

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey asked for a moment of silence on behalf of Second Chief Dollarhide, then gave the invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with four members present. Chief Froman notified the Committee that Second Chief, Jason Dollarhide, was in the hospital and unable to attend; Second Councilman Craig Harper, called 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:

Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Golf Course Superintendent Milton Hale, was unable to attend the meeting; Nate Benedict reviewed Mr. Hale's monthly report. Mr. Benedict reviewed his written report and answered questions of the Committee regarding the new golf cart lease.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

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

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore highlighted monthly gaming promotions, tournaments, entertainment, and upcoming

concerts at Buffalo Run Casino. Cathy Scott reviewed the July 2017 financial reports for Buffalo Run Casino. Chief Froman commended the Buffalo Run event staff for a job well done at the recent Four State Franchise boxing event held in downtown Miami, Oklahoma. Secretary Tonya Mathews asked Steve Bashore to provide a monthly calendar or print out of upcoming events scheduled at Buffalo Run Casino, for the Committee's review at each Business Committee Meeting.

Direct Enterprise Development:

Tony Holden provided the Committee with a preliminary design for the two new signs to be constructed at the west entrance of the Casino and along the Interstate 44, and answered questions of the Committee. Mr. Holden notified the Committee that the VIP Lounge renovation project is not ready to begin, and extended an invitation to Committee members to attend an ESPN documentary on the late Tommy Morrison. Chief Froman read a letter he received from Jay Sevigny, President of Video Gaming Technologies, Inc. (VGT). Mr. Sevigny thanked the Peoria Tribe for the long-term gaming partnership, and successful management of Buffalo Run Casino by Direct Enterprise Development, L.L.C.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve the financial reports for July 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Froman reviewed the written Administrative Report for the month of August. Following discussion regarding annual Peoria Tribal employee evaluations, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to accept the recommended Cost of Living (COLA) raise and merit increase for Peoria Tribal employees as presented by Chief Froman. Vote was 3 for, Tonya Mathews abstained. Motion carried.

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 08/15/2017 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 09/05/2017 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve new members recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-05-17-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll": Motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-09-05-17-A, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-05-17-B, “Approval of Sublease Agreement Between the Seneca-Cayuga Nation and Mercy Clinic Joplin, L.L.C.”: Following a brief explanation of resolution by Chief Froman, motion was made by Alan Goforth and seconded by Wayne Blalock to approve Resolution R-09-05-17-B. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Froman noted for the record that Second Councilman, Craig Harper, arrived to the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Resolution R-09-05-17-C, “In Support of FY 2018 Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Funding Application for the Propagation of Freshwater Mussels to the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Resolution R-09-05-17-C. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-05-17-D, “Authorization for Signatures with Security Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Oklahoma for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Casino”: Following brief discussion regarding Casino signatories, motion was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth to approve Resolution R-09-05-17-D. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval/Discussion of Bright Futures Miami Donation: Secretary Tonya Mathews provided a brief outline of donation request submitted by Bright Futures Miami. Following discussion, a unanimous decision was made to revisit the donation proposal when 2018 Tribal Budgets are presented and potentially earmarking public relation funds to be used specifically for Bright Futures Miami.

Approval to Waive Procurement Policy for the Purchase of an Ultra-Sonic Flow Tracker Device: Environmental Director Erin Barnes, was present to give a brief the explanation of an ultra-sonic device to be purchased with grant funds, needed for environmental research and data collection. Motion to waive Procurement Policy for the purchase of an Ultra-Sonic Flow Tracker Device was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Tonya Mathews. Motion carried unanimously.

Reappointments to Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (Alan Goforth and Cap Ulrey): Motion to approve the reappointments of Alan Goforth and Cap Ulrey to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was made by Tonya Mathews and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Vote was 3 for, Alan Goforth and Wayne Blalock abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were received from Carolyn Ritchey regarding Peoria Tribal contributions to the United Way. Chief Froman stated Peoria Tribal employees have the option to contribute by signing up for a United Way automatic payroll deduction at the time they are hired; Inter-Tribal Council also makes a United Way donation each year on behalf of the Nine Tribes in our area. Alan Goforth asked the Committee to consider using the tribal property formerly known as the Miami Golf and Country Club, as a practice facility for the Miami High School Cross Country Team. Following discussion, Chief Froman stated he would contact the Peoria Tribal attorney to address liability concerns, and notify the Committee of the information he obtains.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Craig Harper and seconded by Alan Goforth to move into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Following Executive Session, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Alan Goforth to move into Open Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. There was no action taken following Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Blalock and seconded by Alan Goforth. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Authorized Signature

Date Approved