

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**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. Second Chief Dollarhide called ahead to notify the Committee he would be unable to attend the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Craig Harper to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Milton Hale reviewed his written report regarding completed fall maintenance projects at the golf course. Nate Benedict summarized his monthly report, briefing the Committee on the recent contract termination with the online booking service GolfNow, noting that online booking is still available through the Golf 18 Network, or directly on the Peoria Ridge website. Mr. Benedict answered questions of the Committee regarding the status of the Point of Sale system recently implemented at the golf course, and clarified current online booking capabilities.

**Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Cathy Scott reviewed the September 2017 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel, and answered questions of the Committee regarding the September occupancy rate.

## **Buffalo Run Casino:**

Steve Bashore briefed the Committee on recent management meetings held to gather new marketing and promotional ideas, as well as social media strategies. Mr. Bashore reported that all Casino management and staff members completed the “Active Shooter” training course, to prepare all team members for potential acts of violence at gaming facilities. The Buffalo Run Casino Staff Christmas Party will be held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course on November 27 and 28. Upcoming concerts include the Rat Pack Tribute Group, Tony Orlando and the Pointer Sisters. Mr. Bashore highlighted the upcoming televised Price is Right event with host Jerry Springer, and popular YouTube celebrity and comedian Darren Knight, known as “Southern Momma”. Cathy Scott reviewed the September financial report Buffalo Run Casino.

## **Financial Reports:**

Following brief explanation by Chief Froman regarding tribal investments, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$63,371.60 (current value as of September 30, 2017) to the Tribal Enterprises Account. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for September 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Administrative/Program Reports:**

Chief Froman reviewed the administrative report for the month of October. Chief reviewed the Peoria Tribal Personnel Policy with the Committee in regards to tribal employee holiday schedule. The Environmental Department will be trapping feral hogs as part of the Invasive Species grant. They are currently looking for locations to set hog traps Ottawa County. Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Tribal Program Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business brought before the Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 10/25/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 11/07/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting”:** Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve new members recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-07-17-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:** Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to approve Resolution R-11-07-17-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-07-17-B, “Approval of Legal Counsel Contract with Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys and Counselors at Law Regarding Representation with National Indian Gaming Commission / Buffalo Run Matters for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma”:** Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve

Resolution R-11-07-17-B and waive the Procurement Policy to engage Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys at Law. Vote was 2 for, 3 opposed. Motion failed; Resolution R-11-07-17-B dies. Following further discussion, the Committee asked Chief Froman to contact the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding the current status of the pending management contract with Direct Enterprise Development, L.L.C., before moving forward with legal counsel.

**Reappointment to Peoria Tribal Gaming Commissioners (John Weedn):** Chief Froman notified the Committee that John Weedn's current term expires December 1, 2017, and he was not being recommended for reappointment. The vacant seat will be posted according to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Ordinance. The Committee asked Chief Froman to provide details of Tribal Attorney Coy Morrow of Morrow, Watson, James and Weedn, PC, opinion regarding the Firm's conflict with Mr. Weedn's reappointment to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission. Chief Froman agreed to provide the Committee with requested information.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments received.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no call for Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Authorized Signature

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Date Approved