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Craig Harper

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Logan Pappenfort

**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 1, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Second Chief Logan Pappenfort called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present except Chief Craig Harper, who is on official travel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve the Agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2021. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Buffalo Run Properties:

Patrick Browne, CEO – Buffalo Run Casino & Resort, introduced Milton Hale, Superintendent - Peoria Ridge Golf Course.

Mr. Hale provided his report in the form of a Power Point presentation and it summarized the activities that are taking place in the Maintenance Department at Peoria Ridge:

- Soil temperatures are maintaining a consistent temperature;
- General maintenance of the course is ongoing;
- Seasonal employee hiring is complete;
- Current weather conditions are very favorable for the course.

Mr. Browne then introduced Austin Shipman, General Manager - Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Mr. Shipman continued the Power Point presentation wherein he advised the Business Committee of the continued growth in membership. He continued his presentation by stating that Peoria Ridge had been fully staffed for the summer season. Mr. Shipman stated that the new golf carts should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. He reported that a new fountain for the pond will be installed in the very near future. In closing, he stated that the course is continuing to cut expenses and maximize revenue.

Brian Estep, Director of Facilities - Buffalo Run Casino & Resort, began his report on facility updates by stating that a consolidation of vendor services had been implemented. He further stated that goods and services provided by vendors were bid out and contracts were negotiated

to ensure that the best price is being received. Mr. Estep provided a brief update on the remodel projects currently under way at Coal Creek (formerly Coleman House) and Backwoods Bar & Grill (previously Joe's Outback and the Trailer Park Bar) stating that construction is on target and the opening of these venues should be by the end of June/early July. In addition, he stated that the pond at the front of the property will have a fountain installed in the near future. In closing, Mr. Estep stated that LED lighting installation on the exterior of the Casino will be completed by Friday.

Nathan Dowling, Director of Security, Surveillance & IT – Buffalo Run Casino & Resort, provided an update on the new infrastructure core system installed at Buffalo Run Casino, Tribal Headquarters and the Gaming Commission offices. He also advised the Business Committee that the Casino and Gaming Commission offices had been switched to BOLT, as the internet provider. Mr. Dowling also reported that the internet wireless system had been replaced at Buffalo Run Casino and Buffalo Run Hotel. In addition, he said the fiber backbone to the Outdoor venue had been updated and this will provide significant improvement for events held there. In closing, Mr. Dowling stated there are numerous initiatives that are being implemented at various tribal properties and the IT Department is working diligently to complete them.

Patrick Browne, CEO Buffalo Run Casino, closed out the presentation by updating the Business Committee on financials of Buffalo Run Hotel and Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. He stated that the properties are operating very effectively, especially considering that the Food & Beverage side of the operations had not been fully operational due to renovations.

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 was not present, Second Chief Pappenfort advised the Business Committee to review the Chief's written report, noting the following highlights:

- Tribal citizen Shelby Betsey was hired as Community Health Representative.
- The organizational chart had been updated and implemented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Personnel Policy: To be addressed after Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 5/14/2021 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 06/01/2021 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting. Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve new members recommended for approval by the Enrollment Committee on 05/14/2021. Motion passed.

Resolution R-06-01-21-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-06-01-21-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-06-01-21-B, “Resolution Authorizing Extending Line of Credit at Grand Savings Bank”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-06-01-21-B as presented. Motion passed.

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

Discussion/Approval to provide additional funding to further the Tribal impact of the Southern Plains Tribal Health subgrant: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to provide a \$14,000 match to the Southern Plains Tribal Health subgrant to provide assistance to elders. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick Hargrove, tribal citizen, provided 2 proposals to the Business Committee for consideration. The first proposal was the origination of a Youth Committee/Council. The second proposal was for the Business Committee meetings to be live streamed. Tribal citizens, Wess Farless and Burgundy Fletcher, both provided input on the development of a Youth Committee. Mr. Farless stated he thought it was a great way to get the youth involved and interested in the Tribe. Ms. Fletcher inquired if Mr. Hargrove knew of any other Tribes that had Youth Committees already in place. Mr. Hargrove stated he did not know of any Tribes with Youth Committees, but he would try to find some information to present at the next Business Committee meeting.

Second Chief Pappenfort thanked Mr. Hargrove for his proposals and interest in working with the Tribe. He stated that there are other tribes that have Youth Committees, and he would recommend reaching out to them for ideas and insight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to come out of Executive Session at 7:22 pm.

Discussion/Approval to Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Personnel Policy: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Personnel Policy as presented. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.



Authorized Signature



Date Approved