



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 7, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Harper 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:

Chief Harper notified the Business Committee of the following Amendments to the Agenda: Item G. Resolution R-01-07-20-D, "Production of an Endangered Mussel Species for Other Concerned Organization, Sites or Needs" was added and Item F. is corrected by removing Marcel Walther from the line item. Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the Amended Agenda as corrected. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the minutes of December 3, 2019, as presented. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2019 AUDITS:

FY2019 were presented in previous month and noted as an error.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Tribal Enterprises:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Overview of Christmas parties hosted
- December had great weather and there were 100 more rounds played than in previous year
- Overview of upcoming events and tournaments, noting that member kick off event has been moved due to forecasted inclement weather
- Course maintenance overview and update on equipment repairs

Buffalo Run Casino

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, reported:

- LED lighting had been installed throughout the property
- Employee breakroom had the following changes: repainted, new furniture and a new vending machine offering healthier choices
- Back of the house hallways have been repainted

- Security entrance renovation is near completion
- Hotel landscaping project is near completion
- Valet parking is now being offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings
- New menu for the Coleman House is available
- Breakfast buffet is being offered on the weekends
- Joe's Outback will be offering BBQ menu in mid January
- Marketing has been busy securing entertainment for the 1st quarter of the year and currently 16 acts have been secured

Cathy Scott, Buffalo Run Casino Operations Manager, reported:

- Casino Revenue has increased as compared to previous fiscal year
- Hotel revenue is increased as compared to previous fiscal year.

Buffalo Run Hotel

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, reported:

- Events had been filling the hotel rooms
- Continuing to offer personal touch to all guests
- Changes have been implemented to the Hotels Continental Breakfast, encouraging hotel guests to dine at the casino venues

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run Casino Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- Properties are continuing to develop and reinforce the guest experience

Financial Reports

Motion was made by Tonya Mathews and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the financial reports for November 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Program Reports

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of December, providing a brief recap of the month's activities:

- Gaming Compact issue is still front and center
- Gaming Compact issue is affecting any and all items that have to do with the State and Tribes, all activities/work has been halted
- 3 Tribes have filed a lawsuit against the Governor regarding the Gaming Compact issue
- Attended NTHS and ITC monthly meetings
- Children's Christmas Party was a great success
- Met with an individual from Bureau of Land Management that was surveying boundaries and located numerous historical markers
- New Fire Design is the architectural firm that has been selected to work on the Daycare and Community building projects

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-01-07-20-A, "Establishing NIGA Tribal Membership for 2020": Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-01-07-20-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-01-07-20-B, “Resolution to the Department of Health and Human Services for Period of April 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2023 PL-95-478 for Administration on Aging-Grant to Indian Tribes”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-01-07-20-B as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion of Addendum to Attorney Contract: Chief Harper stated discussion on issue should be held for Executive Session.

Resolution R-01-07-20-C, “Authorization for Addendum to Attorney Contracts”: This Resolution will be discussed in Executive Session.

Approval of FY2020 Tribal Budget Revisions: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve FY2020 Tribal Budget Revisions. Motion passed.

Reappointments to Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission (Jonas Rabel): Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to reappoint Jonas Rabel to the Peoria Tribal Gaming Commission. Motion passed. Tonya Mathews abstained.

Resolution R-01-07-20-D, “Production of an Endangered Mussel Species for Other Concerned Organization, Site or Needs”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-01-07-20-D as presented. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments were provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to move into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed.


Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and was seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-01-07-20-C, “Authorization for Addendum to Attorney Contracts”: Resolution R-01-07-20-C died due to lack of motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved