

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 3, 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 Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the minutes of April 5, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale, Golf Course Superintendent, summarized his monthly report. Nate Benedict reviewed his written report, and commended the Miami High School golf team for advancing to the state tournament. Chief Froman notified the Committee of Peoria Ridge budget overage in the amount of \$108,611.64, and gave brief explanation. Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to transfer funds from Tribal Enterprise Account to zero out FY2016 in the amount of \$108,611.64. Councilman Craig Harper, had questions regarding past years budget and total rounds of golf played. Mr. Benedict explained due to rain, the Course was down 300-400 rounds of golf per month, during the peak rate months of April, May, June and July. Following further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Hotel Director, Jeff Webb, summarized March 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel and answered questions of the Committee regarding current remodel. Mr. Webb updated the Committee on number of guest rooms completed to date. Tony Holden added the remodel was 40% complete.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Chief Froman informed the Committee that General Manager, Steve Bashore was absent due to attending his Masters graduation ceremony in Florida. Cathy Scott highlighted upcoming promotions and summer events. Ms. Scott summarized March 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Tony Holden notified the Committee that Buffalo Run Casino continues to increase in revenue, showing 25% growth, according to 2014 NIGC Revenue Report. Mr. Holden added, April 2016 marked the highest revenue in the history of Buffalo Run.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden notified the Committee he will be meeting with new architect firm to submit preliminary drawings for bids within the next four weeks. Second Chief Jason Dollarhide notified the Committee of \$500.00 budget overage at recent Buffalo Run Casino Pow wow. Chief Froman commended Jason Dollarhide and Wayne Blalock on a very successful and organized event, noting a larger venue would be needed for future dance events.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the financial reports for March 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed the Administrative Report for the month of April. Chief expanded on an Inter-Tribal Council meeting regarding flood waters impacting tribal lands. FEMA recently submitted preliminary ruling that could raise the flood elevations in the city of Miami by five feet. In a combined effort, the City of Miami and ITC have contacted a consulting group in Colorado, and are currently working on a new study that would lower the elevation submitted by FEMA. This situation will be monitored closely by ITC, taking a proactive approach to protect tribal lands. Ribbon cutting ceremony for Solid Waste Convenience Center was held Wednesday, April 27. The Environmental Department will be monitoring this pilot project for 18 months, then turning over sites to Ottawa County to oversee. Special Elections were held to fill vacant seat on Grievance Committee Saturday, April 30, with candidate Mary Lembcke Davey, winning the majority vote. The Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission was over budget in the amount of \$21,708.50 for FY2016. Overage was not to expenses, but primarily due to rate increase in vendor licensing fees not approved before close of fiscal year. Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth to transfer from Tribal Enterprise Account \$21,708.50 to zero out Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission budget for FY2016. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, Tonya Mathews abstained. Following brief explanation of tribal investment options and current investments held with Stockton and Associates, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to reinvest money market accounts 114775T, 114776T, 114777T, into five year investment accounts with a maturity date of May 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Enrollment Director Donna Harp, and Logan Pappenfort, Elder Care and Disability Program Director, were present and answered questions of the Committee regarding a letter received from a tribal member regarding a denied Eldercare and Disability Reimbursement Program application. Following discussion and explanation of sequence of events, the Committee voted to pay reimbursement amount of \$500.00 to tribal member, with a vote of 5 for, 1 opposed. There was no motion or second. Peoria Housing Director, Jason Dollarhide, requested permission from the Committee for Peoria Housing Authority to apply for ICDGB grant in June, to

be used for rehabilitation projects on low rent units and fair market value homes. By unanimous decision, the Committee agreed to allow Peoria Housing Authority to apply for ICDBG grant, and begin master planning process for 2017 grant application and appropriation of funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 04/13/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 05/03/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-05-03-16-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”: Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-05-03-16-B, “Federal Transit Administration 5311c Tribal Transit Program Fast Act-Discretionary Grant FY-2016”: Following brief explanation of Grand Gateway grant application, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve Resolution R-05-03-16-B. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were received from Carolyn Ritchey regarding a large tribal financial donation request she was approached about, to be dispersed between the five public schools in Ottawa County. Chief Froman gave a brief explanation of \$25.00 standard donation given to area schools out of Public Relations Account. Further discussion regarding current Gaming Compact with the state of Oklahoma, and funds previously earmarked for education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no call for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Authorized Signature

Date Approved