

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 11, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:**

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with five members present. Alan Goforth called ahead to notify the Committee he would be arriving late to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Secretary Tonya Mathews asked for the minutes of the Regular Business Committee Meeting held on June 6, 2017, be amended to show the time the meeting was adjourned. Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the amended minutes of the Regular Business Committee Meeting held June 6, 2017, reflecting the adjournment time of 6:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Milton Hale reviewed his written report. The Committee commended Mr. Hale and Peoria Ridge Maintenance staff, on the great condition the golf course is currently in. Nate Benedict summarized his written report, informing the Committee of the decrease in rounds of golf typically played during the month of June, due to the absence of the Adams Pro Tour. Mr. Benedict also noted that due to network issues, the activation of the new Point of Sale System was delayed and is set to come online August 12, 2017.

Chief Froman noted for the record that Third Councilman, Alan Goforth, arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

### **Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Cathy Scott reviewed the May 2017 financial reports for Buffalo Run Hotel.

### **Buffalo Run Casino:**

Steve Bashore highlighted the upcoming events including the Shine Down concert, Four State Franchise Boxing event, and monthly promotions for Buffalo Run Casino and Resort. Cathy Scott reviewed the May 2017 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino.

### **Direct Enterprise Development:**

Tony Holden briefed the Committee on the recent Brantley Gilbert concert on June 17, noting that approximately nine thousand people were in attendance at the Casino's outdoor venue.

### **Financial Reports:**

Chief Froman briefed the Committee on recent investment with Welch State Bank. Following discussion, motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the financial reports for May 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Administrative/Program Reports:**

Chief Froman reviewed his written report. Attended a tribal leaders meeting with Oklahoma State Representative, Ben Loring, and Oklahoma State Senator, Michael Bergstrom, to discuss issues regarding the state budgets and funding issues that could affect Oklahoma Native American tribes. The Peoria Tribal Enrollment Committee is holding a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, July 15, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss proposed changes to the current Peoria Tribal Enrollment Ordinance. Chief Froman briefed the Committee on discussions held at the Sovereignty Symposium held in Oklahoma City. Chief commended the Pow-wow Committee and Tribal Staff for their hard work in making the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Peoria Tribal Pow-wow a great success. The Management Contract between the Peoria Tribe and Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C., has been submitted and is on pace to be reviewed by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). Preliminary work continues on the fee-to-trust application process for the tribal property formerly known as the Miami Golf & Country Club. Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the Tribal Program Reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Approval to Proceed with VIP Lounge Renovation at Buffalo Run Casino out of the Reserve Account:** Tony Holden notified the Committee that more time was needed to plan the renovation project. No action was taken; item remains tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 06/20/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 07/11/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting":** Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by

Carolyn Ritchey to approve new members recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-07-11-17-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-07-11-17-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-07-11-17-B, “Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account”:**

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve the transfer of funds from the Peoria Tribal Tax Commission to the Peoria Tribal Enterprises Account in the amount of \$90,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to Upgrade Billboards Located Behind Buffalo Run Casino Along Interstate 44:**

Tony Holden and David Qualls, of Direct Enterprise Development L.L.C., presented the Committee with three bid packages to update the two main signs for Buffalo Run Casino and Resort. The Committee asked for the Peoria Tribal Emblem to be placed on both signs, and a preview of the final design before structures are updated. Following discussion, motion was made by Tonya Mathews and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the new signage for Buffalo Run Casino on Interstate 44, out of the Buffalo Run Casino Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$340,000 not to exceed \$350,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chief Froman asked everyone to make plans to attend the Town Hall Meeting Saturday, July 15, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting is intended to inform and educate tribal members on the proposed changes to the current Peoria Tribal Enrollment Ordinance. Chief Froman encouraged all tribal members, tribal staff and the Enrollment Committee members, to keep an open mind regarding the proposed changes and questions that might be asked. Carolyn Ritchey asked about the current status of the proposed Buffalo Run Casino Expansion proposal. Chief Froman stated the proposed expansion is still in the preliminary stages and will be presented to the Committee for final approval before moving forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no call for Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Alan Goforth. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Authorized Signature

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Date Approved