Downstream Authority of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma Regular Meeting February 12, 2016

Meeting Called to Order: 10:02 am

**ROLL CALL:** John Berrey, Chairman Present

Larry Ramsey, Secretary Present
Ranny McWatters, Treasurer Present
Marilyn Rogers, Member Present
Tamara Reeves, Member Present

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** announced by Larry Ramsey

Annual Meeting

Betty Gadtke, TC Bear, Thomas Mathews

Call to Order by John Berrey Invocation by John Berrey Roll Call by Larry Ramsey, all DDA members present Report

- Annual report from DDA to BC
  - o Good financial position, just made the quarterly interest payment cash strong
  - Working into a bank loan instead of bonds (debit/income ratio)
  - Working on refi with an interest rate below 9%
    - Market is very volatile
    - On hold until market stabilizes
    - New structure pushes Tribal distribution to \$15 million a year
    - Ratings waiting until deal is launched to issue new ratings currently sitting at a firm B - good
    - Viewed as a solid credit
  - Potential for addition
    - Kansas
      - Won lawsuit state appealed to 10<sup>th</sup> circuit
      - Filed suit against State (Gov) for bad faith non negotiation
      - Design created for Class III
        - Need to be prepared to go just Class II if compact can not be reached or if compact not done move all Class III to Kansas
      - Class II vs Class III
        - No tax paid to state for Class II
      - On hold waiting on court decision
  - Big Lagoon
    - Has the right to game
    - Council is meeting Saturday mgmt agreement has been provided

- o Quapaw Casino
  - Needs new building
  - Consolidate jobs with DCR where possible
- o Canine Operations
  - 9 dogs
    - 1 marshals
    - 1 fire
    - 1 all-purpose training dog
    - 2 biological training
    - 4 gun/bomb dogs
- Bees
  - 38 hives
  - Goal 100 hives
  - 40lbs of honey per hive, per year
- Green houses
  - Going well
  - Possibly add more
- Coffee
  - At Benson Building
  - 2 roasters ordered
  - Start working on a blend
- o Floor lighting
  - Changes in progress
- o Buffett changes in progress

Adjourn: 11:13 am