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200 years later,
WE ARE STILL HERE...



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sh-zhi-ka a-pa o'-ko-ta-we 'ta

HAZARA NA Kaa'ze i-e

G-ga-xpa l-e Po'-ka l-e

U-mo'-ha l-e

A graphic with colorful geometric patterns and text, likely representing a tribe or cultural symbol. It features a central circular emblem with the word 'Dhegiha' and several rows of text and patterns below it.

QUAPAW NATION

200 years later,
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November 15th, 2024, will mark the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty with the Quapaw, 1824. Today, the Quapaw Nation still holds a reservation in modern day northeastern Oklahoma.

This 200th anniversary marks 200 years of survival, resilience, and fortitude. 200 years of retention of a Quapaw sovereign government, language, cultural practices, and land base. 200 years later, we are still here...



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QUAPAW NATION SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2024

Wena Supernaw, the Quapaw Nation Business Committee Chair, is calling four (4) Special General Council Meetings to occur consecutively on Saturday 9/7/2024 and 9/8/2024, if necessary, at the Downstream Pavilion starting at 9am.

1. **Special General Council Meeting 1 - Disposition of All Remaining Goodeagle/Quapaw Settlement Funds.**
2. **Special General Council Meeting 2 - Review and Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 NAGPRA Budget.**
3. **Special General Council Meeting 3 - Review and Approval of Governing Resolution Amendments.**
4. **Special General Council Meeting 4 - Fill one (1) Ethics Commission Vacancy, Term Expires 2026.**

After adjournment of the Special General Council Meetings, the Constitution Committee will facilitate an open dialogue to allow the members at the meeting to openly discuss and guide the Constitution Committee on various topics. Topics will include:

1. Elections and Procedures
2. Terms of Elected Officials
3. Number of General Council Meetings and Rules
4. Number of Business Committee Meetings and Rules
5. Options that Balance and Strengthen our Governing Powers

We encourage all enrolled Quapaw Nation citizens and Quapaw Blood voters 18 years or older to be present those days and hope to see you there.



QUAPAW NATION SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL

September 7th and 8th, 2024 General Council Childcare Pre-Registration.

Please provide the names, ages, and any known allergies for each child attending

First and Last Name	Age	Allergies (if any)

Emergency and Authorized contact information (must be at least 18 years of age)

First and Last Name	Contact #

We will be going outside, weather permitting. Please provide sunscreen for your child/children. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer or Heather at the Downstream Learning Center

918-919-6500

Sunscreen Permission/Exclusion

September 7th and 8th, 2024

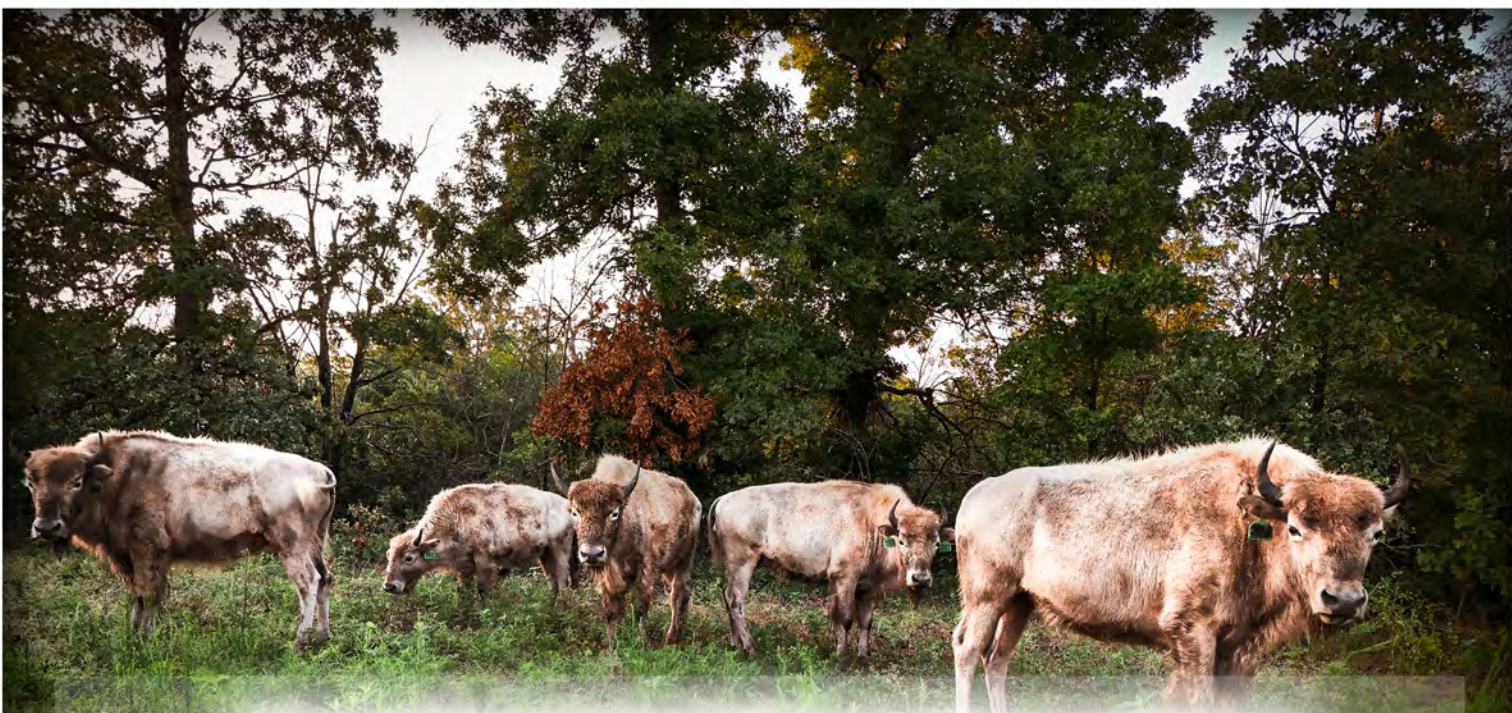
I give permission for Downstream Learning Center to apply sunscreen to my child/children

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed form by August 23rd, 2024 to hlesmeister@downstreamcasino.com

Or jedward@downstreamcasino.com

**RESERVE ROOM AT HOTEL BLOCK: 918.919.6000
BOOKING CODE: TRIBE24**



From Frosty to Future Generations: Understanding the White Bison Gene

Story by Austin Headlee | Photography: John E. Rodgers

The Quapaw Nation acquired a rare white buffalo, later named Frosty by tribal leaders when he was three years old preparing for transport to New Mexico. Frosty is turning seven now and has produced eight white buffalo calves. Not much is known about how rare the white buffalo gene is or how it is passed down, but the Quapaw Nation is doing its best to research how the gene operates.

“There’s so much we don’t know and understand about how often the white gene gets carried on,” said Mitch Albright, Director of Agriculture. “We’re still going to be tracing that. We have eight white bison calves, three of them are coming three-year-old heifers, so that’s going to be a new test we’re going to run.”

Just like Frosty, all of his offspring are genetically pure as well. This means that there is no bovine DNA in their system. Albright and his team plan to pair pure-bred bulls with the white heifers to better understand how the white gene is passed on to their offspring. Frosty has two two-year-old bulls that are a few years away from being paired with cows, but they will eventually provide valuable information about how the genes are passed on.



According to the National Buffalo Association, the rarity of producing white bison is not quantifiable because “no one has ever kept track” of it long enough to produce the data. Over time, the Quapaw Nation hopes to help accrue enough information to give an accurate estimate.

Today, Frosty’s heifers can be found in the trophy pin when entering the Downstream Casino Resort property on Nee Road. Frosty’s other offspring are with other groups of bison on the Quapaw Reservation. In many Native American cultures, the birth of a white buffalo is a sign of change.

“I’ve heard lots of folks talk about the significance of it,” said Mitch. “One just for being bison in general and what it means to tribes, but the white bison and all of the folklore that goes with it says that change is coming, and boy is it. As a tribal member, I’ve seen change, so much change has happened in our tribe since our white bison bull showed up.”

Approximately 60 million bison once roamed the great plains (according to National Park Services) before colonialism and western expansion of the 1800s nearly made the majestic animal go extinct. Less than 1,000 remained at one point, but through a collective effort, the bison population of North America has reached north of 600,000 and continues to grow.

Helping to bring back the buffalo population is something the Quapaw Nation takes pride in. This task is impossible to do without the collective effort from other Native American tribes and resources from their reservations. The buffalo play a vital role in agriculture which has helped growers for generations. When the herd is thriving, the soil thrives, which causes plants and native animals to thrive as well.



John E. Rodgers



“It really intrigues me what bison do to our land,” said Albright. “The reason we have the topsoil on our land that we do is because herds used to roam through this area. Bison are a keystone species, so when bison thrive everything else thrives and it was the same way for our ancestors. When they followed those animals, they knew that they would thrive as long as they were thriving.”

Albright had years of experience with cattle before handling bison, but there is a world of difference between the two animals. From the way they are handled, treated, and doctored to the way they graze and move as a herd, everything about them is different. Bison are an intelligent species that recognize individuals and patterns.

Along with being intelligent, bison are also creatures of habit and nesters. It is not uncommon for them to stick their nose into the feeding trucks when they recognize the driver, but when more trucks and people enter their pins, they become more curious while maintaining their distance.

Albright oversees 175 bison on the Quapaw Reservation. He has been with the Quapaw Nation for nearly 10 years, eight of which have been spent with the land management and agriculture departments.



QUAPAW NATION MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Thomas Wyatt, MD, FACEP, was recently appointed as the new Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare.

Dr. Wyatt completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in 2003 and began serving as a faculty emergency medicine physician in 2011. He is also an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Wyatt has held several leadership roles at Hennepin Healthcare, including Medical Director of Emergency Medicine from 2017 to 2020 and Senior Medical Director of Emergency Services since 2020.

HCMC is the busiest emergency department in Minnesota, with team members caring for some of the most critically ill and injured patients from across the state.

“Training the best residents in the world, recruiting diverse world-class faculty, conducting research, and promoting innovations that advance the specialty of emergency medicine are just a few of the departmental goals we’ll continue thanks to the standards of excellence set by this team,” explains Dr. Wyatt. “Their outstanding skillsets and compassion provide the best emergency care for our community.”

Dr. Wyatt is one of the first tribally enrolled American Indians (Shawnee/Quapaw) to lead an academic emergency department in the United States – and the first to chair an emergency department in Minnesota. He credits mentors at the University of Oklahoma where he received his pre-medical education, support from the University of North Dakota’s INMED program, and many others for helping him achieve his academic goals of becoming a physician. Dr. Wyatt is also committed to increasing American Indian representation in the medical field and works with Hennepin Healthcare’s Talent Garden Program to encourage youth to consider healthcare careers.



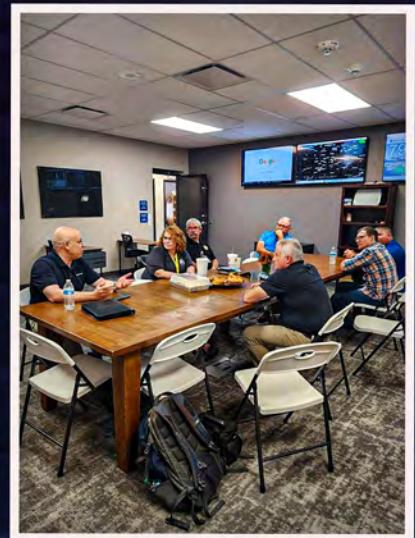
“Mentorships and programs play essential roles in preparing future medical professionals – and I also realize the significance of being an example to other American Indians and American Indian youth who might want to pursue a similar career path.”

Beyond the walls of the Emergency Department, Dr. Wyatt served on Hennepin Healthcare’s Board of Directors for six years and chaired the Board Quality and Safety Committee for two years, while additionally supporting the staff and community as the co-chair of the Hennepin Healthcare American Indian Collective.

Additionally, he is actively involved outside Hennepin Healthcare as Co-Director of the MPact Indigenous Health Course at the University of Minnesota Medical School and recently joined the Board of Directors at LifeSource, which is the largest organ procurement organization in the Midwest. Dr. Wyatt also serves as a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, and the Association of American Indian Physicians.

About Hennepin Healthcare
Hennepin Healthcare is an integrated system of care that includes HCMC, a nationally recognized Level I Adult Trauma Center and Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and acute care hospital with the largest emergency department in Minnesota, as well as a clinic system with primary care clinics located in Minneapolis and across Hennepin County. The system is operated by Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc., a subsidiary corporation of Hennepin County.

YOU ARE ON QUAPAW RESERVATION.



JULY 23RD MARKED THE LAUNCH OF THE QUAPAW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AND OPEN HOUSE OF THE NEW CENTER DESIGNED TO HELP IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR OTTAWA COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

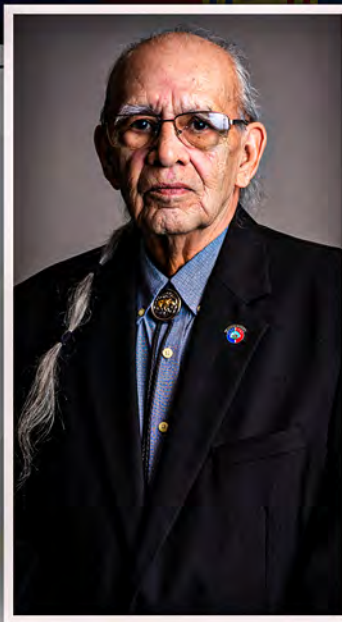


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WENA SUPERNAW**



**QUAPAW NATION
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBER
LLOYD BUFFALO**



**QUAPAW NATION
SECRETARY-TREASURER
LINDA VALLIERE**

CONGRATULATIONS

**QUAPAW NATION CHAIR WENA SUPERNAW,
QUAPAW NATION SECRETARY-TREASURER LINDA VALLIERE
AND QUAPAW NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBER
LLOYD BUFFALO ON THEIR RE-ELECTION ON JULY 27TH**



**QUAPAW NATION
AT MIAMI
HERITAGE FEST
JULY 26 & 27**





THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WERE ABLE TO CELEBRATE STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND VOCATION PROGRAMS. EACH GRADUATE WENT HOME WITH A CERTIFICATE AND PRIZE. THE BANQUET HAS GROWN IN SIZE EVERY YEAR, AND THIS WAS THE BIGGEST ONE YET! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT 2025 HAS IN STORE.



DRUMMERS & SINGERS AT MIAMI HERITAGE FEST AND JOPLIN THIRD THURSDAY CELEBRATION



TRIBAL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN JOPLIN THIRD THURSDAY



SAVE THE DATES
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL - 9/7 & 9/8

VETERAN'S DINNER - 11/8

FALL GATHERING - 11/16

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12/7

ELDER'S HOLIDAY PARTY - 12/21



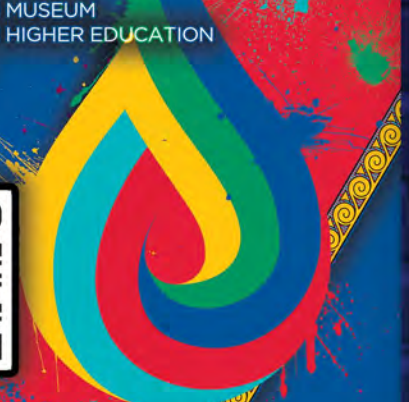
QUAPAW NATION
YOUTH ART CONTEST & EXHIBITION



DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2024
PLACE: QUAPAW NATION MUSEUM
TIME: JUDGING: 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.
EXHIBITION: 12 P.M. - 4 P.M.

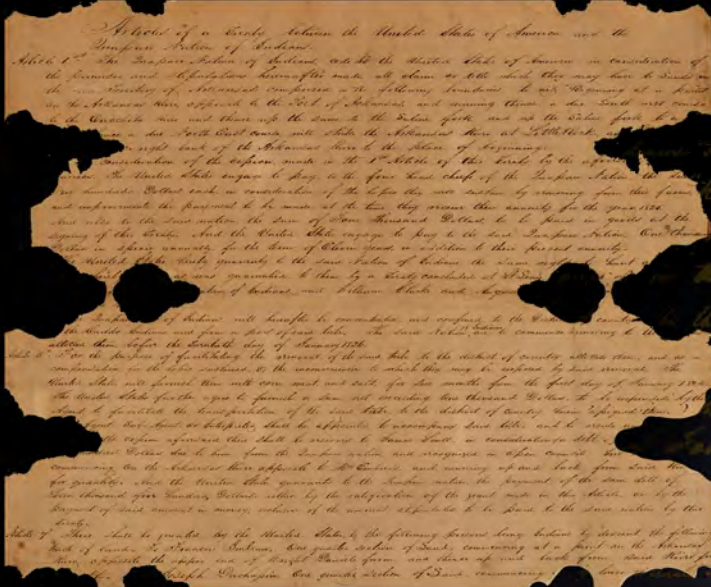
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THE MUSEUM AND HIGHER ED ARE PARTNERING TO HOST THE FIRST ART COMPETITION & ART EXHIBITION FOR OUR QUAPAW YOUTH.

Save the Date



THE QUAPAW TREATY OF 1824

This 200th anniversary marks 200 years of survival, resilience, and fortitude. 200 years of retention of a Quapaw sovereign government, language, cultural practices, and land base. 200 years later, we are still here...

The Quapaw Culture Division has partnered with Arkansas State Archives to arrange for the original Quapaw Treaty of 1824 to be on display at the Robert Whitebird Cultural Center on November 15th, which is the 200th anniversary of the signing of the treaty. It will also be on display the following day during the Quapaw Nation Fall Gathering on November 16th. Tribal members in attendance will be able to personally view the X marks of 15 Chiefs and Warriors, including Hacke ton (Heckaton/Dry Man), To non seka, Ki ah hacketady (Kiheka tedah/Lame Chief), and Sarazen (Saracen).

Please join us in commemorating this treaty and remembering both long-term effects of this treaty while also commemorating 200 years of Quapaw survival and resilience.



Quapaw Nation General Council July 4, 2024, Summary

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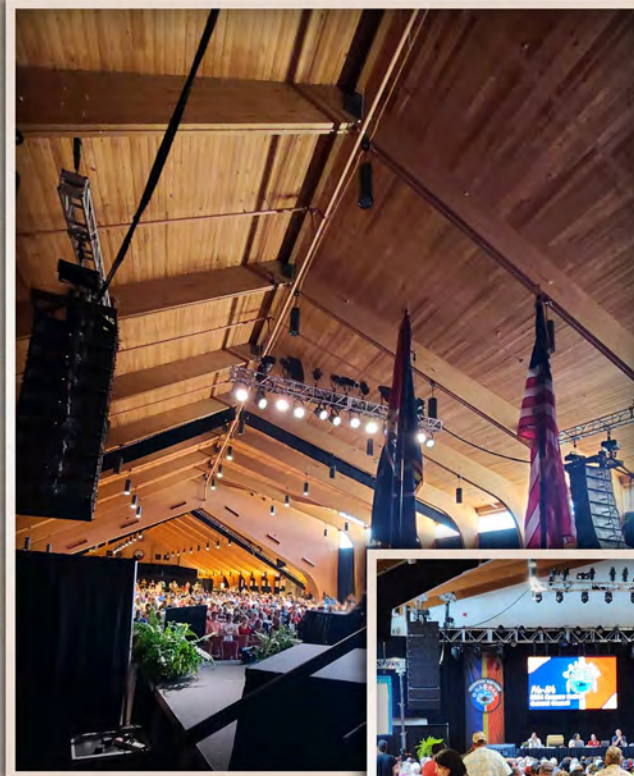
There were multiple important topics discussed in the General Council meeting. You are encouraged to watch the recorded meeting on YouTube. The following summary is not the official meeting minutes.

The approved minutes will become available in July 2025.

Welcoming Remarks from Chair Supernaw

Ha-We, Hello and Welcome, it's wonderful to see so many Quapaws here today and thank you for coming. It's through active tribal member participation, we continue to make forward progress.

- Veterans recognition
- Please join me in a Moment of Silence for all those we have lost this last year. Please lift all these Quapaw families in prayer as we all grieve and help support one another.



- You will notice a member of the Business Committee is not present this morning. The member who is absent is supporting a Quapaw family who just lost a loved one as head cook. She honors all of us by committing to our traditional burial ways when called upon.
- Back on June 15 the Quapaw Nation Business Committee called a Special meeting of the Quapaw Nation Indian Council to Amend the Governing Resolution and other potential matters on Saturday September 7 and Sunday September 8, if needed, at the Downstream Pavilion.

The amendments will resolve discrepancies in the Governing Resolution regarding

- Who is a Qualified Voter
- Section 2 - Candidate requirements. We will add language and remove language
 - Adding language for Felonies and crimes of moral turpitude
 - Remove language regarding nominees from the floor
 - Clarify Precertification for Secretary Treasurer
- Section 3 - Who designates the Election Date, and Place.
 - Filing Date.
 - Single Candidate or No Candidate
- Section 4 - Vacancies for Elected Offices
- Section 6.2 - Ethics Commission vacancies
- Section 9 - Strengthening some language and striking some language regarding
 - Strengthen Surety Bond Requirements
 - Strike Commissioner of Indian Affairs language

Other items may be added to the agenda and will be included in the published notice that must be completed no later than August 6.



After the adjournment of the Special Meeting to Amend the Governing Resolution, the Constitution Committee would like to facilitate an open dialogue to allow the members at the Special Meeting to openly discuss and guide the Constitution Committee on various topics

Topics will include

- a. Elections and Procedures
- b. Terms of Elected Officials
- c. Number of General Council Meetings and rules
- d. Number of Business Committee Meetings and rules
- e. Options that Balance and strengthen our Governing powers

- Thank you to all those working to make this a good General Council meeting. That includes all the Quapaw Nation employees & volunteers, Downstream Learning Center, Ogahpah Communications & Events, Department of Public Safety, Election Committee, and the Downstream Casino & Resort team.

- Our goal today is to conduct an efficient, productive, respectful, and constructive meeting.

- For Ogahpah Tikeda (formerly the Ray Property) new housing subdivision, you can tour the homes at around 10am tomorrow.

- Thank you to our Tribal Princess, Lena Tsosie and Jr. Tribal Princess Betty Lou Goodbear for representing our Nation so proudly and gracefully this last year.

- Would all past and present Quapaw royalty please stand and be recognized for your contributions to the Quapaw Nation.

- Thank you to Tony Shawnee, our Pow Wow Committee Chairman, the full Pow Wow Committee, and the Grounds Committee. We're all really looking forward to the 152nd Pow Wow that starts this evening.

- When you registered earlier today, you received a voting device, a packet, and a sticker. Quapaw citizens need to wear their sticker. Remember.....sticker = clicker! Only those wearing the Ogahpah flag sticker should have a voting device in their possession. Caretakers and non-tribal member essential personnel should wear the yellow sticker to show you have permission to be in the room. In the packet, you have:

- o Today's agenda and on the back of that page Roberts Rules of Order Noted Changes. The changes were based on a 3rd party audit of our meetings and training sponsored by the Constitution Committee.
- o A Quapaw Nation General Council booklet that contains Frequently Asked Question, 7/4/2023 General Council Meeting Minutes, 9/30/2023 Special General Council Meeting minutes, Proposed Grievance Committee Policies & Procedures, Proposed Code of Ethics, Childcare Pre-Registration form. These were already made available on the Tribal Website and social media.

- o Ogahpah Nation booklet that contains departmental directory, a welcoming statement from the Business Committee, FY 2023 financial results, reports for all 3 gaming properties, departmental reports, subcommittee reports, and photographs of most subcommittees/commissions, and beautiful photographs of our Jr and Tribal Princesses.

Approval/Disapproval of Meeting Minutes

- o July 4, 2023, General Council meeting minutes - **approved**
- o September 30, 2023, Special General Council meeting minutes - **approved**

Treasurer's Report from Secretary-Treasurer Valliere

You will find in your packets an O-Gah-Pah Nation Resource book. The first page inside the book is a welcome message from the Quapaw Nation Business Committee. That's how you know you are in the correct book. [give everyone a moment to find their books] On the next pages you will find the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Highlights for your review. Throughout the Resource book you will also find financial information that corresponds to the respective departmental reports. We hope that you find the reports and information within the Resource book helpful.

The information contained in the Resource book can also be found on the Quapaw Nation website home page. If you scroll down on the home page under Latest News you will find the 2024 Quapaw Nation Resource Book. It has been posted for the last 3 weeks.

The full Quapaw Nation Fiscal Year 2023 Audited Financials can also be found on the Quapaw Nation website. From the home page, click on Government, then Financial Audits, 2023 Quapaw Nation Audit.

The Quapaw Nation Fiscal Year 2023 consolidated financial statements received an unqualified audit opinion. An unqualified audit report concludes that the financial statements are presented fairly and are transparent in all material aspects. It is the best audit opinion provided by the auditors.

As you can see in the Financial Highlights Section of the Resource book almost 60% of the Quapaw Nation revenue comes from Gaming operations. And just under 35% of the Quapaw Nation expenditures are for Tribal member services and benefits.

As of the end of June 2024 the debt for Downstream Casino and Resort balance is \$136.64 million. We have paid \$167 million or 55% of the current debt. We are on track to have this debt paid off by December of 2028. However, we are required to re-finance this debt instrument by December 2026, and we are working hard to negotiate lower interest rates.

As of the end of March 2024 we have paid more than \$110 million on the debt for Saracen Casino and Resort. The principal balance is \$242.5 million. However, when the hotel vertical construction began in May 2024, the debt agreement allows for an 18-month amortization holiday. Meaning for 18 months beginning May 2024 all we have to pay on the Saracen debt is the interest. We don't have to make any principal payments until the end of the 18 months.

We are continuing to focus on eliminating debt. As we pay down our debt, our credit rating improves. We continue to analyze our upgraded credit situation and develop relationships with regional and national banks so that we can leverage our good credit to negotiate more favorable interest rates. This will allow us to continue to decrease the amount of interest expense on our debt instruments.

During the last year Quapaw Nation has worked to increase employment opportunities within the Nation and its entities. This is an ongoing goal that we are continuing to work on as we move our Nation forward.

Some other financial goals we have are to continue to provide critical community services as well as more cultural events and activities.

As we move our Nation into the future, we are looking at more convenient and efficient ways to provide services to our tribal members.

The Quapaw Nation over the last year has taken on several capital improvement projects.

Most notably are the infrastructure improvements at Beaver Springs campgrounds. This project updated the electricity, water, and roads within the grounds. We hope that everyone enjoys the improvements while camping at powwow this weekend.

Another capital project is the Children's Splash pad that opened at the end of May 2024. That is one more improvement that we hope everyone will enjoy while attending powwow, especially the kids during the heat of day.

If you drive down Future Farmer Rd on your way to the campgrounds, you will notice that several houses are under construction on the south side of the road. This new housing addition will provide affordable housing for tribal members and their families. The goal to provide affordable housing in the area is ongoing. Keep an eye out for those house seeds to grow.

The largest of our capital projects is the Saracen Casino Hotel and Event Center. As of last week, the construction of the 7th floor of the Hotel had been erected and the construction of the event center is moving right along. It really looks like an event center now. We are looking forward to the increased revenue that Saracen Casino Resort will provide the Quapaw Nation once it is complete.

It is our goal to build a financial foundation for the Quapaw Nation that will allow us to not just sustain ourselves, but to grow and provide for the wellbeing of all Quapaw Nation members.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report - **approved**

Recognition of Elders

Last year, 5 elders who had reached the age of 90 were given special recognition. We were so moved by this beautiful gesture that we wanted to continue that recognition. We will be recognizing 5 other elders who have reached the age of 90. Some are in the room. Some are watching on zoom, and we want to express our gratitude for teaching us, guiding us, and helping to continue our Quapaw traditions and culture. Betty Jean Weithoner, Patricia Ann Konecny, Bobby Jean Cross, Eula Maxine Mayfield, and Joseph Samuel Cousatte were presented a Quapaw Clan Pendleton blanket.

Elections

1. Tribal Princess - Lena Tsosie
2. Jr. Tribal Princess - Emelyn McCandless
3. Pow Wow Committee Chair - Tony Shawnee
4. 3 Grievance Committee Even Year Positions - Kari Sisson, Tiffany Rowe, and Bonnie Gilmore Schalk
5. 1 Ethics Commission Odd Year - Buddy Shapp

Updates were provided by the following organizations: Ogahpah Wisdom Keepers (Elders Committee) Grace Goodeagle

Ethics Commission Skylar Rawlins
Grievance Committee Laura Rawlins
Election Committee Frank Frazier
Constitution Committee Roman Kihega
Downstream Development Authority/
Quapaw Casino Authority Kugee Supernaw

New Business

1. Grievance Committee Policies & Procedures - **approved**
2. Code of Ethics - **approved**
3. Grievance Committee Stipends - **approved**
4. Ethics Commission Stipends (going forward only) - **approved**
5. Voting on re-enrollment for Theresa Ann Luellen Garrison - **not approved**
6. Business Committee Compensation - **no action requested**
7. A Resolution Authorizing a Dispute Resolution Process for the Bear Settlement Process - **approved**

Candidate Forum 7/27 Election (5 minutes each)

1. Chairman
 - Mick Wilson
 - Wena Supernaw
2. Secretary-Treasurer
 - Linda Valliere
3. Member
 - Brenda Murray
 - Amy Panther-Kvistad
 - Lloyd Buffalo

Open Forum

1. Bonnie Gilmore Schalk made a motion to distribute the remaining approximate 21.4 million of the remaining Goodeagle v US and Quapaw v US Settlement funds as follows:

- 5 Million be allocated to Tribal Member Services for the benefit of ALL enrolled tribal members over the next 3 years. That's 1.667 Million per year for the next 3 years.
- All remaining funds, including interest earned, are to be distributed to Goodeagle Plaintiff Group 1 enrolled claimants equally, or their heirs over the age of 18 if the claimant has died, no later than 7/31/2024.
- All administrative matters are to be resolved by the Quapaw Nation Business Committee and reported at least annually to the Quapaw General Council.

• **Motion failed**

2. Paven Johnson made a motion to:

- Reaffirm Carrie V. Wilson NAGPRA Director for Quapaw Nation.
- Provide a program budget and an assistant.
- NAGPRA assets including all artifacts, documents and equipment be held on Quapaw Nation approved property and not personal or private property.

• **Motion approved**



Jr. Tribal Princess – Emelyn McCandless
Tribal Princess – Lena Tsosie

QUAPAW NATION SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 7TH &
SEPTEMBER 8TH (IF NECESSARY)

9 AM - 5 PM

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AT DOWNSTREAM CASINO RESORT
69300 E NEE RD, QUAPAW, OK



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NATHAN PHELPS: THE MAN BEHIND THE FIREWORKS.

Did you grow up around the area?

I am not from the area. I grew up in Washington state.

How did you get your start in the world of fireworks?

I've always been known as a fire bug. But my real start in fireworks began in my teenage years. All the neighbors on my street and in my neighborhood decided to shut down the street and pull all their money together for me to shoot off a firework show for them. I started digging into the Internet and finding electronic firing systems and equipment to do my show. Now, fast forward 20 years. In my time as a professional pyrotechnician, I have won world class awards, competed in breathtaking Pyro musicals, and most of all got to turn my childhood hobbies into my career.

Did you go to college? If so, can you tell me about your experience?

Yes! I went to college at Columbia basin College in Washington state. My studies were in computer science and technology. I personally loved going to college because it allowed me to experience new things and helped me fine tune my passion for electronics.

How many years have you done the fireworks for Quapaw Nation now?

I have shot fireworks three out of the last four years.

What does it mean to you to be a member of the Quapaw Nation?

I enjoy being a part of the Quapaw tribe because it connects me to a rich cultural heritage and a strong sense of community. The traditions, values, and shared history provide a sense of belonging and pride. Being part of the tribe allows me to contribute to preserving our culture and to celebrate our unique identity together.

Can you tell us about your experiences within the nation?

I am proud to be a member of the Constitution committee. I serve on this Committee to Help preserve and protect The Rich Heritage of the Quapaw tribe. I also serve on the committee to help the future, be bright and rejuvenated for all generations. My family and I have been to several powwows as well as historical sites across the United States. We are looking forward to being an active part of the tribe and what it has to offer in the future.



What do you hope to accomplish in the future?

In the future as a tribal member, I hope to contribute to strengthening our communities cultural heritage and traditions, I want to improve economic and educational opportunities as well. And lastly, I want to work towards preserving our heritage as well as rejuvenating the members of our tribe. In doing these things, I hope that the tribe will be vibrant, prosperous, and most of all proud.



THREADS OF VALOR

WWII Quilt embroidered with tribal member names donated to the Quapaw Nation

By Austin Headlee

Many are familiar with the outcome of World War II, although many military members do not talk about their service during that time. The lack of knowledge at that time caused Nathan Pinter, founder and curator of the 1944 War Museum in Washington, MO, to do his own research.

Both of Pinter's grandfathers were combat veterans and nine other great-uncles served in World War II. He started collecting war artifacts nearly seven years ago to learn more about their time in service.

"My museum is my labor of love to my grandfathers and basically all veterans," said Pinter. "Especially to those who served during World War II because it's important we don't forget their sacrifice. It's important that we honor all of our veterans."

While searching for artifacts for his museum, Pinter stumbled upon a quilt embroidered with 36 names of World War II veterans on eBay. After purchasing the item and researching the names, he discovered that all of the names belonged to Native American men who grew up in and around the Quapaw Reservation. He quickly got with Myra Miller, founder of Footsteps Researchers, to find out everything they could about them.



Miller's father was a World War II veteran as well. Few veterans talked about their service during that time and she wanted to learn more about her family history which inspired her to found Footsteps Researchers. They have an international team across 5 countries, on-ground experts extremely knowledgeable about the terrain and history.

"When someone gives us the name of an individual, we do a deep dive because our goal is to understand not only why they were there, but how that impacted the outcome of the war, what their service meant and how long were they there," said Kathryn Vicat, Footsteps Researchers accounts executive. "We want to know everything about their experience because it explains so much about the individual."

Miller gave the assignment to Kathryn Vicat who is based out of Springfield, MO to find out more about the brave men that left their reservation to defend their country. Vicat spent hours on each individual name to discover everything she could about them. She combed through every document she could find and compiled over 1,000 pages into one large folder.

Each person has their own unique story and history. These men were all from the Miami, Picher and Quapaw, OK area and all served between 18 and their 30s, over half of which enlisted between the ages 22 and 30. Many were attending college, college educated, working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Haskell Institute. One was even an expert watchmaker.

"It's just crazy what you find out about these fascinating individuals who not only went over, not only risked their lives but also knew the risk and did it anyways," said Vicat. "Some people continue; one gentleman went to Korea, another guy worked for Lockheed Martin. These were amazing individuals and people need to know this was no small thing."

Many of the names embroidered on the quilt are Quapaw tribal members. Others married tribal members and some grew up in the area, but they are all connected to the land.

Each name has a story about how they started serving and what they did while deployed. Private Thomas J. Henry was listed as 5'5" and served as a scout for the parachute infantry. First Class Wilbur Lee Ellick was an expert watchmaker, served as a deacon for 29 years following his service, and sang frequently at tribal dances. Corporal Leroy Beets was a full-blood Quapaw according to the Indian Census and earned two bronze stars in combat.

Once Pinter learned more about the names embroidered on the quilt, he realized it was not his to keep and called Karen Hildreth with the Quapaw Tribal Museum to set up the donation. He and Vicat donated the quilt and document folders to the Museum for preservation and to eventually be displayed. The documents are available to be viewed by the public at the museum.

"I'm glad to finally return it and it's wonderful," said Pinter. "I'm glad people are going to see and enjoy it, it's a part of their history as well."

For more information on the quilt and the accompanying documents, please call the Quapaw Tribal Museum at 918-238-3157. Follow the 1944 War Museum, which is only four hours away from the Quapaw Reservation, on Facebook for more information about their findings. Visit www.footstepsresearchers.com to learn more about their services.



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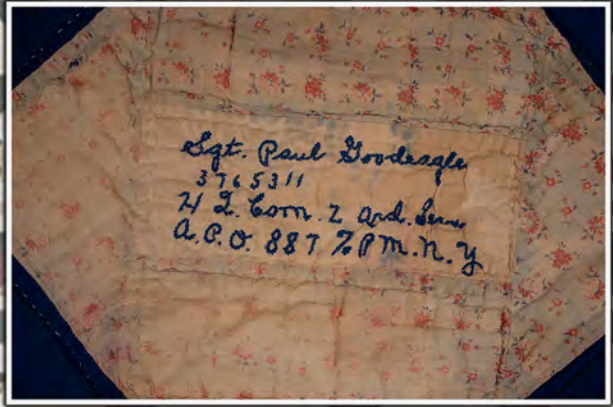
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QUAPAW NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE JUNE 2024 SUMMARY

Ha-we,

There were multiple important topics discussed in the BC meeting today. You are encouraged to watch the recorded meeting on YouTube.

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present - Chair Supernaw, Vice Chairman McKibben, Secretary Treasurer Valliere, Member Mercer, Member Buffalo, Member Davis, and Member Giveswater

CHAIR'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Our annual Memorial Dinner was held May 18. We would like to formally thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a successful dinner. It makes us proud that what was started in 1919 continues to the current time. We should all be proud of carrying our Quapaw traditions forward.
2. We would like to thank Blaise Feagan for placing flags on our veteran graves, and everyone who contributed to a respectful Memorial Day, full of honor.
3. Effective yesterday, Ogahpah Communications and Ogahpah Coffee employees are now employees of the Quapaw Nation, with new focus on building their enterprises. Welcome!
4. Member Davis gave an update on the Goodeagle settlement remaining funds. The Business Committee has begun deliberating on open items that must be decided. Those include:
 - a. Potential distribution,
 - b. Target group,
 - c. Process,
 - d. Timing, and
 - e. Amounts

We have decided to engage RSM and another firm to assist with the process to establish a fair, consistent, and well communicated process. Their activities will include:

- a. Define intake information/questionnaire and develop the "Notice" to be sent to tribal members
- b. Acquire, develop, and maintain the settlement website, which will include, among other things, the Notice and other relevant documents, and the ability to download such documents, obtain information and submit applications.
- c. Establish a toll-free phone line with interactive voice response ("IVR") capabilities and an option to speak with a live agent.
- d. Arrange for the Emailing of the Notice to those tribal members where we have an email address.
- e. Arrange for the printing and mailing of the Notice to tribal members.
- f. Arrange for the mailing of a pre-printed application form after Final Approval to tribal members that have not opted out of the settlement.
- g. Remail Notices that are returned undeliverable but with a forwarding address.



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- h. Search for updated address information for those tribal members whose notice is returned as undeliverable with no forwarding address, and re-mail Notice if updated address information is available.
- i. Maintain and update a database of reliable mailing addresses and contact information for potential members.
- j. Manage correspondence, including Opt-Out Forms and Objections, from tribal members, and coordinate with you and to maintain a list of those Opt-Out Forms received from tribal members.
- k. Receive and review applications submitted by tribal members.
- l. Attempt to locate tribal members whose checks were returned undelivered, and re-mail checks to any such tribal members that are subsequently located.
- m. Reporting and other project management associated with this process.

We appreciate your patience while these decisions are made, and the processes are carefully planned. This Business Committee understands the need to move forward swiftly.

- 5. Member Mercer provided a Ray Property home project update.
 - a. We have base rock on road, this should allow continuous work through rainy weather.
 - b. House #1,2 are painted and ready for flooring to be installed.
 - c. Houses #3,4 Sheetrock and tape and being applied, #3 should have texture sprayed on walls middle of next week.
 - d. House # 5 has had sheet rock delivered and to be installed next week.
 - e. Trusses have been put together and wall panels delivered for # 6, # 7, and # 8 are being completed at factory. # 9 has plans approved and will be going into production.
 - f. Survey has been completed on naming the addition. O-ga-xpa ti-kde (Quapaw Community) getting 60.94% of the vote.
- 6. Member Giveswater gave an update on the Pow Wow Grounds improvements.
 - a. The electrical upgrade is complete. Demobilizing and cleanup are all that remains.
 - b. Water installation is complete. We are waiting for lab results from water samples, which should be in at the beginning of next week.
 - c. Stormwater installation is complete.
 - d. All flood plain concrete paving will be complete by the end of next week.
 - e. We will start the asphalt paving on Monday and should be done by Friday.
 - f. We are 20% complete on the finish grading and will be completing areas as we go along.
 - g. We plan to achieve substantial completion by June 24th. After collaborating with the Grounds Committee, we plan to open the grounds for campers on June 28 at 5 pm, at the end of the business day. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Grounds Committee. Information is available on the Nation's website.
- 7. Member Buffalo provided a Cemetery Committee and Veteran Memorial update. The Cemetery Committee for the 6 additional names on the Veterans Memorial. Samuel Bernard Cockrell, Samuel M. Cockrell, Austin Barry Cockrell, Felix Gage Nixon, Conner James Albright, Drake Hinkle.
- 8. At the Constitution Committee's request, the Quapaw Nation Business Committee is calling a Special meeting of the Quapaw Nation Indian Council to Amend the Governing Resolution on Saturday September 7 and Sunday September 8, if needed, at the Downstream Pavilion.



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Amendments will resolve discrepancies in the Governing Resolution regarding

- a. Who is a Qualified Voter?
- b. Section 2 - Candidate requirements. We will add language and remove language
 - i. Adding language for Felonies and crimes of moral turpitude
 - ii. Remove language regarding nominees from the floor
 - iii. Clarify Precertification for Secretary Treasurer
- c. Section 3 - Who designates the Election Date, and Place.
 - i. Filing Date.
 - ii. Single Candidate or No Candidate
- d. Section 4 - Vacancies for Elected Offices
- e. Section 6.2 - Ethics Commission vacancies
- f. Section 9 - Strengthening some language and striking some language regarding
 - i. Strengthen Surety Bond Requirements
 - ii. Strike Commissioner of Indian Affairs language

After the adjournment of the Special Meeting to Amend the Governing Resolution, the Constitution Committee would like to facilitate an open dialogue to allow the members at the Special Meeting to openly discuss and guide the Constitution Committee on various topics

Topics will include

- a. Elections and Procedures
 - b. Terms of Elected Officials
 - c. Number of General Council Meetings and rules
 - d. Number of Business Committee Meetings and rules
 - e. Options that Balance and strengthen our Governing powers
9. There are a number of myths being circulated that I would like to address:
- a. No, O, political contributions have been made to my reelection campaign from any person or entity. You folks pay me a salary that I am very appreciative of. I can afford my own yard signs.
 - b. I have not embezzled \$19M of Goodeagle Settlement funds or other resources of the Quapaw Nation.
 - c. I am 1 of 7 Business Committee members, with no unilateral decision-making authority. Our Governing Resolution requires a majority vote for any decision to take effect. This Business Committee follows our laws.
 - d. I'm sorry we have to have this conversation, but it is the truth. The Quapaw Nation Tribal Members deserve the truth. This is the truth.

The Business Committee attended the following events this last month:

1. Had an opportunity to meet the AR Governor Sarah Huckabee-Sanders, First Gentleman Bryan Sanders, and Chief Standingbear of the Osage Nation where we discussed items of common interest with a continued focus on strengthening relationships for many years to come.
2. Secretary-Treasurer Valliere, Member Davis, 4 Quapaw Nation Directors and I attended the Miami Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Connection Luncheon.
3. Brainstormed with Missouri Southern State University on pathways for more of our Quapaw Nation youth to attend MSSU academics and athletics.
4. The entire Business Committee attended the Quapaw Nation Splash Pad Grand Opening. The initial reports are how much the community youth enjoy this new fun feature in Quapaw. Thank you again to the Child Care Development Fund team (Director JoOuita Smith, Laura Johnston, and Donna Mack), John Jackson Jr., and Branco for making this vision from a few years ago.....become a reality.



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The Business Committee attended the following events this last month:

5. Secretary-Treasurer Valliere and Chair Supernaw attended the Oklahoma Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution commemoration of the 1924 Indian Citizenship Act in OKC. This act was passed by the United States Congress, where it imposed U.S. citizenship on indigenous peoples of the United States. Indigenous tribes were mostly considered to be separate nations, with citizenship and treaty rights, so their people were not considered to be citizens of the United States until this act was passed one hundred years ago.
6. USDA-DOI Tribal Treaty Database Consultation and Listening Session and DOI Office of Grants Management Tribal Consultation.
7. Vice-Chairman McKibben provided an update on the Tribal Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City.
8. Secretary-Treasurer Valliere provided an update on the Oklahoma Indian Tax Alliance quarterly meeting she attended with the Tax Commissioners and Tax Administrator. Presentations were made by OneTribe Intertribal Software, Oklahoma Policy Institute, and Cougar Den, LLC. OneTribe Intertribal Software provides enterprise software data systems for Tribal entities. Oklahoma Policy Institute is a non-partisan independent policy think tank, working to advance equitable and fiscally responsible policies that expand opportunities for all Oklahomans. Cougar Den, LLC is a fuel and tobacco supplier owned by a tribe out of Washington state. They presented services they could provide to the Tribal Nations within Oklahoma. Topics discussed during the OITA meeting include:

Income Tax Update

Tribal Tag Issues (including Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and Tag Compacts)

Tobacco Compact Update, and Motor Fuel Compact

The Income Tax update included issues with Native Americans living within their respective reservation boundaries and working for their respective tribe being exempt from Oklahoma state income tax.

The tribal tags issues discussed revolved around ways to resolve the issues brought about with Oklahoma Turnpike Authority requesting tribal tag information for purposes of the new Plate Pay system and the Tag Compact offers sent to many of the tribes from Oklahoma Governor Stitt's office. The Quapaw Nation has received a Tag Compact offer from Governor Stitt's office. Quapaw Nation currently does not have a tag compact with the state of Oklahoma, and we have not had one in previous years. This tag compact offer is being reviewed by the Business Committee and we will be responding to Governor Stitt's office on the tag compact offer soon.

The tobacco compact updated discussed that many of the tribal compacts are set to expire at the end of 2024. We should see tobacco compact offers coming from Oklahoma Governor Stitt's office within the next couple of months. Quapaw Nation currently has a tobacco compact with the state of Oklahoma. We will closely review and compare the new tobacco compact offer as soon as we receive one from Governor Stitt's office.

The motor fuel compacts are under review by Oklahoma Governor Stitt's office. The tribes of Oklahoma can expect new compact offers from the Governor Stitt's office as each tribe's current compact expiration date approaches. Quapaw Nation currently has a motor fuel compact with the state of Oklahoma and will closely review any new compact offer the Governor's office sends to us.

The Quapaw Nation Business Committee will work to negotiate the best terms possible for the benefit of Quapaw Nation on any compact offer that is received from Oklahoma state. We will weigh the responsibilities of the Quapaw Nation to the Quapaw people, our surrounding communities as well as to the State of Oklahoma when considering terms within any compact.



9. We met with Department of Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Bryan Newland and his senior team members. The discussion and requests were on two different topics.
 - a. The Quapaw Nation requested that the Department of the Interior commit to supporting our interests in the FERC proceedings associated with the Project. With respect to the current license, we requested that Interior advocate that FERC require GRDA acquire adequate flowage easements to mitigate flooding on the Spring River. For the new license, we requested that Interior advocate for license conditions that will ensure protection of the Quapaw Nation's water, property, and other trust resources. There was a good outcome where a specific individual, who was on the call, was assigned as our contact. That dialogue continues.
 - b. We requested that Interior commit to supporting the Quapaw Nation, through Congressional hearings and other means, in pursuing legislation to appropriate the Bear Settlement Funds so that distribution can occur as soon as possible. There was a good outcome and additional discussions have been scheduled.**

The Nation held the following events this last month:

1. Medicine Wheel Garden was planted at the Food Sovereignty Farm and several Quapaw Nation citizens participated in planting the garden. This event was sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and hosted by the Food Sovereignty and Quapaw Nation Youth Program
2. The CCDF Program started a new project called "I Hope You Dance," where the goal is to loan children regalia who might not ever have the chance to own their own so that they can be fully immersed in our tradition. Bids were taken from Quapaw tribal members who are specialized in making Quapaw regalia for boys/girls ages infant to 12 years old. They are also requesting people donate gently used regalia, jewelry, fans, moccasins, etc. for the children. You can contact the CCDF Department for more information if you are interested in participating.
3. A pottery class was held for our youth.
4. The Quapaw Flags plaque was installed at the museum. A plaque was installed next to the USS Quapaw anchor located at the Robert Whitebird Cultural Center. The plaque reads "The members of the crew who served aboard USS QUAPAW, ATF 110, dedicate our anchor, which blessed the bow of our ship for 69 years as a bond to your nation and our service to provide a lasting memorial". We want to thank the Culture Committee for both of these important installations.
5. The Ogahpah Wisdom Keepers held an outing earlier this week. They started at the Joplin Mineral Museum, lunch at Downstream, and then had a meeting later that afternoon at the RWC Classroom. We hope all the elders who were able to attend had a great time.

The Nation is holding some upcoming events.

1. Downstream Casino donated two tickets to the Cancer Awareness Team for the Kane Brown Concert, July 3rd. They are selling raffle tickets for \$1 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5. Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn at next week's Farmers Market, Friday, June 21st
2. June 21st - Will be the next Farmer's Market, which is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday until October. This month's grand prize is a rain barrel, bird feeder camera, bird feed, and wildflower seeds, "Pardon the weeds, I'm feeding the bees" sign, and a \$100 prize package from Quapaw Casino, which will be drawn at the end of the market. You will receive a raffle ticket by just walking through the doors and an additional ticket for each vendor booth you make a purchase.
3. June 22nd, The Quapaw Nation Education Department will be holding the 2024 Graduation Banquet at Downstream at 11 a.m. The Nation will be celebrating High School, Colleges, Tech, and Vocational School graduates.
4. June 24th to 28th is Camp Quapaw Week for our Youth grades 2nd to 12th. This is our youth's chance to learn about our culture in a fun and exciting environment. This event is being hosted by the Quapaw Nation's Youth Program and sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).



The Nation is holding some upcoming events. (Continued)

5. July 1st and 2nd - Southern Plains Moccasin class is going to be held for grades 5th to 12th, Space is limited to 10 people, from 1 pm to 5 pm both days, presented by the Quapaw Nation Youth Program. Sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
6. July 2nd - Health Fair will be held from 8 am to Noon at the fitness center. 8 am to 10 am will be for ages 55 and older, from 10 am to 12 pm, all ages will be allowed. Several booths will be on display, including OILS (Oklahoma Indian Legal Services) who will be there to provide answers to legal questions and take applications for legal services. At that same time, Indian tacos will be served at Title VI building, with the same time and ages as the health fair. (8am-10am, 55+, 10am-12pm all ages).
7. July 4 is our General Council meeting at Downstream Pavilion starting at 9am. Breakfast will be served starting at 8am. Multiple documents have been posted to the Tribal Website, official social media sites, and printed copies at the Museum, Title VI, and the Admin Building. That includes:
 - a. The General Council Frequently Asked Questions
 - b. July 4, 2023, General Council draft minutes
 - c. September 30, 2023, Special General Council draft minutes
 - d. Proposed Grievance Committee Policies & Procedures
 - e. Proposed Ethics Code from the Ethics Commission
 - f. General Council Childcare Pre-Registration Form
 - g. Brent Divine over here has printed copies available this morning if you would like one
 - h. Additional documents may be made available before July 4 for tribal members early review.
8. During General Council, there will be an opportunity for all certified candidates to address General Council. Chair candidates are Wena Supernaw, Mickey Drew Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer Linda Valliere unopposed, and Lloyd Buffalo, Amy Panther-Kvistad, and Brenda McDunner Murray are running for the Member position. The election will be held on July 27th from 9 am to 5pm. We encourage all eligible tribal members to become a registered voter if you are not already. We also encourage everyone to vote, either in person on July 27 or by absentee ballot. If anyone is unsure if they can vote in person, please get those absentee ballot requests in now. The absentee ballot request form is on the Tribal Website and available at the admin building.
9. July 4th 7th - Quapaw Nation 152nd Annual Powwow. July 4 is Quapaw Night.
10. July 6th - Beaded Earring Class is being held from 1 pm to 3 pm, at the Title VI Building. This class is sponsored by the Quapaw Tribal Library and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services out of Washington, D.C.
11. July 6th at 6 p.m. - Quapaw Nation Tribal Group Photo is scheduled in the Arena, 6th at 6pm, please be there.
12. July 12th - The Quapaw Food Sovereignty department and cattle company is putting on another food distribution program. The application deadline is 4 p.m. on July 12th. The distribution pick up dates are July 22nd to 27th. The application can be found on the website.

Quapaw Casino

For the month ending April 30, 2024, Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) totaled \$566,000, with a margin of 25.5%. This result exceeded budgeted expectations by \$10,000 and represents an increase of \$188,000 from April 2023. YTD EBITDA is \$3.1 MM while the budget for YTD is \$2.9 MM which is a result of 105.2% of budget. Q3 EBITDA is currently at 101.7% of the Q3 budget.

The increase in EBITDA from last year is primarily the result of increased gaming and food revenue. There was an increase year over year in labor, state fees, utilities, and some other expense categories. Total net revenue from April 2023 showed an increase of \$162,000.

Net income for the month totaled \$602,000 with a margin of 27.1%. This represents a positive budget variance of \$59,000. Net income compared to April 2023 had an increase of \$225,000.



Quapaw Casino (continued)

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We are all happy to see the new gas pumps at the C-Store.
The new Quapaw Casino development continues with the pre-construction phase.

Downstream Casino & Resort

May was a much better month for Downstream. For the month ending May 31, 2024, EBITDA totaled \$7.9MM, with a margin of 41.9%. May's result exceeded our budgeted expectations by \$0.6MM and were \$0.2MM more than May 2023 EBITDA of \$7.7MM. YTD FY2024 EBITDA is \$62.9MM which is 98.4% of YTD budget. Q3 EBITDA is currently sitting at 94.8% of the Q3 budget. May was a favorable month, and the margin reveals an excellent job of controlling expenses.

Total net revenue for May 2024 was \$18.8MM. This net revenue represents an increase from May 2023 of \$1.1MM or 6.4%. On a revenue basis, May 2024 had positive variances compared to May 2023 across the board in all revenue categories except for a few categories (alcohol, cigarettes, fuel, and lottery).

The FY24 year-over-year expense comparison did show an overall increase in multiple categories.

Net income for the month totaled \$6.2MM with a margin of 33.3%. This represents a positive budget variance of \$0.8MM. Net income compared to May 2023 showed an increase of \$0.4MM.

Saracen

Gaming volumes in May bounced back as we experienced increased volumes over the prior year with Slots handle up 7.4% and Sportsbook handle up 56.8%. Total gaming revenue exceeded budget by 4.0% with Slots up 4.7% and Sportsbook up 22.0%. Table games volume continues to reflect a softening finishing 17.4% below prior year in "drop" and revenue down to prior year by 18.5%. Sportsbook handle in May 2024 experienced a 156.8% increase in volumes compared to May 2023. Hold for the month reflected more industry norms of 8.7%. For the fiscal year through May, Sportsbook handle is up 156.4%. Development of the hotel and event center is underway with the execution of the formal Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Flintco, the general contractor. Significant progress has been made recently with the structure of the event center podium. The fifth floor of the development has been poured and expect to add a floor every two weeks until "topping off" sometime this October. Updates on the timing of the development will be forthcoming with the initial estimates pointing to a fall of 2025 opening. The Saracen Casino Resort Team is excited to continue making progress on significant projects, especially in terms of diversifying cash flows, and providing the best gaming experience to our guests. Focus continues building the premiere experience to provide future returns for the Quapaw Nation.

This concludes the Chair's report - Guhnegay

Ogahpah Wisdom Keepers/Elders Committee (Grace Goodeagle)

- Discussed June 13 trip to the Joplin History & Mineral Museum, lunch at Spring River Buffet and the meeting later that afternoon.

Cultural Committee (Barbara Kyser Collier)

- They meet the Friday before the monthly BC meeting at 1pm at the RWC Classroom
- Committee began discussing ideas around reminiscence group recordings by Elders



Open Forum (continued)

In order to speak, an individual must have submitted the form or must pertain to topics on today's agenda. There is a 5-minute time limit. 1 trip to the podium. Be respectful.

Barbara Collier

Stated there is a conflict of interest for the person who is overseeing the construction for both Saracen and Quapaw Casino since he also holds an elected tribal position (different tribe). Saracen is a commercial casino regulated by the Arkansas Racing Commission. DDA Chairman confirmed all information requested from Saracen had been received and 3 of the 5 DDA members are now licensed in Arkansas. Inquiry around the resolution authorizing the 2nd Goodeagle distribution. Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that resolution is 081520-A and only recently interpreted to have authorized the distribution. DDA Chairman confirmed a credit card review will be conducted during the annual audit with special focus.

Tribal Member requested clarification on the Goodeagle process and timing. BC Chair explained the purpose of a well defined and communicated process and we will continue focusing on this to help expedite it.

Tribal Member wanted to know why not all the DDA had achieved their AR gaming licenses. DDA Chairman stated the last 2 should be licensed soon, considering licenses are only issued on Thursdays and will require travel.

Tribal Member inquired about the resolution authorizing the 2nd Goodeagle distribution. Member Buffalo explained that question was answered earlier.

Member Buffalo dispelled additional rumors regarding his work history for the Quapaw Nation, other tribal nations, and his wife's employment history.

Tribal Member inquired about employment due process. Chair Supernaw confirmed the Quapaw Nation is an at will employer.

Multiple Tribal Members encouraged respectful discourse.

THE QUAPAW NATION CULTURAL COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A REFERENCE FOLDER OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF TRADITIONAL CLOTHING FOR QUAPAW MEN AND QUAPAW WOMEN'S CLOTHING FOR QUAPAW NATION CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW AS DESIRED. IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO SHARE PHOTOS FOR THIS REFERENCE FOLDER, PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

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SARACEN CASINO RESORT HOTEL CONSTRUCTION ON TRACK FOR OPENING IN FALL OF 2025

The Quapaw Nation, owners and operators of Saracen Casino Resort in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is pleased to announce that its \$250 million Hotel and Event Center will open in the Fall of 2025.

This will bring the Quapaw Nation's total investment in Arkansas to over half a billion dollars. The latest investment adds 400,000 square feet including a 320-room four-star hotel and a 1,600 seat event center to the existing casino building.

"We love Arkansas, it is an important part of our ancestral homeland. For the Quapaw Nation to return with something so big and visible is a source of great pride." said Wena Supernaw, Chair of the Quapaw Nation's Business Committee.

Saracen opened in October 2020 and features 1,700 slot machines, 40 table games, the state's leading sportsbook (BetSaracen), and Arkansas' only poker room. In addition, Saracen features the award-winning Red Oak Steakhouse, named Arkansas' best restaurant for the past three years.

"Saracen's positive results since opening over four years ago has put us in a position to build this world-class hotel and event center" noted General Manager Matt Harkness. "This next phase is happening due to the hard work of the Saracen employees, and the guidance of the Quapaw Nation's leadership."

"This second phase provides continued diversification of our offerings thereby improving the financial strength of our operations" noted Chief Financial Officer Jim Burns.

Chief Market Officer Carlton Saffa observed, "The pair of 300-foot cranes speak for themselves, and from miles away. We are excited and looking forward to expanding our hospitality offerings." the committee to help the future, be bright and rejuvenated for all generations. My family and I have been to several powwows as well as historical sites across the United States. We are looking forward to being an active part of the tribe and what it has to offer in the future.



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Quapaw Business Committee July 2024 Summary

Ha-we,

There were multiple important topics discussed in the BC meeting today. You are encouraged to watch the recorded meeting on YouTube. The following summary is not the official meeting minutes. The approved minutes will become available in July. If you know of others who would like to be added to this distribution list, so they are aware of meeting outcomes quickly, please let me know. In addition, if anyone would like to be omitted from the distribution list, please provide that as well.

Discussion of the Bear settlement or authorization bill are in bold. Editor's notes are marked with <...>

ROLL CALL & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present - Chair Supernaw, Vice Chairman McKibben, Secretary Treasurer Valliere, Member Mercer, Member Buffalo, Member Davis, & Member Giveswater

BUSINESS COMMITTEE (FORMERLY CHAIR'S) REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We are in discussions with the University of Arkansas about doing online courses in word, excel, etc. for our citizens and they will get college credit for it. We are in direct contact with the President of the UA system in Little Rock: President Donald Bobbitt oversees the chancellors of all the UA campuses. Offering this at a discounted rate to tribal members is important. President Bobbitt said this is how they get degrees from the University of Arkansas, either online, in person or hybrid. The goal is to get in-state tuition approved through the legislature to give an opportunity to highlight the Quapaw Nation's history. This is a more permanent solution than a University of Arkansas internal policy.
2. The first 911 call happened at the Emergency Operations Center on June 26. So, the EOC is now up, operational, and live. Through 7/15, 1242, 911 calls have been received. This has been a long time coming and we are thankful for all the parties who have worked so diligently to make this consolidated Ottawa County, first of its kind, EOC, become a reality.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE (FORMERLY CHAIR'S) REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED):

4. Member Davis gave an update on the Goodeagle settlement remaining funds. We appreciate your patience while these decisions are made, and the processes are carefully planned. This Business Committee understands the need to move forward swiftly. As a result, a potential distribution of the remaining Goodeagle funds will be added to the Special General Council agenda for 9/7 and 9/8

5. Member Mercer provided a Ray Property home construction project update.

6. Member Giveswater provided an update on the Pow Wow Grounds improvements and impact on our 152nd Pow Wow. After many hoops and hurdles through contracts, timing, and weather issues. We are pleased to report that substantial completion of the Grounds Project was completed on June 24th. Thanks to the hard work and planning of our Project Manager John Jackson Jr., all the contractors who were involved in the process, our legal counsel, the previous administration, and the Grounds Committee. We completed the task at hand. I do want to personally thank Chair Wena Supernaw and the rest of the Business Committee for encouraging me to step into the role of General Contractor over the project and backing me with the support I needed to help us get the job done. It was not an easy task, but we got it. However, were not done with the work that we still need to do on our campgrounds. There are still multiple areas where we can improve to help our grounds when our people use it. We are positive that with accurate planning and clear collaboration between all parties we can achieve the next set of goals that need to be done. We look forward to doing the best we can with future upgrades and thank you all for your time. Have a great weekend.

Member Buffalo provided an update on the Housing Resident Committee. Their roles and responsibilities were described. The following individuals have been elected by their neighbors who reside in Elder Housing: **Vickie Bratton | Steve Crane | Virgie Henry Felix Hoffman | Barbara Horn**

Their first meeting with the Business Committee will be coordinated by Misty Scott where they need to select their Chairman and Secretary. The Business Committee Chair appointed the individuals with concurrence from the full Business Committee.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE (FORMERLY CHAIR'S) REPORT
ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED):**

8. Vice Chairman McKibben made an announcement regarding the Special General Council.
- a. The Quapaw Nation Business Committee called a Special meeting of the Quapaw Nation Indian Council to Amend the Governing Resolution, the remaining Goodeagle/Quapaw settlement funds, and the FY 2025 NAGPRA budget, and potentially other matters on Saturday September 7 and Sunday September 8, if needed, at the Downstream Pavilion.

The amendments will resolve discrepancies in the Governing Resolution regarding

- a. Who is a Qualified Voter
- b. Section 2 - Candidate requirements.
We will add language and remove language
- i. Adding language for Felonies and crimes of moral turpitude
 - ii. Remove language regarding nominees from the floor
 - iii. Clarify Precertification for Secretary Treasurer
- c. Section 3 - Who designates the Election Date, and Place.
- i. Filing Date.
 - ii. Single Candidate or No Candidate
- d. Section 4 - Vacancies for Elected Offices
- e. Section 6.2 - Ethics Commission vacancies
- f. Section 9 - Strengthening some language and striking some language regarding
- i. Strengthen Surety Bond Requirements
 - ii. Strike Commissioner of Indian Affairs language

Other items may be added to the agenda and will be included in the published notice that must be completed no later than August 6.

After the adjournment of the Special Meeting to Amend the Governing Resolution, the Constitution Committee would like to facilitate an open dialogue to allow the members at the Special Meeting to openly discuss and guide the Constitution Committee on various topics

Topics will include

- a. Elections and Procedures
- b. Terms of Elected Officials
- c. Number of General Council Meetings and rules
- d. Number of Business Committee Meetings and rules
- e. Options that Balance and strengthen our Governing powers

9. The Quapaw Nation has undertaken a Request for Proposal (RFP) for our Third-Party Administrator that helps us with our tribal member medical/dental/vision/prescription reimbursement services. We just finished interviewing the providers who responded to the RFP. No decisions have been made yet. A good goal is to conduct RFPs every 3 years and that is what we are doing and why. Our goal is to contract with the best service providers at the lowest cost possible.

**THE NATION HELD THE FOLLOWING EVENTS THIS
LAST MONTH:**

1. The Quapaw Nation language department released their first song video rendition of head, shoulders, knees, and toes in Oghapah Iya (Quapaw Language). The video can be found online. We are looking forward to the next video, coming soon.
2. Participated in Joplin's 3rd Thursday in June. Quapaw Nation put on an exhibition where several of our Quapaw Nation tribal members represented our culture through song and dance. This event was held with the Joplin area Chamber of Commerce and the equity, diversity, and inclusion organization. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great exhibition. Oghapah Coffee's 1824 Blend was launched that evening as well. The 1824 Blend commemorates the 200th anniversary of the 2nd Quapaw treaty with the U.S. and is on sale at the Museum, Fitness Center, and the Farmers Market Mercantile.
3. Annual Graduation Banquet - Thanks to the higher education department they were able to celebrate students graduating from high school, college, and vocational programs. Each graduate went home with a certificate and prize. The banquet has grown every year, and this was the biggest one yet. Congratulations to all graduates.
4. Ribbon shirt class was held for our 5th to 12th-grade children through our youth program, sponsored by SAMHSA.
5. Camp Quapaw was put on by our youth program. The camp catered to our youth in grades 2nd through 12th. A total of 46 students attended, making this year's camp a big hit. A huge thank you to all those who participated and helped make this educational event enjoyable and memorable for all.
6. Southern Plains Moccasin Class was put on by our youth program for grades 5th to 12th and sponsored by SAMHSA.
7. The annual Health Fair was held at the fitness center and was well attended by all the Nation's departments. The Quapaw Nation Elders Activity Center also had a free Indian Taco for the community which was sponsored by the Title VI and Business Committee.
8. General Council was held on July 4 where 705 were in attendance.
9. The Nation's 152nd Powwow which effectively pulled off by Powwow Chairman Tony Shawnee and his entire powwow committee staff. We are already looking forward to next year's powwow. Thank you to all of those who put in time and effort to achieve a safe, fun-filled, powwow for everyone to enjoy.
10. Beaded Earring Class was held by our tribal library department and sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services out of Washington, D.C.
11. Camp Dress Class was held by our youth program, sponsored by SAMHSA, for students in grades 5th to 12th. The children who attended had so much fun, they talked Kristen Keys and Carolyn Nott into one more day of fun-filled sewing. Let's just say they all walked away with more than one skirt.

THE NATION HELD THE FOLLOWING EVENTS THIS LAST MONTH (CONTINUED):

12. KSN has done a few specials on air with Bubba Evansco to highlight our Farmer's Market. They talked about the Farmer's Market which is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, a preview of the farm On-Ki-Sto-We and how it is maintained without harsh chemicals, the bees and honey they make, and preserving foods with a pickle demonstration.

THE NATION IS HOLDING OR PARTICIPATING IN SOME UPCOMING EVENTS.

1. For those who applied by July 12, The Quapaw Food Sovereignty department and cattle company are putting on another food distribution. The distribution pick up dates are July 22nd to 27th. To pick up your distribution, you must have your tribal ID (With Pictures) or Driver's License and enrollment Card. If picking up for someone else, a copy of the required ID is acceptable.
2. Grand opening of Quapaw Nation Emergency Operating Center July 23 at 10am.
3. July 23rd and 24th - Ribbon Shirt Class will be held for our youth, grades 5th to 12th grade, hosted by our youth program, sponsored through SAMHSA.
4. July 24th at 3 pm (3:30 latest) Nathan Pinter, from the 1944 War Museum from Washington, MO, and Kathryn Vicat, from Footsteps Researchers, will have a presentation and will be donating a quilt to the Quapaw Nation Museum. This quilt has 36 blocks with names of Native Americans, many of which are of Quapaw blood.
5. July 24th & 25th - Downstream Casino will be hosting the 13th Annual Dhegiha Language Conference again. The Dhegiha Family consists of Osage, Ponca, Northern Ponca, Quapaw, Kaw, and Omaha. The Dhegiha Preservation Society encourages registrants to be individually motivated and/or affiliated with a tribal language program and language teachers who seek to preserve and revitalize a Dhegiha language. Registration now is \$65 for adults ages 15 +, and \$10 for children 14 & under (No t-shirt, the July 15th dead line has passed).
6. Miami heritage Fest July 26-27
7. The Annual General Election will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Community Building pm July 27th.
8. Strategic Energy Plan in-person workshop with the Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy. Quapaw Nation Community Building. August 6th and 7th 9:00AM - 5:00PM. Brent Divine has copies of the survey available this morning. Ogahpah Communications has also made the survey available on the tribal website and social media sites. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit input from Tribal Members on the development of the plan, provide educational resources, and assess the needs of the Nation.
9. August 5th - 8th Gathering of Native American Youth. Classes will be held at the fitness center, which are targeted at tribal youth between grades 7th to 12th to support Native Wellness. This class is being held by the youth program and sponsored by the Native Wellness Institute.

THE NATION IS HOLDING OR PARTICIPATING IN SOME UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED).

10. Arkansas Cinema Society August 15-18
11. August 17th - At the next scheduled Business Committee Meeting, the installation of officers will take place.
12. Fort Smith film festival August 22-24

QUAPAW CASINO

For the month ending May 31, 2024, Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) totaled \$371,000, with a margin of 17.7%. This result did exceed our budgeted expectation by \$6,000 and represents a decrease of \$103,000 from May 2023. YTD EBITDA is \$3.5 MM while the budget for YTD is \$3.3 MM which is a result of 104.8% of budget. Q3 EBITDA is currently at 101.7% of the Q3 budget.

Total net revenue from May 2023 showed a decrease of \$44,000.

Net income for the month totaled \$403,000 with a margin of 19.2%. This represents a positive budget variance of \$52,000. Net income compared to May 2023 had a decrease of \$76,000.

The new Quapaw Casino development continues with the pre-construction phase.

DOWNSTREAM CASINO & RESORT

June was a record-breaking month for Downstream. June 2024 had the best slot win for any month of June, in Downstream's history!

For the month ending June 30, 2024, EBITDA totaled \$8.2MM, with a margin of 46.0%. June's result exceeded our budgeted expectations by \$1.0MM and were \$0.5MM more than June 2023 EBITDA of \$7.8MM. YTD FY2024 EBITDA is \$71.1MM which is 99.96% of YTD budget. Q3 EBITDA ended at 100.7% of the Q3 budget. June was a favorable month and the margin reveals a superb job of controlling expenses.

Total net revenue for June 2024 was \$17.9MM. This net revenue represents an increase from June 2023 of \$0.3MM or 1.5%. On a revenue basis, June 2024 had positive variances compared to June 2023 across the board in all revenue categories except for poker, retail, cigarettes, lottery, and entertainment.

The FY24 year-over-year expense comparison did show an overall decrease.

Net income for the month totaled \$6.8MM with a margin of 38.0%. This represents a positive budget variance of \$1.3MM. Net income compared to June 2023 showed an increase of \$0.8MM.

Debt reduction during June increased with the required quarterly payment of \$7.5MM. This payment brings total debt eliminated to \$167.0MM in the 31-month period since the restructure closed. Our next quarterly payment of \$7.5MM will be due on September 30th.

SARACEN

Net gaming revenues in June were up 5% compared to prior year. However, table games volumes continue to reflect a softening, finishing 26.1% below prior year in "drop" and revenue down to prior year by 28.1%. We believe this is attributable to the promotion of our competitors' hotels.

Sportsbook handle in June 2024 experienced a 120.8% increase in volumes compared to prior year. Strong hold for the month finished at 9.6%. For the fiscal year through June, Sportsbook handle is up 153.1%.

Considerable progress has been made recently with the structure of the event center podium. The seventh floor of the hotel development has been poured. We even saw the beginnings of the 8th floor earlier this week and expect to add a floor every two weeks until "topping off" sometime this October. Updates on the timing of the development will be forthcoming with the initial estimates pointing to a fall of 2025 opening.

OGAHPAH WISDOM KEEPERS/ELDERS COMMITTEE (GRACE GOODEAGLE)

- Added Susan Davis, Betty Gaedtke, Carolyn Nott, and Bill Daugherty to the group. Want the group to be inclusive.
- Fall trip - Mounds in AR and TN. Planning around the timing for the Fall Gathering.
- Elders Christmas dinner is 12/21 at Downstream.
- Blanket was presented to Charlene Button.
- Next meeting is 8/1/2024 for those 60 and above.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE (EVERETT BANDY)

- There was no meeting in June. They met yesterday.
- Full report will be given by the Chair, Barbara Keyser, next month.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

- Election is 7/27 from 9-5 in the Community Building.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (ROMAN KIHEGA)

- Began planning for a Constitution Convention
- Meeting to be scheduled with the Business Committee
- Requested the additional 9/7 and 9/8 Special General Council meeting topics be introduced at the beginning of the meeting.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (HEATHER DISMUKE)

- Selected Heather Dismuke as Chair
- Selected Karrie Sisson as Secretary

DOWNSTREAM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/QUAPAW CASINO AUTHORITY (KUGEE SUPERNAW)

- FY2025 budget review with Downstream began yesterday.
- Next budget review is with Saracen and then Quapaw Casino.
- Multiple reviews expected with each gaming property.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Their monthly reports were already submitted and asked their comments to be limited to updates not already included in the reports. Those reports are available on the tribal website for anyone interested. If others present have questions, please wait until Open Forum, and direct your questions to the Business Committee.

Trenton Stand, Executive Director Resource Management, stated 930 meat distribution applications received.

EMERGENCY PHONE POLLS APPROVED SINCE LAST MEETING

1. Poll29472 Purchase Request-QCC-JD 6r 130 Tractor
2. Poll29474 Purchase Request-QCC-JD 6R 145 Tractor
3. Poll29862 RSM US LLP Consulting
4. Poll29891 Amend Resolution 121823-H Authorizing Sale of Fee Property
5. Poll30167 IHP Report for Housing
6. Poll30216 Commerce City Memo for Police Service

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

1. 072024-A Secretary of Interior To Take Parcel of Land Into Trust
2. 072024-B Secretary of Interior To Take Parcel of Land Into Trust
3. 072024-C To Amenda O-GAH-PAH Communications LLC
4. 072024-D Secretary of Interior to Take Parcel of Land into Trust
5. 072024-E Secretary of Interior to Take Parcel of Land into Trust
6. 072024-F Secretary of Interior to Take Parcel of Land into Trust
7. 072024-G Secretary of Interior to Take Parcel of Land into Trust
8. 072024-H ROW for Bolt Fiber Optic
9. 072024-I Quapaw Nation Accounts-Signatories
10. 072024-J Saracen Development LLC Signatories
11. 072024-K Downstream Casino Resort Signatories
12. 072024-L Downstream Golf Club LLC Signatories
13. 072024-M Quapaw Food Service Authority - QFSA Signatories
14. 072024-N QSA-Quapaw Services Authority QSA Signatories
15. 072024-O Quapaw Casino Accounts - QCA Signatories
16. 072024-P Ogahpah Coffee Company LLC Signatories
17. 072024-Q Ogahpah Communications Company LLC Signatorie

DONATIONS APPROVED (ALL DONATION REQUESTS WERE MADE BY THE REQUESTORS EITHER IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM)

1. 13th Annual Dhegiha Language Conference \$5000
2. Ottawa County Livestock Premium Sale \$500
3. My House Sober Living \$500 in meat

OPEN FORUM

In order to speak, an individual must have submitted the form or must pertain to topics on today's agenda. There is a 5-minute time limit. 1 trip to the podium. Be respectful.

Bonnie Schalk - referenced the remaining Goodeagle settlement funds added to the Special General Council agenda.

Callie Bowden - requested TERA be added to a Special General Council meeting agenda and some changes/edits to the new Ethics Document be considered as well. Member Buffalo and Chair Supernaw discussed the Roberts Rules of Order complexities for bringing forward for consideration the TERA Code that was tabled by General Council 7/4/2023. The net outcomes were to:

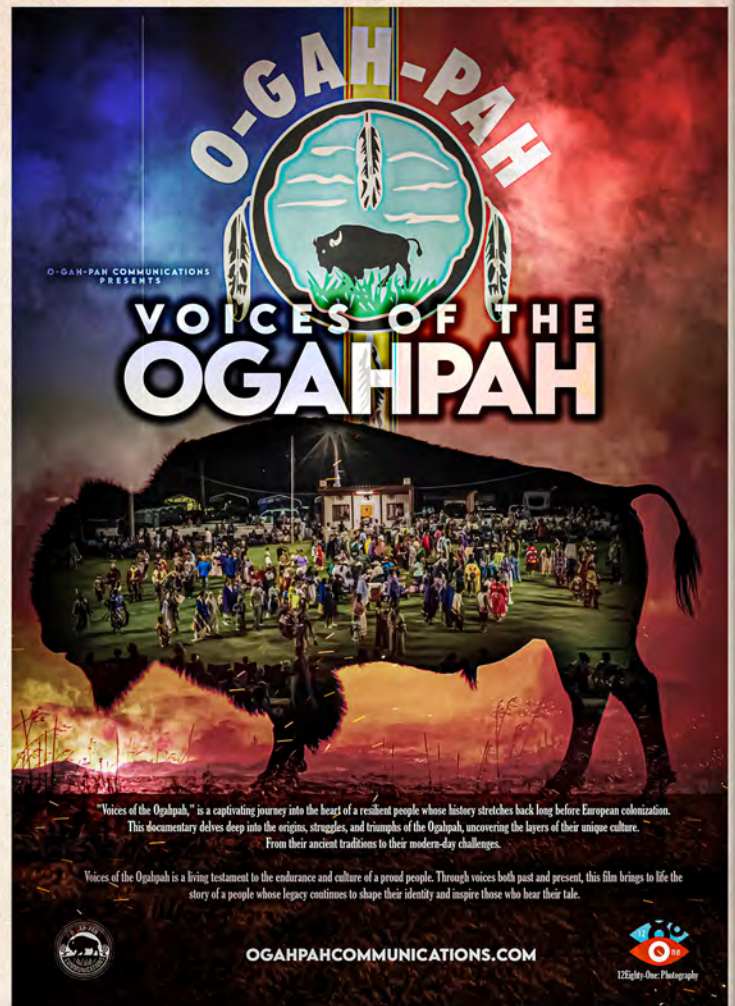
1. The June 2024 version of the TERA Code will be added to the 9/7 and 9/8 Special General Council meeting if there is enough time or another meeting will be called for early winter.
2. Callie will coordinate directly with the Ethics Commission on her recommended revisions. Dependent on whether those changes are ready to be published 30 days prior to the 9/7 and 9/8 Special General Council meeting, this could be added to the agenda. Otherwise, it could be addressed in another Special General Council meeting.

Tribal Member - encouraged attendance at Gathering of the Nations 8/5 - 8/8.

Tribal Member - Thought TERA could be addressed at the next regular meeting via a new motion.

Tribal Member - Regarding Pendleton blankets given at General Council, thinks it should include all 90 year olds every year and send another one to an individual recognized last year.

Tribal Member - Confirmed tribal members have the ability to execute a petition to force the Business Committee to call a Special General Council. Per the Governing Resolution, Section 10 states "Special meetings of the Quapaw Indian Council may be called at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be called by him, at the request in writing of the majority of the Tribal Business Committee, or by written request of thirty percent of the members of the general council."



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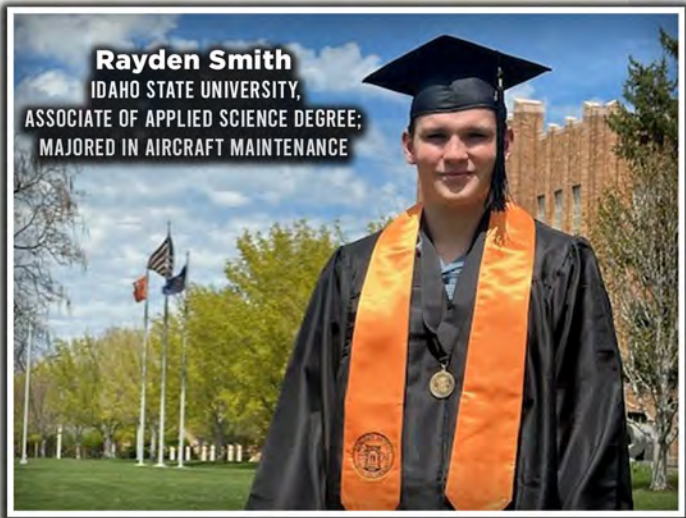




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