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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2019**

**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, except for Kara North.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, began his report by recapping the rounds for the Month of April, which were up compared to April 2018. The weather in the month of April had been favorable until the end of the month which was when the constant rains had started. The rain continued into the month of May, which created unfavorable conditions at the course. In closing Mr. Benedict provided an overview of upcoming events and new events being added to the event roster.

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, was absent and a report was not provided on maintenance of the course.

**Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, provided a brief overview of the hotel occupancy stating it is at 69%, which is up 7% from 2018. Ms. Riggs stated she has been researching travel sites and nationwide hotel sites and that she would be adding some rooms to various travel engines. With regards to hotel maintenance Ms. Riggs provided the following report: the pool repairs would

be complete very soon; numerous Air Condition units had been ordered; and currently the hotel does not have a maintenance employee but they have been working with Mr. Brian Estep, Buffalo Run Casino Facilities Manager.

#### **Buffalo Run Casino:**

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, advised the Business Committee that the casino had some security and surveillance equipment replaced due to the recent storms. In addition to that new equipment there have numerous upgrades throughout the casino such as a new server and LED lighting. In closing, Mr. Bashore provided a synopsis of each of the departments in the casino, including but not limited to, the following Slot Revenue, Table Games and Marketing. He closed out his report, stating that there has been some restructuring in the marketing department on how casino patrons are “hosted” and a new strategy is being implemented.

#### **Financial Reports:**

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for April 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of May, wherein he recapped his trip with Second Chief Pappenfort to the Cahokia Mounds. Chief Harper expressed his desire to be able to offer a day trip to tribal members to visit the Mounds. As part of his report he stated that the contract had been signed on the property the Tribe was interested in purchasing; the offices had been closed due to the flooding in Miami; and the cemetery looked amazing for Memorial Day weekend.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Approval to proceed with Landscaping Upgrade at Buffalo Run Casino out**

**of the Reserve Account:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and Seconded by Hank Downum to award the landscaping contract at the Casino property to L & K with the landscaping project at the Casino property. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **Approval to proceed with Asphalt improvements at Buffalo Run Casino out**

**of the Reserve Account:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to award the contract to Neece Concrete Construction for improvements at Buffalo Run Casino. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of bids for Siding on concessions & sound building At Pow Wow Grounds:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to award the contract to Meeks for siding on concession and sound building at Pow Wow Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.



**Discussion/Approval of bids for building pads at Pow Wow Grounds:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and Seconded by Hank Downum to award the contract for building pads at Pow Wow Grounds to Moates Construction. Motion carried unanimously

**Discussion/Approval of bids for concrete slabs at Pow Wow Grounds:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and Seconded by Hank Downum to award the contract for concrete slabs at Pow Wow Grounds to Scott Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of bids for shingles on Administration office:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and Seconded by Hank Downum to award the contract for shingles to DeGraff Roofing for the Malarkey shingle with a 50 year warranty. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of bids for electric upgrades at Pow Wow Grounds:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and Seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to award the contract for electrical upgrades at the Pow Wow Grounds to H&K Electric. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of mowing equipment upgrade at the Buffalo Run Casino:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and Seconded by Hank Downum to table the purchase of mowing equipment upgrades until further bids are received. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were not any public comments.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**


Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and was seconded by Logan Pappenfort to come out of Executive Session at 8:24 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
Authorized Signature

  
Date Approved