

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 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 Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale reviewed his written report and commended the maintenance staff on a job well done during the Adams Tournament in June. Nate Benedict summarized his written report and answered questions of the Committee regarding current status of the Adams Tour, and future direction of tournaments hosted at Peoria Ridge. Chief Froman advised the Committee of an upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss possible changes in tournament sponsorship.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Cathy Scott reviewed May 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel and answered questions of the Committee regarding occupancy rates. Tony Holden updated the Committee on current status of remodel, stating five guest rooms on the second floor were left until renovations are complete.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, General Manager, highlighted upcoming summer events and monthly promotions to be held at Buffalo Run Casino. Cathy Scott summarized May 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden reported the Casino continues to grow, showing a 16-20% higher revenue than June of 2015. Secretary Tonya Mathews, asked Direct Development to consider important annual tribal events such as the Peoria Tribal Council Meeting and Peoria Tribal Pow-Wow, when selecting dates for large events to be hosted at the Casino. Tony Holden assured the Committee that moving forward, Casino events would no longer be scheduled on the same dates as annual tribal events.

Financial Reports:

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

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman summarized the Administrative Report for the month of June and commended the Pow-Wow Committee, volunteers and tribal staff, for a very successful Nineteenth Annual Peoria Tribal Pow-Wow. Chief expanded on a telecommunications business plan submitted by a tribal member, and briefed the Committee on the status of proposed Illinois Genomic Biology project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 06/15/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 07/05/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-05-16-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-05-16-B, “Approving Seven Natural Resource Trustee Tribes of Ottawa County, Northeastern Oklahoma, Climate Change Resource Vulnerability Assessment Proposal for Submittal in Response to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Climate Resilience Program Funding Announcement Request for Proposals”: Following brief explanation of grant funds, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Craig Harper to approve Resolution R-07-05-16-B. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were received from Jason Dollarhide regarding numbers requested from Enrollment Director, Donna Harp, at the Regular Business Committee Meeting in June. The Committee discussed including children 13-18 years of age at the Children’s Christmas Party, by giving them a fifty-dollar gift card. Following discussion, Chief Froman asked the Committee to review the numbers submitted by Donna Harp, and prepare to make a final decision at the August Business Committee Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Following Executive Session, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Authorized Signature

Date Approved