

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2016**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Second Chief Jason Dollarhide called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present, Chief Froman called ahead to notify the Committee he would be unable to attend and asked Second Chief Jason Dollarhide, to Chair the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jason Dollarhide noted that due to Mr. Ron Cottrell's need to depart early, the Presentation of Tribal and Buffalo Run Casino Audits will be first on the agenda. Motion was made by Alan Goforth 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 Craig Harper to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2015 AUDITS:

Ron Cottrell of Ronald C. Cottrell, CPA, reviewed the tribal audit report noting no material weakness deficiencies present in his unmodified report and answered questions of the Committee. Bledsoe & Associates reviewed the Buffalo Run Casino audit report and answered questions of the Committee.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Golf Course Superintendent Milton Hale reviewed his monthly report and answered questions of the Committee. Nate Benedict summarized his written report noting a total of nine Christmas banquets and events were held at Peoria Ridge during the 2015 holiday season, noting a private Keith Anderson concert held for Peoria Ridge members. Tony Holden commended Mr. Benedict and the Peoria Ridge staff on their hard work and successful season.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Hotel Director Jeff Webb, summarized November 2015 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel. Tony Holden asked if the Committee had all been to view the sample guest room at the Hotel and noted starting January 11, renovations on guest rooms will begin. Estimated project completion is approximately 5-6 months, working on 4 guest rooms at time. Mr. Holden asked the Committee to consider a bid received for the disposal and removal of existing guest room furniture. Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the \$3000.00 bid from Hotel Liquidators for the purchase and removal of existing furniture listed on bid document. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Cathy Scott summarized the November 2015 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Tony Holden briefed the Committee on recent advertisement changes and asked the Committee to consider not renewing billboard contract with All American Outdoor Advertising on billboards parallel to Interstate 44. Steve Bashore announced upcoming promotions for the Casino for the months of January and February including Four State Franchise Fights set for Saturday, January 23, 2016.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden stated the power point presentation of the Future of Buffalo Run Casino and Resort that was to be presented at the January Business Committee meeting, will be ready for the Committee and General Council to view at this year's Annual Meeting in March.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the financial reports for November 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Jason Dollarhide reviewed the Administrative Report. Carolyn Ritchey added she invited Chief Froman to address the Home and Community Education group in December, reporting the ladies that attended the meeting were very appreciative of his willingness to come and speak about his family and the Peoria Tribe. Jason Dollarhide and Treasurer Wayne Blalock, asked the Committee to consider a winter/indoor Pow-wow dance event to be held at the Showplace at Buffalo Run Casino, tentatively set for April 2, 2016. Following discussion, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve winter Pow-wow proposal of \$50,000 total cost, to be held at the Showplace at Buffalo Run Casio and Resort with the contingency of an itemized budget to be provided at the February Business Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-01-05-16-A, “Permission for Adoption of a Minor Child”: Indian Child Welfare Director, Doug Journeycake, was present at the meeting and answered questions of the Committee regarding adoption. Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-01-05-16-A. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to table Approval of FY 2017 Tribal Trust Funds Budget and Approval of FY Tribal Budgets until the next regular Business Committee Meeting on February 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments were received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Craig Harper 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 at 7:37 p.m., no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Authorized Signature

Date Approved