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PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 6, 2019

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 Kara North to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the minutes of June 27, 2019 and July 2, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, provided a recap of rounds played in the month of June and stated it had not been a great month due to the weather that occurred in May. He did advise the Business Committee that July had come in as the best month on record for the number of rounds played. In addition, Mr. Benedict stated that the events in July had not been as heavy as those in the months of May and June, but August was looking to be a good month for events.

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, stated the recent weather had given the course a break from the heat and the greens were looking really good. He also stated that the hay around the course had been cut by Clint Secrest, who has been doing it for years. Mr. Hale wanted to notify the Business Committee that the maintenance staff has done an amazing job this summer and he is very proud of them. In closing, he provided some estimates on seed and/or maintenance costs for tribal properties. Chief Harper interjected that he had asked Mr. Hale to put some figures together for maintaining other tribal properties during the winter months. Mr. Hale provided various options and price points for winter maintenance of tribal properties, ranging from \$300/acre to \$900/acre.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, advised the Business Committee she is being provided some hands-on training and information on the Hotel's booking engine and Point of Sale (POS) system. Ms. Riggs stated this was a needed training and she was very excited to be participating. She also provided an update on the elevator issue and was pleased to announce the elevator was in working order. In closing, Ms. Riggs advised the Business Committee that the hotel has been working on a housekeeping video that would be used as a training resource for the housekeeping staff. The video will provide in-depth procedures on how a hotel room should be cleaned and maintained.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, started his report with an update on the Food and Beverage department: new serving dishes had been ordered and placed on the buffet line; the buffet continues to grow and expand; a Saturday buffet had been added; and a Labor Day Brunch. He provided an update to the Business Committee that there is going to be maintenance work done on the outdoor venue, in preparation for the first event that has been held there in years. In addition to the work being done at the outdoor venue, he provided the following additional maintenance updates: the possibility of new sliding doors that could be installed at the main entrance; the landscaping work is progressing; and the work in the Human Resources Department is near completion; new sign is going up on Interstate side; and all lights are being changed to LED to be energy efficient. Mr. Bashore provided a recap of the departments of the casino highlighting the car giveaways, Sunday player promotions, new billboards and concluding with the concert lineup for the next couple of months.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the financial reports for June 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of July, providing a brief recap of the month's activities: land auction; 4th of July event at Buffalo Run Casino; hiring of new staff; closing of Rathjen property; staff evaluations; and the appointment to two boards (NIGA and TIBC). Chief Harper also provided an overview of the current gaming issue with Governor Stitt and that Governor Stitt would be meeting with tribal leaders of Northeast Oklahoma at ITC in early August. He advised the Business Committee that the Tribes of Oklahoma were standing together on the compact issue and it was not a big tribe versus little tribe division.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 07/10/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 08/06/2019 or at Next Regularly

Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve New Members as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-08-06-19-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-08-06-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-08-06-19-B, “Authorization for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Tribal Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” Native Elder Social and Health Needs Assessment”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-08-06-19-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source Fish Catch Basins to Scott Construction: To be discussed in Executive Session.

Appointments to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move the Appointment until discussion can be completed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously

Approval to allocate funds out of Public Relations Account for the Ottawa County Premium Sale: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to allocate \$5,000 from Public Relations Account to Ottawa County Premium Sale. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of continuing 4th of July festivities at Buffalo Run Casino Outdoor Amphitheater hosted by the city of Miami, with in kind Sponsorship by Peoria Tribe and Buffalo Run Casino: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to continue the 4th of July festivities at Buffalo Run Casino Outdoor Amphitheater hosted by the city of Miami, with in kind Sponsorship by Peoria Tribe and Buffalo Run Casino in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of Employee evaluations and wage change Recommendations retroactive to payroll period beginning on August 1 Effective for payroll period beginning on August 15, 2019: Motion by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to table until next Business Committee meeting, in September. Motion carried unanimously.

Amend Resolution R-07-02-19-E, “Request for Funding from Bureau of Indian Affairs for Reserved Treaty Rights Land Project”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and Seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to Amend Resolution R-07-02-19-E as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of Buffalo Run Casino Landscaping Project: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to expand the current landscaping project at Buffalo Run Casino, in the amount of \$75,000 to L&K Landscaping. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sandy Bird, Peoria tribal member, brought forward discussion and a recommendation to increase the Elder Care Reimbursement Program. Ms. Bird recommended that the Business Committee consider increasing the current amount of \$1,000 to \$2,500. Chief Harper requested Second Chief Pappenfort to provide discussion on the topic as he oversees the current program. Second Chief Pappenfort

stated that the current budget allocation for the program does have money in the budget line item, as he is certain that not all tribal members that are eligible for the program participate in the program, but was not sure it would cover the increase. He stated his biggest concern would be implementing any increase during the current fiscal year as this would create confusion and he would recommend that any change be done in the next fiscal year. Austin Kinsey, Comptroller, was asked what the current budget was and if there was enough money in the current budget to cover the presented increase. Mr. Kinsey stated that the current budget would not cover the increase as the suggested amount would double the amount budgeted. Third Councilman Isabella Burrell did agree that an increase is warranted.

Chief Harper stated that the recommendation from the floor would be added to the Agenda of the next Business Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to move into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and was seconded by Logan Pappenfort to come out of Executive Session at 8:59 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source Fish Catch Basins to Scott Construction: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to waive the Procurement Policy to Sole Source Fish Catch Basins to Scott Construction. Motion carried unanimously.


Appointments to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to appoint Heather Cary to the Peoria Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, as Tenant Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Authorized Signature



Date Approved