



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 4, 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 Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020, as presented. Motion passed.

ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

Chief Harper requested Second Chief Pappenfort to introduce the guests from Illinois State Museum. Second Chief Pappenfort introduced Brooke Morgan – Curator of Anthropology for Illinois State Museum Research and Collection center and Duane Esarey – Director of Dickson Mounds Museum. Chief Harper and Second Chief Pappenfort stated that Ms. Morgan and Mr. Esarey had met earlier in the day to determine what portion and/or items of the Peoria collection that will be brought, for display, to the Annual Meeting on March 7, 2020. Ms. Morgan passed out informational folders to the Business Committee that contained some items that could be on display and answered questions of the Committee.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS

Tribal Enterprises:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, reported the following:

- Overview of maintenance being conducted on the course and equipment in preparation of Spring
- Weather conditions had been favorable, and rounds had been up
- Overview of upcoming events and tournaments, noting that there are several new tournaments
- Nate Neel has been working with Marketing from Buffalo Run Casino to create a package for patrons to use

Buffalo Run Hotel

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, reported the following:

- A block of rooms is being held for the Peoria Annual General Council meeting and the Buffalo Run Pow-wow
- The newly implemented “grab and go” food option has been successful, and guests are enjoying the option
- A conversation had been held with Logan Pappenfort to determine if there was a culturally appropriate item could be handed out to guests as they check in. Second Chief Pappenfort stated that there was a variety of nut that may be an option and they would have to discuss this further.
- Checking into options to update the artwork throughout the property and hopes to be able to use local artists and/or tribal members artwork
- A new commercial washer had been purchased, for guest use
- Landscaping is near complete

Buffalo Run Casino

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run Casino Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- Updates are continuing to happen that will enhance the employee and guest experience
- A survey has been added to the kiosk stations
- Management has 3 objectives that they are focusing on:
 - Bringing new guests to the property
 - Execute fun, affordable events/parties monthly for patrons
 - Reducing and/or eliminating expenses in every department

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, reported:

- Initiatives that Patrick discussed are being implemented to improve satisfaction
- Moving unnecessary items out of the storage area
- Hotel landscaping is nearing completion
- Scent testing is happening currently in hotel and casino. Goal is to establish a signature scent for the properties
- Some renovations in the Showplace have been completed
- Valentine promotions will be offered expecting it be to be a big night
- New breakfast menu being offered on the weekends is going extremely well
- New Bar-B-Q at Joe’s is going great
- Some new table games will be offered soon
- Working with some new vendors to bring in new and exciting games to the facility

Financial Reports

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for December 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Program Reports

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of December, providing a brief recap of the month's activities:

- Attended NTHS and ITC monthly meetings
- Toured Wildheart Refuge in Chelsea
- Toured the McNaughton historic barn at Ankeman Ranch
- Met with New Fire Design on concepts and ideas for Daycare and Community building projects
- Participated in meetings in Tampa where the focus was 8a contracts and opportunities
- Met with new NEO President
- Attended the State of the State Address, presented by Oklahoma Governor Stitt
- State Gaming Compact is still an issue and 3 tribes are currently suing the State of Oklahoma over it, with more to join the lawsuit in the near future

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 01/17/2020.

Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 02/04/2020 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Isabella Burrell approve list of new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion passed.

Resolution R-02-04-20-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll":

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-02-04-20-A as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion of 4th of July 2020 festivities at Buffalo Run Casino Outdoor Ampitheater hosted by the city of Miami, with in kind Sponsorship by Peoria Tribe and Buffalo Run Casino: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve 4th of July 2020 festivities at Buffalo Run Casino Outdoor Ampitheater. Motion passed.

Discussion of Addendum to Attorney Contract: Chief Harper stated discussion on issue should be held for Executive Session.

Resolution R-02-04-20-B, "Authorization for Addendum to Attorney Contracts": This Resolution will be discussed in Executive Session.

Amendments to General Revenue and Taxation Act: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Amendments to General Revenue and Taxation Act. Motion passed.

Amendments to Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Rules and Regulations: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Kara North to approve Amendments to Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Rules and Regulations. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of contract with Legwork, LLC: Chief Harper stated discussion on issue should be held for Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wess Farliss, Peoria Tribal citizen, asked if the approved Amendments to Tax Act meant that the vehicle tags would be moved from the Miami Tag Agency. Chief Harper responded that the Amendments do not move the tags they only pertain to the Taxes charged at the Tribal Enterprises. Chief Harper also stated that the vehicle tags are going to be moved to the Peoria Tribal offices in the future. Mr. Farliss inquired when this would happen. Chief Harper responded that it is tentatively set to happen in June of 2020, and he intends to present this information at the Annual Meeting in March.

Chief Harper concluded the public comment period by once again thanking Ms. Morgan and Mr. Esarey for coming to the Peoria Tribal offices and that the Tribe looks forward to their participation at the Annual Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to move into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and was seconded by Hank Downum to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Addendum to Attorney Contract: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the Addendum to the Attorney Contract. Motion passed.


Resolution R-02-04-20-B, "Authorization for Addendum to Attorney Contracts": Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve Resolution R-02-04-20-B. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of contract with Legwork, LLC: Motion was made by Hank Downum and Carolyn Ritchey to approved contract with Legwork, LLC in the amount of up to \$7,500. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved