



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 2, 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:**

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the Agenda. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2020. Motion passed.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

Chief Harper provided an update on Tribal Enterprises due to asking staff members to not attend this meeting:

***Peoria Ridge Golf Course:***

- Chief Harper made reference to the report located at Tab 2 for anyone wanting to review it.

***Buffalo Run Casino:***

- Property is currently open from 8 am – 4 am, at a reduced capacity.
- February was a great month and the last half of May has been very good.
- A date to reopen full time has not been identified.
- The Casino is constantly working to make the property clean and sanitized.

**Financial Reports**

A motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the financial reports for April 2020 as presented. Motion passed.

**Administrative Program Reports**

Chief Harper provided a brief overview of his printed report stating he had participated in NTHS, ITC, and OIGA meetings. In addition, he stated he has been completing 90 day staff reviews for new employees. Chief Harper also further advised the Business Committee that the BIA began moving into the BIA building. He also stated that New Fire Design has been meeting with staff and that both projects are moving along with designs are at near completion. Chief Harper stated that the Tribe is part of a “Tribal Transportation Consortium” and that it is our Tribe’s year to receive the funding

from that project. He further stated that the intention is to use the funding this year on the Campus project. In closing Chief Harper advised the Business Committee he would like to inform them about some property that the Tribe has been looking at and this would be further discussed during Executive Session.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution R-06-02-20-A, “Resolution to Submit ICDBG-CARES Imminent Threat Funding Application on Behalf of Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma”:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-A as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-B, “Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Certification that Citizen Participation Requirements were met for ICDBG-CARES Imminent Threat Grant Application on Behalf of Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma”:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-B as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-C, “Authorization and Signatures with Liberty Bankers Life for Investment Accounts”:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-C as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-D, “Authorization and Signatures with Equitable Life & Casualty for Investment Accounts”:** Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-D as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-E, “Request for Funding from Bureau of Indian Affairs”:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-E as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-F, “Request for Funding from InterTribal Buffalo Council”:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-E as presented. Motion passed.

**Resolution R-06-02-20-F, “Request for Funding from Department of Energy for Energy Technology on Tribal Lands”:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-06-02-20-F as presented. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Approval of Employee 90-day evaluations and wage change recommendations:** Discussion in Executive Session due to confidentiality.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chief Harper stated that \$5.5 million had been deposited in the Tribes account from CARES Act Funding. He further stated that there are very specific guidelines on how the money can be spent. Chief Harper also stated that there are some improvements that are necessary and will help with safety protocols of our properties.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to move into Executive Session at 6:54 pm.

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 7:23 pm.


**Discussion/Approval of Employee 90-day evaluations and wage change recommendations:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve wage change recommendations as presented by Chief Harper during Executive Session. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

  
Authorized Signature

  
Date Approved