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PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 6, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Craig Harper called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the Agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2021. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Buffalo Run Properties:

Patrick Browne, CEO – Buffalo Run Casino & Resort, stated he would be providing reports for Peoria Ridge Golf Course, Buffalo Run Hotel and Buffalo Run Casino & Resort.

Mr. Browne began his report by advising the Business Committee and guests that the Backwoods Bar & Grill opened on Friday, July 2nd. The renovated space was met with a large group and amazing reviews. The evening of July 2nd was the first concert that had been held in 15 months and it was a large crowd of over 5,500 people. The team at Buffalo Run Casino had provided an excellent experience, in all areas, to the guests that came to the property for the concert.

Mr. Browne further advised the group that Coal Creek Restaurant would be opening in the very near future. In preparation for the opening, the restaurant will have a “soft opening” and it would serve as a test run for the staff.

Mr. Browne transitioned to the financial reports and provided an overview of the Hank Williams Jr. concert. As part of his report he provided a comparison of the last major concert held at Buffalo Run Outdoor Ampitheater. In addition to the event financials Mr. Browne provided a financial report of each property - Peoria Ridge Golf Course, Buffalo Run Hotel and Buffalo Run Casino & Resort.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Financial Reports for April 2021 as presented. Motion passed.

Administrative Program Reports

Chief Harper provided a summary of his written report, highlighting the following:

- Attended Inter Tribal Buffalo Council, in Denver, Co.
- Special Business Committee meeting was held to discuss ARPA funding
- Interviews continue on Childcare, Gaming Commission and a few other open positions in the Tribe
- Directors meetings are ongoing
- Completed final NIGC training as required by SAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of Peoria Shield Policies and Procedures: No motions made. Item dies for lack of motion.

Resolution R-07-06-21-A, “Resolution R-07-06-21- A Request for Transfer of Funds From Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprise Account”: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-B, “Resolution R-07-06-21-B Request for Funding From Bureau of Indian Affairs for Aid to Tribal Government”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-B as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval Housing Work Plan for HIP Funding: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve the Housing Work Plan as proposed. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-C, “Request for Funding From Bureau of Indian Affairs for Housing Improvement Program (HIP)”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-C as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-D, “Authorizing Execution and Filing of Articles of Organization for Peoria Environmental Services, LLC”: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-D as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-E, “Approving the Operating Agreement of Peoria Environmental Services, LLC”: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-E as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-F, “Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Peoria Environmental Services, LLC”: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-F as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-07-06-21-G, "Authorization and Signatures with Security Bank & Trust of Miami, Oklahoma for a New Account Entitled Peoria Environmental Services, LLC": Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-07-06-21-G as presented. Motion passed.

Discuss/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source for Bolt Internet: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source for Bolt Internet. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Employee wage change Recommendation: Personnel issue that will be addressed in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carolyn Ritchey commented that there were several tribal members that stated they had purchased tickets to the last concert at Buffalo Run Casino and the casino staff could not locate their tickets and the tribal members were discouraged and left. Chief Harper stated he would get the names of the individuals and have Patrick Browne, CEO Buffalo Run Casino & Resort, investigate what the problem was.

Unidentified tribal citizen stated she wanted to express her gratitude for the increase in Elder Care Reimbursement Program.

Nick Hargrove, tribal citizen, also wanted to express his gratitude for the increase in Elder Care, his grandfather utilizes the program, and it is a great benefit to him. He also stated that at the June Business Committee he had provided 2 proposals to the Business Committee for consideration. He stated that Third Councilman Isabella Burrell had asked him to provide follow up on the Youth Committee proposal. Mr. Hargrove stated he had created a Vision Statement and read it to the group.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to move into Executive Session at 7:06 pm.

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to come out of Executive Session at 7:46 pm.


Discussion/Approval of Employee wage change Recommendation: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the wage change recommendation as presented and discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Authorized Signature



Date Approved