

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the agenda, to include amended resolution with title and verbiage changes, per BIA request to Resolution R-03-01-16-A. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Golf Course Superintendent Milton Hale reviewed his monthly report. Nate Benedict summarized his written report and added the spring golf season will begin this month due to the mild weather.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Hotel Director Jeff Webb, summarized January 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel and answered questions of the Committee regarding monthly expenditures, and fluctuation of tribal distribution. Tony Holden notified the Committee additional funds were needed to proceed with Hotel remodel.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Cathy Scott summarized the January 2016 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino, and reviewed upcoming promotions and events for the month of March. Tony Holden added, the month of February was the highest gross of “coin-in” revenue in the history of Buffalo Run Casino.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden introduced a representative from Farrell Construction to the Committee, who provided a power point presentation of the Buffalo Run Casino expansion proposal. Mr. Holden and Ferrell Construction gave brief overview of proposed structure, anticipated cost, and answered questions of the Committee. Tony Holden asked permission of the Committee to display a growth chart of Buffalo Run Casino for tribal members to view at Annual Meeting.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve the financial reports for January 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed his Administrative Report. He also briefed the Committee on a legislative issue regarding tribal police/law enforcement, which would limit tribal jurisdiction to trust property only. Chief also discussed a separate bill set to go before committee, would allow on-line sports betting, in turn possibly violating terms of current Gaming Compact. Students from the University of Illinois will be providing a service project in conjunction with the Peoria Housing Authority and NEO A&M College, March 21-25.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business brought before the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-03-01-16-A, “Landscape Conservation Cooperative Activity”:

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Craig Harper to approve Resolution R-03-01-16-A. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Expanded Memorandum of Understanding between the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, and Northeast Tribal Health System: Following brief explanation from Chief Froman regarding additions to current Memorandum of Understanding between the Peoria Tribe and the University of Illinois, motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Expanded Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Amend Tribal Enterprises Budget to Accommodate an Increase in the Buffalo Run Hotel Remodel Budget Above the Current Approved Amount of \$750,000: Following discussion, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to amend current Tribal Enterprise Budget for FY2017 to include an additional \$750,000 to complete Buffalo Run Hotel remodel. Following further discussion regarding specific costs of remodel, motion failed with a vote 0 for, 5 opposed.

Reappointment of Enrollment Committee Members: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Enrollment Committee Members (Kay Harper, Jenny Rampey and Lois Wynn): Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carolyn Ritchey referred to current status of tribal property, previously known as Miami Golf and Country Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no call for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Authorized Signature

Date Approved