

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 5, 2016**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale summarized his monthly report. Nate Benedict reviewed his written report, adding the bar and grill will be hiring part time summer staff.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Jeff Webb summarized February 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel and answered questions of the Committee. Tony Holden briefed the Committee on current Hotel remodel budget, adding additional funds were needed to proceed with remodel. Mr. Holden answered questions of the Committee regarding purchases made, number of guest rooms completed and amount spent on remodel project to date. Chief Froman confirmed with Mr. Holden the amount needed to complete the remodel was approximately \$870,000. Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth to amend the current budget and approve the remaining balance needed to complete Buffalo Run Hotel remodel project out of Tribal Enterprises in the amount of \$870,156.13. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Cathy Scott summarized the February 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Tony Holden noted February marked the highest tribal distribution in the history of Buffalo Run Casino. Steve Bashore briefed the Committee on events and promotions for the month of April, and highlighted upcoming summer events.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden presented preliminary drawings of proposed Buffalo Run Casino expansion and requested permission from the Committee to move forward with the planning and bidding process. Mr. Holden answered questions of the Committee regarding seating capacity and approximate total square footage of the proposed expansion. Chief Froman commended Second Chief Jason Dollarhide, Treasurer Wayne Blalock and Casino staff, on their work coordinating the recent Buffalo Run Casino Pow wow held in the Showplace.

Financial Reports:

Chief Froman notified the Committee of personnel changes in an investment firm the Tribe uses may warrant the Committee to pursue new investment options in the future, once current investments have reached maturity. Following brief explanation, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for February 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman summarized his Administrative Report for the month of March and commended the Peoria Tribal Housing Authority for their efforts in coordinating the University of Illinois Spring Break Initiative. Recent inquiry received from Bob Cole regarding purchasing all remaining topsoil at the Peoria Tribal Hatchery. Chief Froman suggested waiving procurement policy and bidding process in order to expedite purchase of topsoil to be used for Welch State Bank project. Following discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Craig Harper for a one-time procurement policy waiver for purchase of topsoil at Peoria Tribal Fish Hatchery, offering Bob Cole of Cole Excavating, \$250.00 per truck load. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 03/16/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 04/05/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-04-05-16-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:
Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve Resolution R-04-05-16-A. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Election Committee Member (Shelley Mitchell): Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Election Committee Member (Shelley Mitchell): Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no call for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Authorized Signature

Date Approved