, 0 absent)*
 - *Motion Passes.*

XIII. *Closed Session: 1030-1223*

XIV. *Benediction: Zack Turley, Member*

XV. *Adjournment: 1225*

/s/ Tamara Smiley-Reeves

Tamara Smiley-Reeves, BC Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Prepared in Accordance of

Robert's Rules of Order

By: /s/ Heather Dismuke

BC Executive Secretary

CERTIFICATION

Approved by the Quapaw Nation Business
Committee on August 17, 2019 with a vote
reflecting 7 yes, __no, __abstaining, __absent.