



PEORIA TRIBE

OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
November 3, 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 Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2020. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, began his report by stating the following:

- Winter projects have begun and the staff has been reduced to the 'winter crew';
- New and additional surveillance has been added to improve the protection of the whole property; Buffalo Run Casino has recently added new surveillance equipment and the theft issue has ceased;
- Three Equipment Lease bids were received for new lawn mowing equipment and will be reviewed soon.

Austin Shipman, Peoria Ridge General Manager, started his report by stating that the month of October was now the best month ever recorded for the property. He continued by stating that the Membership Drive has successful and that membership has almost doubled. Mr. Shipman further stated the Bar and Grill will be introducing some new menu options. In closing, he stated that the property is working to be more efficient and effective in all areas.

In closing the report on Peoria Ridge Golf Course, Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run CEO, stated that the property had hosted its first ever Golf Course Member Social. This event, held in September, was met with rave reviews and members are anticipating future events.

Chief Craig Harper closed the report for Peoria Ridge Golf course stating that the Business Committee would be presented with a budget modification later in the meeting and this would have an impact on all tribal properties. He further elaborated saying that it would be in the

best benefit to acquire new equipment at Peoria Ridge Golf Course and to take the “older” equipment and use it at other tribal properties, thereby becoming more efficient and effective at these other properties.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel Manager, began her report by informing the Business Committee that the Trucker’s Lounge had recently opened. She further stated that the Trucker’s Lounge is very pretty and is a great amenity to Buffalo Run Casino and Hotel. Ms. Riggs stated that alcohol sales at the Hotel would be in place this month. In closing, Ms. Riggs advised the Business Committee that mattresses for all the rooms would be arriving later this month and this would be a great change for the property. Third Councilman Burrell inquired what would be done with the mattresses that were being replaced. Ms. Riggs stated she was not sure. Ms. Burrell stated she thought they should be provided to individuals and organizations in the community that needed them. There was some discussion on the floor about making the mattresses available and the process that would need to be taken for this to happen.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run CEO, started his report by advising the Business Committee that the wage increase of key personnel at Buffalo Run Hotel was working and they were beginning to see a decrease in staff changeover. He updated the group of the continued financial growth of Buffalo Run Casino. Mr. Browne further stated that the continued financial growth of the properties are contingent on actions that continue to be put into place. He explained his goals for the property and stated that the growth of the Team’s energy is being recognized by guests and is paying off in financial rewards for the property.

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, provided the Business Committee with the following update:

- He first acknowledged the hard work and effort put forth by Mr. Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run CEO, as he has only been with Buffalo Run Casino for a little over a year and has made significant changes with stimulated growth;
- Secondly, he stated that the Trucker’s Lounge turned out amazing and proceeded to provide a video presentation of the new lounge;
- E-Sports would be introduced before the end of the year and Buffalo Run Casino was working with BOLT to get new fiber optics to the property for this project.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the Financial Reports for September 2020 as presented. Motion passed.

Administrative Program Reports

Chief Harper provided a brief synopsis of his printed report stating the following:

- He had just returned from a trip to Illinois that started in the southwest of Chicago and ended at St. Genevieve, Illinois. He provided a brief slide show of the historical and culturally significant areas he had visited and shared that he envisions the Tribe taking citizens on day trips to these areas some day in the future;
- The options for a wool blanket were discussed and additional options of blanket 7 would be expanded for future discussion and presentation;

- Jacci Connell, Peoria Shield Director, provided a brief presentation on initial logo designs for Peoria Shield. Further renderings and/or options would need to be presented to Business Committee at a future date, wherein the cultural aspects could be further expanded on the logo options;
- Tribal staff were provided the following days as Administrative Leave: November 26th and 27th, and December 24th and 25th;
- Update on Campus projects was provided detailing the phase of construction each project is currently at.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 10/14/2020 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 11/03/2020 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting. Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve new members recommended for approval by the Enrollment Committee on 10/14/2020. Motion passed.

Resolution R-11-03-20-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-11-03-20-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-11-03-20-B, “Resolution Authorizing Submission of the 2020 Energy and Mineral Development Project (EMDP) Proposal to the U.S. Department of the Interior-Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs-Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) to Fund Resource Assessments on Tribal Land”: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-11-03-20-B as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-11-03-20-C, “Tribal Membership in Intertribal Agriculture Council”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-11-03-20-C as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-11-03-20-D, “Tribal Membership in National Indian Gaming Association”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-11-03-20-D as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval to Amend Land Acquisition Budget and Tribal Enterprise Budget to transfer to authorize and complete the purchase of commercial property and commercial mowing equipment: Discussion in Executive Session due to confidentiality.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 7:22 pm.

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded Carolyn Ritchey to come out of Executive Session at 7:44 pm.

Discussion/Approval to Amend Land Acquisition Budget and Tribal Enterprise Budget to transfer to authorize and complete the purchase of commercial property and commercial mowing equipment: : Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to Amend Land Acquisition Budget and Tribal Enterprise Budget, for amounts approved in Executive Session, to transfer to authorize and complete the purchase of commercial property and commercial mowing equipment. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Isabella Burrell. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Authorized Signature



Date Approved