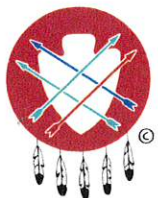


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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
October 5, 2021**

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 Hank Downum and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2021. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the Financial Reports for August 2021 as presented. Motion passed.

Enterprise Reports

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Course Superintendent, began the reports by providing his maintenance report for Peoria Ridge Golf Course. He stated that planning for winterization had begun which included development of fertilization and chemical programs for the upcoming year. In addition, he stated that an irrigation audit had been completed and soil samples had been taken to assist in preparation for the fertilizer plan.

Austin Shipman, Peoria Ridge Golf Course Manager, began his report informing the Business Committee that a menu is being introduced at Peoria Ridge Bar and Grill. He stated that the member social on September 17th was met with great enthusiasm and about 120 members were in attendance. Mr. Shipman stated that Buffalo Run Casino marketing team is working to expand the communications and looking at digital marketing opportunities, such as a blog or digital Newsletter. In closing, Mr. Shipman provided a brief update on the financials of Peoria Ridge Golf Course stating that August of 2020 had been a record year for the property and August 2021 had not met that record, but still attained very favorable numbers.

Donna Smith, Director of Human Resources, began her report by stating that the casino had partnered with the Tribe and were able to provide an OSHA training to a large group of employees. She stated that training and development of property employees continues to be a key initiative. Ms. Smith reported the casino has hired Brian Favreau as Director of Operations and he is currently attending training in Las Vegas with Patrick Browne, CEO.

David Murphy, Director of Food & Beverage, began his report by also sharing that the Bar & Grill at Peoria Ridge Golf Course will be incorporating new menu items, and this will be a great change for the property. He transitioned to Buffalo Run Casino, where the Bistro will be receiving a renovation and as part of this renovation a new pizza oven is being added. Mr. Murphy stated that the pizza oven will be the focal point of the Bistro and will be a great addition to the great food line up that is already being served property wide. He stated that Coal Creek has been open for three months and guest satisfaction is very high. Mr. Murphy distributed some comment cards that had been received from guests visiting Coal Creek.

To close out the enterprise reports was Angela Dahl, Director of Finance. Ms. Dahl began her report by providing an overview of slot financials. She transitioned her report to a report on Buffalo Run Hotel financials. Ms. Dahl reported on the tribal distribution, noting there had been a decrease as compared to the previous month. She stated the Management Team is reviewing the numbers and evaluating best practices and changing some areas to be more efficient. A question from the floor was asked regarding Esports. Ms. Dahl stated that is area is not receiving a lot of business, however she stated that it had not been highly marketed yet. She stated there were some areas within eSports that required some improvements and prior to marketing the venue these areas needed to be addressed.

Administrative Program Reports

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

- Attending First American Museum (FAM) Grand Opening. There are several Peoria pieces on loan from the Smithsonian. He would like to have a program available where the Tribe could pay and all tribal citizens that wanted to visit FAM could do so, free of charge to them and the Tribe would pay.
- Continues dialogue and conversation with FSA regarding ARPA funding
- Charla EchoHawk and Wess Farless had joined the staff in the Cultural Preservation Department
- Attended and presented on a panel at Indian Gaming training in Arizona
- Construction projects continue to move along and completion of them is in the horizon
- The Peoria Tribe and Buffalo Run Casino have several employees participating in the Leadership Miami Program, so we have a strong presence there
- Staff is continuing to research options for presenting Business Committee meetings and had numerous conversations with Zoom representatives
- Early Childhood is prepared to open enrollment to Peoria Citizens, so this will be announced soon
- Indian Child Welfare (ICW) – There is a case that originated in the state of Texas and now is at the Supreme Court level. The case involves the request by the state to rule the Act unconstitutional. The request is for tribes to sign the Amicus Brief in support of the Tribe and ICW. Peoria Tribe agreed to sign and support this important court case.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to Waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source to CIP Reporting: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source to CIP Reporting. Motion passed; Tonya Mathews abstained.

Resolution R-10-05-21-A, "Resolution Supporting Submittal of The Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Fiscal Year 2021 Housing Rehabilitation Indian Community Block Grant": Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-10-05-21-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-10-05-21-B, "Resolution R-10-05-21- B, Amendment to General Revenue and Taxation Act Enacting Chapter Four Entitled Motor Vehicle Registration" Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-10-05-21-B as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-10-05-21-C, "Resolution R-10-05-21-C, Amendment to Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Rules and Regulations Enacting Chapter Three Entitled Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Motor Vehicle Registration Rules and Regulations": Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-10-05-21-C as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source to Data Video Systems: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to waive Procurement Policy to Sole Source to Data Video Systems. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chief Harper stated that he would like to go around the room, so each citizen would have the opportunity to address the Business Committee or ask questions. Tribal citizen Nick Hargrove stated that he was very pleased to hear that the Tribe was moving forward with information gathering on the options for providing Business Committee meetings on an online platform. He further stated he had looked at the website and noticed that the issues brought forward at the last meeting had been addressed. Tribal citizen Tanisa Brashear inquired about how many employees at Buffalo Run Casino were tribal citizens. Chief Harper referred this question to Donna Smith, Director of Human Resources. Ms. Smith stated that she did not know the number off the top of her head and that she would have to get back to the group on this.

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 Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to come out of Executive Session at 8:01 pm.

Approval of General Welfare Exclusion Policy, including changes to custody related areas: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to appoint the General Welfare Exclusion Policy, with custody changes, as presented. Motion passed.

Approval of Amendment to ARPA citizen disbursement from \$1,400 to \$3,200, per eligible tribal citizen to match General Welfare Exclusion Policy: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.



Authorized Signature

11-02-21

Date Approved