

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on August 23, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale reviewed his written report and answered questions of the Committee. Eddie Degner, of Degner Concrete and Pools, submitted an estimate to repair cart bridges on hole number 1 and hole number 7, which was previously approved in the 2016 Capital Repairs budget. Following discussion, regarding bridge repairs also needed on hole number 9, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to amend the Capital Repairs budget for Peoria Ridge Golf Course in the amount of \$5000.00 for bridge repairs. Motion carried unanimously. Nate Benedict summarized his written report and answered questions of the Committee regarding upcoming scheduled events. Chief Froman noted, he received compliments from a member of the community who recently attended a class reunion at Peoria Ridge. The gentleman praised the staff for their excellent service during the event.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Cathy Scott reviewed July 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel. Tony Holden notified the

Committee a new Hotel Director was hired approximately two weeks ago. Mr. Brett Wisdom, has many years of experience in the hotel management industry and is a former Miami, Oklahoma resident. Former Hotel Director Jeff Webb, is now the Executive Casino Host at Buffalo Run Casino.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore notified the Committee of upcoming events, concerts and monthly promotions. Cathy Scott summarized July 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Second Councilman Craig Harper, had questions regarding large fluctuations in monthly tribal distributions. Tony Holden stated this was the largest coin-in month in the history of Buffalo Run Casino and the new Tulsa advertising campaign continues to bring in a different caliber of players.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden of Direct Enterprise Development, notified the Committee he was beginning to plan the 2017 entertainment calendar for Buffalo Run Casino. Mr. Holden asked the Committee to confirm dates of annual Peoria Tribal events scheduled for 2017. Chief Froman confirmed the first Saturday in March is the Annual Peoria Tribal Council Meeting, and the Annual Peoria Tribal Pow-wow is the weekend following Father's Day every year. The 2017 Buffalo Run Casino Pow-wow is tentatively set for April 1, 2017, pending budget approval. Tony Holden asked Cassie Harper, Administrative Assistant, to follow-up with him regarding tribal events via email. Following discussion, Tony asked permission of the Committee to use the Peoria Tribal Emblem at the upcoming Showbox event to be held on Friday, September 23, 2016. The Committee unanimously expressed that the Peoria Tribal Emblem is to never be placed on the ground, however placed on the turnbuckle of the boxing ring was acceptable, and permission was granted.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the financial reports for July 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed the Administrative Report for the month of August. Chief gave a brief summary of the FERC meeting held on Tuesday, August 30, at the Miami Tribal Office with local tribal leaders. Following discussion regarding a discrepancy in the observance of National Indian Day under 'Typical Holidays Observed'(section XXII) in the Peoria Tribal Personnel Policy, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to amend the Personnel Policy to reflect the annual observance of 'Native American Day' to be the fourth Friday of September. Motion carried unanimously. Discussions were also held regarding the Peoria Tribal Offices' observance of Columbus Day to be changed to Indigenous People's Day. The Committee by unanimous decision chose to continue the observance of Columbus Day, as stated in the Personnel Policy. Chief Froman notified the Committee he would call for an Administrative Day to be observed on Friday, November 25, 2016, following Thanksgiving Day. Chief briefed the Committee on recent Employee Evaluations, and provided his recommendation and breakdown of proposed salary increases and 1.5% COLA. He noted the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commissioners provided a separate recommendation for the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission employees. Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the salary increases and

1.5% COLA for Peoria Tribal employees as recommended. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, and 2 abstentions. Chief Froman notified the Committee of a letter of support sent on behalf of the Peoria Tribe to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, regarding their opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. The Peoria Tribe supports all tribal nations exercising their sovereign right to protect tribal lands, assets and sacred sites.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 08/17/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 09/06/2016 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-09-06-16-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-09-06-16-B, “A Request to the Secretary of the Interior for FY 2016 and/or FY 2017 Funding For Attorney Fees and Litigation Support Costs”: Following a brief explanation of request, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Resolution R-09-06-16-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-06-16-C, “A Resolution to Request Funding for the Development of Tribal Water Resources”: Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-09-06-16-C. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Increase Funds for the Peoria Tribal Scholarship Program Funds: Alan Goforth of the Peoria Tribal Education Committee, provided the Committee with a report showing an updated average of tuition and fees for area colleges, excluding private schools. Following discussion, the Committee by unanimous decision, agreed to address proposal at the next Regular Business Committee Meeting in October. No action was taken.

Approval to Waive Procurement Policy for Sole Source Item and Provide Funds for Enrollment Committee to Enter Into Contract with Consulting Firm to Revise the Peoria Tribal Enrollment Ordinance: Kay Harper, Peoria Tribal Enrollment Committee member, provided a cost proposal from recommended consulting firm, and gave a detailed report of current issues regarding tribal membership application, birth certificate modifications and other challenges presented since the current Enrollment Ordinance was last updated in 2002. Enrollment Committee Chairperson Jenny Rampey, and Enrollment Director Donna Harp, were also present to answer questions of the Committee regarding the proposal. Motion failed, no action was taken. Following discussion, the Committee recommended the Enrollment Committee proceed with Procurement Policy guidelines and solicit bids for Enrollment Ordinance revisions.

Reappointment to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (John Michael Montgomery): Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the reappointment to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Vote was 5 for, one abstention.

Appointment to Education Committee (Jamie Giles): Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve appointment to the Education Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carolyn Ritchey stated the former Miami Golf Course property is needing to be mowed on a more regular basis. Jenny Rampey suggested the property be used for Peoria Tribal activities or a Tribal Elder’s Center. Kay Harper asked if the Peoria Tribe owned or maintained highway frontage north of Peoria Ridge Golf Course, due to lack of lawn care and maintenance. Chief Froman stated the property was privately owned and not part of the Peoria Ridge Golf Course property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide 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 Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Authorized Signature

Date Approved