

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 7, 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 five members present, Wayne Blalock called ahead to notify the Committee he would be unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chief Froman notified the Committee of Resolution R-06-07-16-C, submitted for review had to be revised. Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the amended agenda to include changes to Resolution R-06-07-16-C, as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for 1 abstention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Craig Harper to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Nate Benedict reviewed Golf Course Superintendent, Milton Hale's report. Mr. Hale was unable to attend the meeting. Nate Benedict reviewed his written report, summarizing the month of May for Peoria Ridge. Chief Froman noted he continues to receive great reviews from out of town guests, regarding the excellent condition Peoria Ridge is in.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Cathy Scott reviewed April 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel and answered questions of the Committee regarding status of current remodel.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Cathy Scott summarized April 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Ms. Scott also highlighted upcoming promotions and summer events. Chief notified the Committee the Loretta Lynn concert had to be rescheduled, due to a death in Ms. Lynn's family. The concert has been tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2016.

Direct Enterprise Development:

David Qualls, of Direct Development Enterprise, reported construction plans for the Casino expansion are moving forward. Tony Holden was out of town and will present preliminary project details and projected costs when he returns.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for April 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed the Administrative Report for the month of May. Following discussion, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve salary increase for C. McDowell as recommended by the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission, retro-active to May 5, 2016. Motion carried with a vote of 5 for, and 1 abstention. Following discussion regarding policies and procedures of the Eldercare and Disability Reimbursement Program, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper, to reaffirm the vote from the May Business Committee Meeting regarding tribal member request for reimbursement. Vote was 4 for, 1 opposed. Motion to reaffirm vote carried unanimously. Chief Froman asked the Committee to consider revisiting the Peoria Tribal Scholarship Program amount of \$3500.00 per semester, awarded to qualifying tribal members. Tuition costs were last researched five years ago by the Education Committee and a higher over-all tuition average is expected. A unanimous decision was made to proceed with researching area college tuitions, and possibly increasing tribal scholarship funds. Chief expanded on recent phone conference with the Interim-Chancellor of the University of Illinois, who reaffirmed the University's relationship with the Peoria Tribe and willingness to collaborate on future projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 04/24/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 06/07/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-06-07-16-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-06-07-16-B, “Renewal of Three-Year General Counsel Contract”: Following discussion regarding Attorney Coy Morrow, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve Resolution R-06-07-16-B, renewing Attorney Coy Morrow’s three year contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-06-07-16-C, “Resolution Supporting Submittal of the Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Fiscal Year 2016 Housing Rehabilitation Indian Community Development Block Grant”: Following brief explanation of grant funds, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to approve Resolution R-06-07-16-C. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 1 abstention.

Resolution R-06-07-16-D, “Peoria Tribe Certification That Citizen Participation Requirements Met For Fiscal Year 2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Craig Harper to approve Resolution R-06-07-16-D. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, 1 abstention.

Resolution R-06-07-16-E, “Authorization to Participate in the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Violence Against Indian Women (VAIW) National Baseline Study”: Following brief explanation of program, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Resolution R-06-07-16-E. Motion carried with unanimously.

Resolution R-06-07-16-F, “Tribal Youth Development-Agriculture Funding From Bureau of Indian Affairs”: Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve Resolution R-06-07-16-F. Motion carried with unanimously.

Approval to Exceed Bid Amount on Sole Source Item (Environmental Department): Following a brief explanation by Environmental Specialist Erin Arnall, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve current bid, exceeding original budgeted amount on Sole Source Item. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Purchase New Soft Count Machine for Buffalo Run Casino out of the Reserve Account: David Qualls, of Direct Development Enterprises, was present and provided the Committee replacement bid costs, an explanation of capabilities of new Soft Count Machine. Following discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve purchase of new Soft Count Machine out of the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$185,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Purchase New Point of Sale Property Management System for Buffalo Run Casino, Buffalo Run Hotel and Peoria Ridge Golf Course out of the Reserve Account: David Qualls of Direct Development, gave the Committee a brief explanation of software upgrade needed to merge all three tribal entities into one system. Following discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Craig Harper to approve purchase of new Point of Sale Property

Management System for Buffalo Run Casino, Buffalo Run Hotel and Peoria Ridge Golf Course out of the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$265,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were received from Carolyn Ritchey regarding Annual Peoria Tribal Children's Christmas Party. Carolyn asked the Committee to consider including children 13-18 years of age at the Christmas Party, by giving them a fifty-dollar gift. Following discussion, the Committee asked Enrollment Director Donna Harp, to provide information on enrolled tribal members between 13-18 years of age, within a 90 mile radius. Donna Harp agreed to include requested information in the July Business Committee packet for members to review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no call for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Authorized Signature

Date Approved