



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 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 Isabella Burrell 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 Carolyn Ritchey to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020 as presented. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS

Chief Harper advised the Business Committee that he had asked staff to not attend due to the current situation of COVID-19, other than Patrick Browne, CEO Buffalo Run Casino.

Buffalo Run Casino

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run Casino CEO, reported the following:

- February and first two weeks of March were very promising numbers
- Fifty entertainers had been booked for 2020, but this has changed due to current situation
- An overview of slot machines: placement, number, hold and future plans
- New area on floor had been identified for the placement of new games introduced
- Positive trending was happening at the property and he is proud of the team as the initiatives are beginning to gain traction
- A Contingency Plan is in place at the property and progress is being tracked
- When property is opened back up, the facility will be ready
- Hotel and Peoria Ridge Golf Course had reopened
- Employees are continuing to be paid their wages on two week plans and communication is ongoing with the team members
- Human Resources had assisted staff that is “tipped” in completing the unemployment paperwork

Chief Harper directed the Business Committee to Tab 4, page 3. He stated this is information he monitors and would like the Business Committee to see that the expenses are considerably lower than a year ago and Patrick is directly responsible for this happening. Chief Harper added a final comment commending Patrick on his hard work and dedication.

Financial Reports

Motion was made by Tonya Mathews and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the financial reports for February 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Program Reports

Chief Harper directed the Business Committee to review the packet on the Graduation Stoles and stated he would like the Business Committee to recommend their selection. The Business Committee selected Option 1 for college graduates and Option 2 for High School graduates. Tonya Mathews stated she wanted to ensure that the font provided in Option 3 was the font to be utilized in the approved options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-04-07-20- A “ USDA Rural Business Development Grant for Technical Assistance”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North approve Resolution R-04-07-20-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-04-07-20-B “ Membership in Inter Tribal Buffalo Council”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-04-07-20-B as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval Property Management Manual: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to Property Management Manual as presented. Motion passed.

Approval/discussion to amend the Land Acquisition Budget and Tribal Enterprise budget transfer to authorize and complete the purchase of the Buffalo Run Annex property: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to amend the Land Acquisition Budget and Tribal Enterprise budget transfer to authorize and complete the purchase of the Buffalo Run Annex property. Motion passed.

Executive Order 2020-03-06-A “Proclamation of State of Emergency Regarding COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus): Chief Harper advised the Business Committee of this action taken in response to COVID-19.

Resolution R-04-07-20-C “Resolution Affirming Executive Order 2020-03-16-A Proclamation of State of Emergency Regarding COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)”: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-04-07-20-C as presented. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments


EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session called

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved