

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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, Craig Harper called ahead to notify the Committee he was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the minutes of September 6, 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. Chief Froman informed the Committee of an insurance claim filed due to a recent lightning strike causing damage the main well pump at Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Nate Benedict summarized his report noting several key events recently held at Peoria Ridge and answered questions of the Committee regarding upcoming scheduled events.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Tony Holden notified the Committee that the new Hotel Director was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Cathy Scott reviewed the August 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel. Tony Holden stated the Hotel renovations were on schedule and will be complete in 3-4 weeks.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore highlighted the recent boxing event held at the Showplace on September 23. The event was televised by Showtime and received media attention from USA Today, ESPN and CBS. Mr. Bashore notified the Committee of upcoming events and monthly promotions. Chief Froman commended Tony Holden on a job well done promoting the ShoBox event. Following discussion, Secretary Tonya Mathews asked if the Peoria Tribal Emblem was displayed during the televised fights as discussed at the September Business Committee Meeting. Tony Holden stated the Tribal Emblem was not on the floor mat, but placed on the turnbuckle as requested by the Committee.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden reported that staff turn-over is low and Buffalo Run Casino continues to run smoothly. Chief notified the Committee of the new proposed Management Agreement that was provided by Direct Enterprise Development LLC, for their review and consideration. Chief reminded the Committee the proposed contract is negotiable.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the financial reports for August 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman gave a brief summary of the current project with the Illinois Business Consulting team. The team will be working to assist the Tribe in the development and implementation of an Independent Review Board for future research projects potentially involving multiple partners. The College of Law at the University of Illinois is also discussing potential project ideas with the Peoria Tribal Environmental Department. The Enrollment Committee submitted a budget modification to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to retain a Tribal Consulting Firm that will be assisting the Committee in the revisions of the current Peoria Tribal Enrollment Ordinance. Alan Goforth had questions regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) recent ruling that could potentially have a negative effect on local tribal lands and properties. Chief Froman advised the Committee that the Inter-Tribal Council is currently seeking additional funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist in litigation and support costs in order to provide protection for tribal lands and adjudicate tribal claims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval to Increase Funds for the Peoria Tribal Scholarship Program Funds: Following discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to increase the Peoria Tribal Scholarship amount to \$5000.00 per semester for full time students and \$2500.00 per semester for part-time students beginning with the 2017 Spring Semester. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 09/15/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 10/04/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-10-04-16-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”: Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were received from Jason Dollarhide, asking the Committee’s approval to begin the planning of the 2017 Buffalo Run Casino Spring Pow-wow. Following discussion regarding tribal budgets, a unanimous decision was made by the Committee to proceed with the planning and preparation of the Spring Pow-wow. A separate line item noting this addition will be added to the FY 2018 Tribal Budgets, to be approved in February 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no call for 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