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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Harper called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Chief Harper declared a quorum as Secretary Tonya Mathews is on business travel. Chief Harper also advised the Business Committee that Second Chief Logan Pappenfort is on business travel and will not be in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, gave his report wherein he stated that his crew is working on numerous projects to prepare the course for Spring and the coming season. Mr. Hale provided an overview of some of the projects his crew is working on including the following: greens aerification; repainting of accessories; preparing equipment; pruning and trimming trees; checking sprinklers and accessing the condition of the greens.

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, began his report by stating that the number of rounds for the previous month, is similar to rounds played in years prior. He was pleased to announce there had been a few memberships added during the month. Mr. Benedict also stated that the weather is continuing to impact the number of rounds played and at this point in the month, the rounds are down. Mr. Benedict stated that the month of March begins the events for the season and he would like to extend an invitation to the Business Committee for the Spring kick off function on March 27th. In conclusion, Mr. Benedict stated that the Men's and Women's leagues would

begin at the end of March and that the Women's league was changing from Wednesday to Tuesday in hopes of increasing attendance.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, provided a brief overview of the hotel occupancy and was happy to announce that February 2019 was the first time in several years that the hotel had been able to provide a distribution. Isabella Burrell inquired what Ms. Riggs contributed to the increase over previous years. Ms. Riggs stated she attributed it to several factors, such as their customer service and the promotions that the hotel had been running.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, provided a synopsis of each of the departments of the casino including but not limited to the following: new games from a new vendor are being added to the floor; table games had increased in comparison to previous FY in the same month; addition of bands on the casino floor has been well received; the Secured visitors entrance will be undergoing a renovation; the marketing department has numerous activities going on such as new billboards, new radio ads, an Player's Club Kiosk was placed in the hotel, the buffet is increasing traffic in the Coleman House, and an employee newsletter has been launched. In concluding his report, Mr. Bashore reminded the Business Committee of the upcoming event, The Price is Right. He stated this was a great event in the past and the ticket sales were looking very encouraging.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the financial reports for January 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of February. Chief Harper provided a recap of the Annual Meeting and stated that the new location was successful, and he complimented the Casino staff on a well-executed event. In closing, Chief Harper stated he had received numerous compliments on the day of the event and was continuing to receive positive feedback.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recommendation of Disenrollment: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the Recommendation of Disenrollment as requested by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-03-05-19-A, "Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account": Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-03-05-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-03-05-19-B, "In Support of Opioid Overdose Sub-Award Prevention Program through the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board": Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-03-05-19-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY2019 Tribal Budget Revisions: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve budget revisions for FY2019. Motion carried unanimously

Reappointments to the Audit Committee (Zach Goforth, Michael Lewis, Kendra (Pogue) Robinson): Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the reappointments to the Audit Committee as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Reappointments to the Peoria Tribal Enrollment Committee (Kay Harper, Jenny Rampey, Louis Jeane Wynn): Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the reappointments to the Peoria Tribal Enrollment Committee as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carolyn Ritchey expressed her opinion on the Title VI: Elder Meal Program. Currently the meals being prepared at the Ottawa location are not satisfactory and there have been many complaints. Mrs. Ritchey concluded her discussion stating that we need to do something about our Title VI Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and was seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 6:41 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of termination of Aaron Epperson on February 14, 2019: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to approve the termination of Aaron Epperson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded Isabella Burrell. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Authorized Signature

04-02-19

Date Approved

