

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 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, Jason Dollarhide called ahead to notify the Committee he was unable to attend.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth 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 October 4, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF FY 2016 TRIBAL AUDIT:**

Pat Hurd, CPA, and Mary Peterson, CPA, of Stotts, Archambo, Mueggenborg & Barclay PC were present to review the Tribal Audit and answer questions of the Committee. Ms. Hurd reported there were “no findings” and commended Comptrollers, Austin Kinsey and Crystal Wyrick for their hard work.

**PRESENTATION OF FY 2016 BUFFALO RUN CASINO AUDIT:**

Steve Bowman, CPA of Bledsoe & Associates, PPLC was present to review the Buffalo Run Casino Audit and answer questions of the Committee. Mr. Bowman reported it was a “clean” audit and gave recommendations in regards to vendor licensing.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Milton Hale reviewed his written report, briefing the Committee on potential winter maintenance projects. Nate Benedict summarized his report noting, the fall golfing rates begin November 1.

**Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Tony Holden notified the Committee that the new Hotel Director, Brett Wisdom, was unable to attend the meeting due to a family event. Cathy Scott reviewed the September 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel. Tony Holden stated the Hotel guest room renovations will be complete in three weeks, and complete Hotel remodel will be finished by the end of the month.

**Buffalo Run Casino:**

Cathy Scott reviewed the September financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Steve Bashore highlighted the successful Wayne Newton concert and notified the Committee of upcoming events and monthly promotions.

**Direct Enterprise Development:**

Tony Holden reported that operations continue to run smooth at Buffalo Run Casino.

**Financial Reports:**

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the financial reports for September 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative/Program Reports:**

Chief Froman reviewed his written report. Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission employee K. Bunce, completed the 90-day probationary period and was given a recommendation for a salary increase from the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commissioners. Following discussion, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Craig Harper to approve \$2000.00 salary increase for Kelly Bunce. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Froman acknowledged Wayne Blalock, Treasurer, who was recently honored at the 2016 AARP Indian Elder Honors Banquet. Chief asked the Committee to consider giving Peoria Tribal staff a Christmas bonus in the month of November, to allow them time to spend during the holiday season if they so wish. Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve \$500.00 Christmas Bonus for all full-time tribal employees to be issued on the next payroll. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, Tonya Mathews abstained. Following discussion of Annual Peoria Tribal Christmas Party, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve giving \$25 Walmart gift cards to tribal members ages 13-17 who attend the Christmas party with their family. Motion carried unanimously. Chief announced Mr. Winston "Cap" Ulrey accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Service on Friday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., at the Peoria Tribal Cemetery. Aaron Epperson from the Environmental Department, was present to answer questions of the Committee in regards to sales at the Fish Hatchery, as well as give a brief status update of the Peoria Tribal Environmental Department operations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business brought before the Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee 10/19/2016 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 11/01/2016 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting:** Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-01-16-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:** Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-01-16-B, “Authorization for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Tribal Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” Native Elder Social and Health Needs Assessment”:** Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-11-01-16-B. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reappointment to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission (Kevin Bullard):** Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to reappoint Kevin Bullard to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission. Motion carried with of vote of 4 for, Tonya Mathews abstained.

**Appointment of Peoria Tribal Representative to the Northeastern Tribal Health Systems Board (previously held by the late Terry Kinder):** Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to table the Appointment of the Peoria Tribal Representative to the Northeastern Tribal Health Systems Board, action to be taken at the December Business Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comments were received from Chief Froman who notified the Committee of funds received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approximately \$666,000. The funds are due to a class action lawsuit regarding Indirect Cost Agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Funds were reimbursed to the Tribal Enterprises Account.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Tonya Mathews and seconded by Craig Harper to move into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Following Executive Session, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Tonya Mathews to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Authorized Signature

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Date Approved