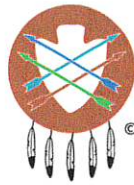


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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
August 1, 2023**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Craig Harper called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Jenny Rampey declared a quorum with one member, Rosanna Dobbs, absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Scott Myers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on July 11, 2023. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Financial Reports

Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Jenny Rampey to approve the Financial Reports for June 2023 as presented. Motion passed.

Enterprise Reports

Chief Harper thanked the Committee and citizens for attending. He then introduced Patrick Browne, CEO of Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Mr. Browne introduced himself and thanked the council for having him.

Mr. Browne began his report, which included:

Slot Financials

- Coin-In showed an *increase* of 12.4% (\$5,021,281) from June 2023 to June 2024 and an *increase* of 6.3% YTD.
- Slot Win showed a *decrease* of -0.2% (\$3,314) from June 2023 to June 2024 and a *decrease* of -7.0% YTD.

Hotel Financials

- -3.2% (\$5,296) *decrease* in **Room Revenue** from June 2023 to June 2024, and up 0.4% (\$1,935) YTD.
- 12.1% (\$742) *increase* with **Grab-n-Go** from June 2023 to June 2024, and up 16.2% (\$2,814) YTD.

Golf Financials

- Golf Revenue showed an *increase* of 14.3% (\$17,553) from June 2023 to June 2024, and up 22.6% (\$81,219) YTD.
- Golf Rounds showed an *increase* of 6.4% (212) from June 2023 to June 2024, and up 21.5% (2,040) YTD.

2024 Casino Distribution

- Distribution comparing June FY2023 to FY2024 showed an *increase* of 31.9%, (\$42,826).
- YTD distribution showed a *decrease* of -9.7%, (\$418,169).

Mr. Browne stated that the Business Committee had previously approved a slot purchase for the Casino. A total of ninety-six new machines were purchased, bringing the total to 580 units. The Tribe owns the new ninety-six machines, which is 16%, on the floor. This is a financial investment for the Tribe. A total of 20% of new income will come to the Tribe from these machines, a result of no longer paying a fee for leasing them. Mr. Browne ended his report by asking the Business Committee if there were any questions.

Mr. Browne then introduced Sophia Keithley, Director of Finance for Buffalo Run Casino. Ms. Keithley did not have a report to present but introduced herself to the Business Committee and to the citizens. She spoke briefly about her 30-60 day journey with the Casino and her move from Las Vegas to Oklahoma. Ms. Keithley spoke about the growth strategy currently in place as well as implementing new accounting software.

Kim Krokroskia, Director of Human Resources, introduced herself. She began her report, which included the following:

- Team Member Training & Development –
 - Signed a contract with UDEMY. They are a strategic learning partner that offers online workshops and courses to help employees develop a career path as well as empower leaders and managers.
- Human Resources Relocation –
 - The HR department completed a relocation within the building. The offices are more accessible for employees to reach during a break or lunch.

Ms. Krokroskia thanked the Committee for having her and asked if there were any questions. She then introduced Nate Dowling, Director of Non-Gaming Operations for the Casino.

Mr. Dowling began his report, which included:

Facilities Update:

- Maintenance & Repairs –
 - Replaced the water heater at the Hotel, it was 13 years old.
 - Bar dishwasher replacement.
 - 5 Hotel rooms – maintenance and repairs.
 - Numerous AC units needed repaired or replaced.
 - Other updates were mentioned.

- Projects –
 - Guest Service – Stone wall installation.
 - Showplace – Stage flooring replacement.

- IT Security & Surveillance –
 - Installed Interactive TV's for the Tribe.
 - Added surveillance to the server room.
 - Marketing graphics in the server room.
 - Server room cleanup.

- 2023-2024 Facilities Projects –
 - Showplace: Completed the bar demo. Paint, garage doors, and acoustical tile replacement will be completed in September 2023. Construction on both the grand entrance and the bleachers are slated for January 2024.
 - Exterior: LED lighting replacement as well as gutter replacement for Backwoods and the warehouse.
 - Tribe: Intrusion alarms for Henley and Ken's warehouses. A/V project for the Community Center.

- Cost-Savings Initiatives –
 - Successfully completed negotiations with three services that will yield impressive annual savings for the Tribe.

Mr. Dowling thanked the Committee for their time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Chief Harper gave a recap of his written report, the highlights included:

- 4th of July Event held at Buffalo Run Casino (Partnering with the City of Miami)

- Met with Senator Lankford's Field Reps: Mack Savala & Derek Osborn

- Tribal Leader's Discussion on Tobacco Compacts
- Peoria Jurisdiction Meeting – Garet Couch
- Continue to meet and plan for the Cemetery project, Food Distribution Center, Solar project, and Greenhouses.
- Hired Comptroller Amanda Hall
- Attended the Grand Opening of Eastern Shawnee's Splash Pad
- Attended Intertribal Council Board Meeting
- Holding interviews for CHR 1 position with HHS
- Attended NTHS Governing Board Meeting
- ITC Board Meeting
- Toured the Miami Senior Center with Director Bob Gelso
- Met with Secretary Gatz of Transportation

Chief Harper asked Charla EchoHawk, Director of Cultural Preservation to please come to the podium and to explain the flyer that had been handed out. Ms. EchoHawk gave a brief recap about the Painted Hides workshop that was held last year and explained that the second year was beginning on 8/2/23. The workshop is not costing either the Peoria Tribe or the Miami Tribe any money and the purpose of the workshop is to learn and to establish relationships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-08-01-23-A, “Authorization for Signatures with Arvest Bank for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Casino”: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-08-01-23-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-08-01-23-B, “Authorization for Signatures with Arvest Bank for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Hotel”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North

to approve Resolution R-08-01-23-B as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-08-01-23-C, “Authorization for Signatures with Arvest Bank for the Account Entitled Peoria Ridge Golf Course Operating Account”: Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-08-01-23-C as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval: Waiver of Procurement Process to Participate with Inter-Tribal Reservation Mapping Project: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Jenny Rampey to participate in the Reservation Mapping Project as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval: Following Litigation Update: Following the discussion held in Executive Session, a motion was made by Jenny Rampey and seconded by Hank Downum to continue with the current litigation appeal process. Motion passed.

Appointments for Housing Authority Board: Topic was tabled until next month, due to a misunderstanding of term expiration dates. No motion made.

Discussion/Approval of FSA Contract: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Scott Myers to approve the contract as presented. Chair requested language to include Sole Source approval with the contract. Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to approve the Sole Source amendment to the contract as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Land Acquisition: Following the discussion held in Executive Session, no action was taken.

Discussion/Approval of Employee Wage Change Recommendations: Following the discussion held in Executive Session, a motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Scott Myers to approve wage changes as presented by Human Resources. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Before Chief Harper opened the floor for public comments, he asked for Attorney Mike McBride to share information about the current litigation. Mr. McBride shared a brief explanation and update on each of the eight pieces of litigation.

Chief Harper began “Public Comments” by asking if there were any questions so that each Tribal Citizen had the opportunity to address the Business Committee or ask questions.

Comment from Citizen Darcie Schultz:

Ms. Schultz asked the Tribe to consider a reinstatement of a Cultural Advisory Board with a mission statement. This board would work together with the Cultural Department and help to implement programs such as making ribbon skirts, beading, etc....she said that she is speaking for many others who would like to be more involved with learning more about the Peoria culture with hands-on activities.

Ms. Schultz also asked what happened to the survey that the Election Committee gave out at the March 2022 Election. Chief Harper stated that we would follow up with the Election Committee.

Comment from Citizen Nick Hargrove:

Mr. Hargrove stated that he agrees with Darcie in that more citizens want to be involved but aren't sure how to go about it.

Comment from Citizen John Froman:

Mr. Froman stated that he would like to help support the Miami Senior Citizens Center as mentioned in an earlier discussion.

Comment from Citizen Alan Goforth:

Mr. Goforth stated that he is sorely disappointed that we lost money to Mike McBride. He would like the Business Committee to consider "getting rid of Mike McBride" and that he believes Mr. McBride is leading the Tribe down the wrong path.

Comment from Citizen Charla EchoHawk:

Ms. EchoHawk spoke to Darcie Schultz's request and how that would actually play out. She said that they hear the citizens and that some things are in the works.

Comment from Citizen Karen Johnson:

Eldercare – She gave an example of a citizen who was denied funds. She has a suggestion that she'd like to share. Chief Harper stated that he would visit with her after the meeting.

Comment from Citizen Tanisa Brashear:

Ms. Brashear asked who initiated the lawsuit, Chief Harper replied that it was the Business Committee that served in 2019. Ms. Brashear said that she thought that they should be held accountable.

Comment from Citizen Burgundy Fletcher:

Ms. Fletcher stated that DNA tests do not tell you if you are a Peoria citizen, that it needs to be traced through your family.

Comment from Citizen Wesley Farless:

Mr. Farless stated that he and the Cultural Department hear the needs and wants of the citizens. The department/Tribe will never look down upon you and to please come to all events. Make a priority to yourself.

Comment from LeAnne Reeves:

Ms. Reeves stated that there was good news for the Tribe. After two years, two tribal properties went into Trust. Congratulations to Jamie Williams for his hard work. The two properties were the Campus and the Cattle Farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Hank Downum to move into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 9:14 pm. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.


Jenny Rampsey
Authorized Signature

9/5/2023
Date Approved