

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 all members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Following discussion regarding Item A, listed under Unfinished Business, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Nate Benedict reviewed his report, highlighting the list of events scheduled for 2017. Mr. Benedict answered questions of the Committee regarding the Adams Pro Tournament originally scheduled for August 2017. Chief Froman stated that the Adams Pro Tour will not be held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course this year due to a lack of sponsorship commitment.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Cathy Scott reviewed the financial report for December 2016. Tony Holden answered questions of the Committee regarding ongoing hotel renovations, initial projected completion date, and original budget established for the hotel remodel. Mr. Holden stated water damaged areas discovered during the remodel process were restored, all guest rooms are now complete and new carpet is being installed in the main hallways.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore highlighted monthly promotions and events, including upcoming Four State Franchise boxing event. Cathy Scott reviewed the December financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Craig Harper asked questions regarding the opening of two new gaming facilities in the Miami area, and the potential impact on Buffalo Run Casino's gaming revenue. Mr. Holden stated to date, there has been zero effect on Buffalo Run Casino's daily operations.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Jason Dollarhide asked the Committee to revisit proposed Buffalo Run Casino expansion project at the March Business Committee Meeting. Craig Harper requested that all bids/proposals previously submitted to the Committee by selected contractors, be reviewed for further consideration. Councilman Ritchey asked Tony Holden to provide the proposed Master Plan for Buffalo Run Casino and Resort, previously submitted by contractors with expansion proposals, at the upcoming March Business Committee Meeting for further consideration. Following discussion, Mr. Holden agreed to bring the proposed Master Plan to the March Business Committee Meeting. Tony Holden asked the Committee for permission to place the Peoria Tribe's name and Peoria Tribal Emblem on an advertising block at the televised Four State Franchise boxing event scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017. The Committee unanimously granted Mr. Holden permission, reemphasizing the previous decision to never place the Peoria Tribal Emblem directly on the floor.

Financial Reports:

Following discussion regarding investment proposals, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the financial reports for December 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed his written report for the month of January. The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma announces the cancellation of the Annual Election scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2017. Jason Dollarhide, incumbent, was the only candidate to file for the position of Second Chief. Craig Harper, incumbent, was the only candidate to file for the position of Second Councilman. Annette Black, incumbent, and PJ Attocknie, both filed for positions on the Grievance Committee. All candidates were declared elected by the Election Committee. Each will serve a term of four (4) years. Chief Froman briefed the Committee on a recent visit by the Chancellor of the University of Illinois. Chancellor Robert Jones, toured Peoria Tribal properties and the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M campus. Dr. Jones reaffirmed the partnership already established with the Peoria Tribe and NEO A&M College, and the opportunity for Peoria students, and other Native American students to receive scholarships to attend the University of Illinois. Following discussion regarding remaining funds available in the Peoria Tribal Public Relations Account, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Tonya Mathews to donate \$7000.00 to Miami, Commerce, Afton and Fairland Public School Systems General Activity Funds. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Froman notified the Committee of several thank you cards and calls from Peoria Tribal Scholarship recipients regarding the recent scholarship increase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Approval of the Modified Third Amended and Restated Management Agreement Between the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C.** Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to remove Item A from the table and discuss during Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 01/17/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 02/07/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to approve list of new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-02-07-17-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll: Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve Resolution R-02-07-17-A, as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-02-07-17-B, “Establishing NIGA Tribal Membership for 2017”: Following discussion regarding past NIGA membership dues, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-02-07-17-B. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY 2018 Tribal Trust Fund Budget: Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the FY 2018 Tribal Trust Fund Budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY 2018 Tribal Budgets: Following a brief explanation of budget line items, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve FY 2018 Tribal Budgets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Craig Harper to move into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Following Executive Session, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to return to Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

Discussion/Approval of the Modified Third Amended and Restated Management Agreement Between the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C. The Committee expressed concerns regarding specific conditions of the proposed Management Agreement. Tony Holden and David Qualls of Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C., were present to negotiate terms of the proposed contract.

The Committee moved to strike Item 8.22, from the contract, Tony Holden agreed. The Committee requested the language in Item 3.6.4, be amended to “employees of Buffalo Run Enterprise,” Tony Holden agreed to amend language as requested. The Committee moved to strike the language in Item 3.6.3, regarding “Manager’s Employees” Tony Holden agreed to strike language as requested.

Following discussion, the Committee presented two options to Tony Holden and David Qualls of Direct Development L.L.C., regarding changes to the length of the proposed Management Agreement and proposed Management Fees; both options were denied. Mr. Holden stated the length of the proposed Management Agreement was non-negotiable, and the contract would remain a five (5) year term. Mr. Holden then presented the Committee with original contract length and fee, which was accepted but amended to include the possibility of Casino expansion, at which a lesser fee would be accepted.

Following further discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the Modified Third Amended and Restated Management Agreement Between the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C., with a term of five (5) years at 22% until the completion of the Buffalo Run Casino expansion, at which the Manger’s fee will decrease to 20%. Motion carried with a vote of 4 for, Craig Harper and Tonya Mathews opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Authorized Signature

Date Approved