



PEORIA TRIBE

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PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING August 20, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Dobbs called the meeting to order, and Kara North gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Isabella Clifford declared a quorum with all (6) members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Nicholas Hargrove requested to amend the agenda with Resolution R-08-20-25-D, "Resolution Expressing Interest in Certain Federal Excess Property". Scott Myers requested to amend the agenda with keeping the Golf Course Financials on the agenda under Unfinished Business. Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Paul J. Attocknie Jr. made a motion and was seconded by Kara North to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on August 5, 2025, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

GUEST PRESENTER:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of Burial Policy: Motion was made by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. and seconded by Kara North to self-fund the Tribe's Burial Policy. Motion passed with 5 for and 1 opposed, Nicholas Hargrove.

Discussion/Approval of Orion Golf Management Contract: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to table. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution R-08-20-25-A, "Appointment of Tribal Representative to Serve on Northeastern Tribal Health System Governing Board": Motion was made by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. and seconded by Scott Myers to R-08-20-25-A. Motion passed with 5 for and 1 abstaining, Isabella Clifford.

SECRETARY
Isabella Clifford

TREASURER
Jason Dollarhide

FIRST COUNCILMAN
Nick Hargrove

SECOND COUNCILMAN
Kara D. North

THIRD COUNCILMAN
Scott Myers

Resolution R-08-20-25-B, “Certifying Officer to Sign CDIB 8 x 10”: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to R-08-20-25-B. Motion passed.

Resolution R-08-20-25-C, “Approving Retracement Survey and Adopting as Official and Authoritative Survey of the Peoria-Miami Reservation”: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul J. Attocknie JR. to approve R-08-20-25-C with Peoria Reservation. Motion passed.

Appointment of Gaming Commissioners: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. to appoint Angela Gosney for Gaming Commissioner. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Quik Trip Lease: Motion was made by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. and seconded by Scott Myers to appoint to table. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Legal Issues: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to appoint approve Interim Agreement Action Plan with one amendment. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Employee Wage Change Recommendations (was held in Executive Session): Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. to approve wage changes as recommended by H.R. in Executive Session. Motion passed.

Resolution R-08-20-25-D, “Resolution Expressing Interest in Certain Federal Excess Property”: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to R-08-20-25-D. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes)

Citizen LeAnn Reeves:

My name is LeAnne Reeves, and I like to go on to address what I'm calling the copyright directive. There was a memo that was issued to all staff members to discontinue using the Tribal logo that has the copyright symbol on it. There have been a couple of times, and you are all too young to have been around, but it has been within the last 15 years that the copyright has been challenged. It has been pirated, if you will, and steps were taken to contact the individual that was using it and we were on firm legal ground. Now I can see that copyright insignia in this memo has been taken off completely. What I'm trying to do is figure out what is real and what isn't real. I want to have you know I'm not just talking to your head around. I absolutely went back and looked and couldn't find anything in any minutes, but you guys conduct so much stuff in the executive session it is hard to know what really is going on. I looked to see if you all had ever taken a position on it. I couldn't find anything. I'm hoping for is some clarification and have you or have you not put the Tribal logo, which is a legacy from a now deceased elder, that was approved by the General Council out there for use by anybody for anything. All I want is an

answer. It absolutely puts that open to anybody and Nick this was attributed to you. I don't know whether that is correct or not. It leaves it open for anybody, anything including criminal enterprise, to use that logo. It hasn't been approved but it represents the position of the tribe, not somebody's individual and if you haven't rescinded it, if the staff haven't been notified, if that position is not 100% clear I am asking you to rescind it and do it authoritatively and do it tonight. You owe that to the citizens that put you in office. Thank You.

Citizen Jonny Skye:

Hello, my relatives. My name is Jonny Skye. I am the great-granddaughter of George Washington Skye, the first Chief of the Confederate Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma. His only son is my great grandfather, Joe, and his four sisters. They were raised in northwestern Commerce, with a grandmother, uncles, aunts, and cousins east and west of the Spring River. You are all probably familiar with the Skye homestead near the section. All of George's children were sent to boarding school and all of them left Oklahoma County in the 1930s and 40s mostly for marriage and some jobs with the BIA. I moved to Miami in March of this year, some of you I've had the chance to have lunch with and most of you I haven't yet. I will be sending out invitations to get to know you. I am an artist and a thinker. I have a studio in Miami on Main Street. My background is in organizational development and reform professionally. I have been participating in tribal activities, listening and pursuing conversations since I arrived. I am learning and by no means want these comments I have to reflect some sense of all-knowingness or that they can reflect where I am in my process of understanding what is going on in the tribe. I don't have it all figured out and I am hoping that maybe some of my comments will inspire more conversation. I have one key question that I haven't asked anyone about the tribe. What is Native American about the Peoria Tribe? If it is responsible for stewardship of the land, why do we keep a golf enterprise that is bleeding resources when the top two expenses are payroll and chemicals? Why do we literally carry debt for years to pour chemicals on the earth? If it is looking after and improving the lives of its people, the tribe why are 80% of the tribe's efforts only benefiting the local community? Additionally, why are only 10% of tribal citizens eligible to vote based on proximity and driving distance? There are six tribes in this county that have absentee ballot units, and they have had it for over 15 years. It seems reasonable. How can you as leaders represent the whole of the tribe when at best you would be voted in by 30% of the tribal population? Does the tribal leadership really know the citizens of the tribe? If what is native American about the Peoria Tribe is maintaining our culture religion and language I have so many things to say about that. I will probably come to public comment more often in the future. Clearly, we are in at best a period of revitalization but there is no maintenance because there is nothing to work with it seems. From just and observational standpoint an rather than what I do see is an organizational culture of shame and distrust, infighting, side-picking, insecurity. It is like the Montagues versus Capulets, secrets, bullies. It feels like everybody is on the dance floor and no one is looking out over the dance on the hillside. It is not one person's fault. It will never be one person's fault. It is a confusing organizational culture that has been built over time by an even more confusing Peoria story. I also believe it can get better. I also believe it will take the engagement of every single tribal member and not just those that live here locally. I think it was shared with me that only 131 Peoria's live in the jurisdiction and you only have 12 or 5 % of the jurisdiction land. In addition, part of what is inspiring me to start speaking is as we know the federal government is reclaiming in the 1950s Route 66 the American version of America was great, but we need to return to it. As you all know, in 1956 100 tribes were terminated, including the Peoria Tribe when

America was great. I think that reality should be pressing leadership to really think about what is Native American about the Peoria Tribe. That question or a good answer to that question is as important today as it was in 1956. As a tribe we can't answer how will we defend our existence? Our blood is diluted; most folks have left. I do believe that the security of the tribe is rooted in honoring the worldview of the 180 people that made it here and I really hope that the tribe has the courage to grow and learn about what that means and who those people were and to act with families and descendants and to understand what is happened to the Peoria people since 1890 or so. I would say or earlier at least the Oklahoma version of us. I just wanted to end by reading the preamble to the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe that has not been updated since 1997 by the way. It really needs to be because I think it is the only place I have been able to find a mission. It just says that the tribe's goal is to promote the common welfare of the Tribe, protect our people, our land, and natural resources, now and in the future acquire additional lands for the benefit of the tribe protect our Indian heritage including our religion customs, language, to preserve and protect our sovereign rights. I just think that it is short-sighted to think that this is only a business enterprise and that without culture and community and engagement of all tribe members decisions one by one are just going to continue to lead us into what I think is dangerous and destructive and potentially put us at risk for termination.

Citizen Wesley Tosan Farless:

Our reservation, the Peoria Reservation right now in my opinion and most other citizens are basically being attacked for lack of a better word but not physically. There are a lot of issues that are going on with it. Our citizens need to know about these things that are going on in our reservation. Another nation that is policing and gaining revenue on our nation and it is not being addressed by the Business Committee. I am not sure if you really understand that or if you even know that. You are going in and you are going to talk about the survey. We'd like to see that map that is our reservation, our jurisdiction. Our citizens need to better understand it, and it is my hopes, my dream that this Business Committee and our Peoria Council will understand it and do better. It is where we live, it is our homeland now forever will be, and we must do everything to protect it. I am not trying to vilify Miami or anyone else. I love them and there are some really great people in my home. There are a lot of serious issues that are going on with it. I would like to see that addressed to the Peoria Council in some way so that they can know what is going on with it, discuss it among the Peoria Council. It is the absolute supreme power of this Peoria Nation. I would like to see that happen. I think our citizens would like to see that, like to know what is going on within our boundaries. The finances that are being taken away from other things that are going on in it that the Miami are taking away because they are here on our reservation. Housing, funding, things like that. The policing that they are gaining revenue from. We don't have a police force to do the same. I know that is an issue that needs to get talked about in the future, but they already have one and they are policing, and they are taking revenue from Indian people on our reservation. I would like to know what the Business Committee and what the Peoria Council thinks about that. We wouldn't like it if some other nation from somewhere else came in and took revenue on our lands. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Paul J. Attocknie Jr. and seconded by Isabell Clifford to move into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Nichelle Clifford
Authorized Signature

9-2-25
Date Approved

