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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 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, except Kara North who had a death in her family and would not be attending.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Agenda as amended. "Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy for Video Services of Preston Roper" was added to the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, began his report by stating that the inclement weather is continuing to affect the rounds played. He was pleased to announce there had been a few memberships added during the month, which is not typical at this time of the year. Mr. Benedict also stated that there had been a few events that had already pre-booked for the upcoming year.

Mr. Benedict stated that the POS system is working well, the staff is becoming more proficient with utilizing the system. Regarding the website, a new and updated version will be launched soon.

In conclusion Mr. Benedict advised the Business Committee that Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, is on travel however he had supplied a written report and it was in their packet. If anyone had any questions regarding the report from Mr. Hale, he would do his best to answer any questions.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, provided a brief overview of the hotel occupancy, promotions and the transition of a few rooms from deluxe to Executive Suite status. The Business Committee members inquired about the types of suites in the hotel and what amenities were offered with each suite type. Ms. Riggs provided an outline of each suite and the features they offered.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, provided a synopsis of each of the departments of the casino including but not limited to the following: Coin-in was up, but the hold was down; table games play had been up; shuttle drivers are being encouraged to provide more interaction with guests and be more proactive with such interaction; quite a few applications had been submitted for the position of facilities manager; the Players Club is going to be relocated to the Box Office; Human Resources will be moved to the Casino once renovation of their office space is complete; and the new Marketing Manager is doing a great job. With reference to Marketing, Mr. Bashore provided the following: kiosks are being added to the floor; website is being redesigned; new commercials are being produced; a buffet has been added for the lunch hour; Prime Rib buffet is also happening; and an updated menu at Joe’s Grill has been implemented.

Cathy Scott, Buffalo Run Casino Operations Manager, stated that coin-in was up but the hold was down.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the financial reports for December 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of January. Chief Harper provided a summary of his report and highlighted a few items for the Business Committee. These highlights included his attendance at the UNIKOT meeting, attendance at the Inauguration of Governor Stitt, attendance at OIGA meeting and a meeting with CP&Y. Chief Harper presented an overview of CP&Y but stated that their contract and details of their proposed work was on the Agenda and could be discussed further. At this time Chief Harper turned the floor over to Jordan Barlow so that she could introduce the individuals visiting from Yale University. Ms. Barlow introduced Dr. Cutter and Dr. Vitale and provided a short synopsis of their activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution R-01-08-19-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll.....Motion
- B. Recommendation of Disenrollment for the Following Members.....Motion

Chief Harper advised the Business Committee that these items should be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 01/25/2019 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 02/05/2019 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve list of new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-02-05-19-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-02-05-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY 2020 Tribal Trust Fund Budget: Following discussion, motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the FY 2020 Tribal Trust Fund Budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY 2020 Tribal Budgets: Following a brief explanation of budget line items, motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve FY 2020 Tribal Budgets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of contract for Master Plan services by CP&Y: Chief Harper explained that the contract was for the Buffalo Run Casino property and this would provide detailed information on the topography, drainage, and utilities of the entire property. Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to waive procurement policy and approve the contract with CP&Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval for contract with N. Georgeann Roye, Attorney: Chief Harper advised this contract should be discussed in Executive Session.

Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy for Video Services of Preston Roper: Chief Harper explained that a video would be compiled for the Annual Meeting and this would provide a foundation for future video services to depict a historical perspective of the Tribe, its Programs and enterprises. Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to waive procurement policy and approve the contract with Preston Roper. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments would be taken after Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to move into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and was seconded by Logan Pappenfort to come out of Executive Session at 7:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-01-08-19-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve Resolution R-01-08-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

“Recommendation of Disenrollment for the Following Members”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to table this item until next regularly scheduled Business Committee meeting. 3 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Discussion/Approval for contract with N. Georgeann Roye, Attorney: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve contract with N. Georgeann Roye. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Harper requested a motion be made to complete the discussion that related to an employee pay increase. Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to provide a merit pay increase to Sarah Montgomery as presented by her supervisor Tonya Mathews during Executive Session. Motion passed, 1 abstention.


PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were not any comments from the public did the Business Committee discussed the following items:

- a. Status of purchasing property on Elm. Chief Harper updated the Business Committee that there had been ongoing negotiations with the property owners. Final outcome was a counteroffer from the sellers with a stipulation that they wanted to know what the property would be used for. The counteroffered price was not agreeable and Chief Harper stated that in no uncertain terms was it an agreeable term to have to disclose what the property would be used for. He did advise the sellers it would not be used for gaming. The final offer was refused by the Tribe.
- b. Miami Country Club: Chief Harper provided the following update on the Miami Country Club property, the “back nine” portion of the property. Chief Harper stated that the Fullerton’s had placed no trespassing signs on the back nine portion and they have had it surveyed. He had been in communications with the Tribe’s General Counsel on this matter for months and as a final question to them he inquired if the Tribe had already lost the land. Attorney Mike McBride cited 2 instances in the past wherein the previous Administration had identified the property as vacant and or agriculture. Mr. McBride stated that those 2 instances clearly identified the property as not being used as a golf course, per the deed at the time of purchase, which states the property must be used solely and exclusively as a golf course. Chief Harper stated that this information was not what the Tribe wanted to hear, but to make the best of the situation the Tribe should concentrate on the front nine. The current building needs repairs and updates, but it could be used for a possible cultural center. Regarding the land portion of the property there are some limitations on how it can be used as portions of it are in the flood plain. In closing it is a beautiful piece of property and the future use would be determined at a later date.
- c. Peoria Ridge Golf Course: First Councilman Carolyn Ritchey stated she had been at a meeting wherein there was discussion provided that the golf course was being closed. She advised the group that the golf course was not closing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded Isabella Burrell. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.


Authorized Signature

03-05-19
Date Approved

