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# PEORIA TRIBE

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Rosanna Dobbs

### PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING May 7, 2024

#### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Harper called the meeting to order, and Jenny Rampey gave the Invocation.

#### DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Jenny Rampey declared a quorum with 5 members present. Treasurer Jason Dollarhide and Second Councilman Kara North was unable to attend.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Scott Myers made a motion and Rosanna Dobbs seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rosanna Dobbs made a motion and was seconded by Scott Myers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on April 2, 2024. Motion passed.

#### MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

##### **Financial Reports**

Jenny Rampey made a motion and was seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve the Financial Reports for March 2024 as presented. Motion passed.

##### **Enterprise Reports**

Chief Harper introduced David Murphy, Director of Hospitality for Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Mr. Murphy introduced himself and thanked the council for having him.

Mr. Murphy began his report, which included March Highlights:

##### ***Slot Financials***

- **Slot Win** showed a *decrease* of 12.47% (\$315,905) from March 2023 to March 2024.
- **YTD** showed a *decrease* of 10.37% (\$2,952,184).

##### ***Hotel Financials***

- **Hotel Occupancy** reflected a *decrease* of 15.97% (215) from March 2023 to March 2024. YTD reflects a *decrease* of 5.84% (907) in occupancy.
- **Hotel Net Income** reflected an *increase loss* of 129.56% (\$59,537) from March 2023 to March 2024. YTD reflects an *increased loss* of 565.63% (\$173,744).

#### ***Golf Financials***

- **Golf Revenue** reflected a *decreased loss* of 53.90% (\$94,025) from March 2023 to March 2024. YTD reflected an *increase loss* of 9.12% (\$62,331).

#### ***Food and Beverage***

- **Bistro** comparing March FY2023 to FY2024 showed a *decrease* of 21.90% (\$20,476).
- **Backwoods** showed a *decrease* of 13.35% (\$6,671).
- **Coal Creek** showed a *decrease* of 23.90% (\$30,322).
- **Main Bar** showed a *decrease* of 34.90% (\$35,923).
- **Backwoods Bar** showed a *decrease* of 20.45% (\$1,967).
- **Total F&B Sales** showed a *decrease* of 23.72% (\$90,811).

#### ***2024 Casino Distribution***

- **Casino Distribution** showed a *decrease* of 24.87% (\$149,525) from March 2023 to March 2024 and an overall *decrease* of 22.10% (\$1,2146,537) YTD.

Mr. Murphy introduced Nate Dowling, the Director of Non-gaming Operations for Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Mr. Dowling started his presentation with updates on the charging stations. Mr. Dowling informed the business committee that the closet EV Hubs to our area are Joplin, MO and Tulsa, OK. The Ev Hubs to be installed will be:

- Four pedestals that will support up to eight vehicles.
- Level two chargers, takes four to six hours for full charge.
- Compatible with the majority of the EV's on the market.
- Apps-Tesla and Google will show that Buffalo Run Casino is a Hub for charging EV's.

Mr. Dowling ended the EV Hub presentation by stating that the Buffalo Run Casino is a ideal for travelers to charge, eat, play, and stay.

Mr. Dowling then proceeded to the presentation for the Sweet Bar. Mr. Dowling stated that the Sweet Bar will serve gourmet ice cream, pastries, donuts, and specialty coffees.

Mr. Dowling concluded his presentation stating that a ribbon cutting date will be coming soon.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Chief Harper began his Administrative Report for April. The report included the following highlights:

- Met with Campus Director at Afton Career Tech.
- Attend Native American Caucus at Capitol.



- Held all Teams Meeting at Showplace.
- Gave Welcome for Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs VA Clinic.
- Attended the Peoria Housing Authority Board Meeting.
- Attending ITC Board Meetings.
- MAEDS Meeting.
- Attended State of Tribal Nations at Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.
- Attended NAFOA Annual Conference.
- Continued to meet with Directors and their teams on the Greenhouse, RV park, Food Distribution Center, and Rockdale Projects.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution R-05-07-24-A, “Request for Transfer of Arvest Wealth Management Money Market Account Funds into U.S. Treasuries”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-A as presented. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Approval to rescind Resolution R-04-02-24-E “Authorization for Signatures on IBC Investment Services/LPL Financial LLC”:** Motion was made by Jenny Rampey and seconded by Scott Myers to rescind Resolution R-04-02-24-E as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-05-07-24-B “Authorization for Signatures on IBC Investment Services/LPL Financial LLC”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-B as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-05-07-24-C “Authorization for Signatures on Accounts at Arvest Bank”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Jenny Rampey to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-C as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-05-07-24-D “Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Application for American Indian Head Start Program and Acknowledgement of Program Design and Development”:** Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Scott Myers to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-D as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-05-07-24-E “Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Wall Connector Sale and Billing Services Agreement (US) Between Buffalo Run Casino & Resort and Tesla, INC”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-E as presented. Motion passed.

**R-05-07-24-F “Resolution Supporting the Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma’s Submission of a US Department of Home Energy Rebates Program”:** Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-F as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-05-07-24-G “Resolution Authorizing the P.L. 93-638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for FY 2024 Tribal Justice Support Program Funding”:** Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve Resolution R-05-07-24-G as presented. Motion Passed.

**Reappointment of Audit Committee (Michael Lewis, Kendra Robinson, Zach Goforth):** Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve reappointment of Audit Committee. Motion Passed.

**Discussion/Approval of Donations:** Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Rosanna Dobbs to approve Fairland Lions Club donation. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Approval of Budget Modifications:** Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Jenny Rampey to approve Budget Modifications. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Approval of Employee Wage Change Recommendations (done in Executive Session):** Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve wage changes as recommended by H.R. in Executive Session. Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chief Harper began “Public Comments” by asking if there were any questions so that each Tribal Citizen had the opportunity to address the Business Committee or ask questions.

#### **Citizen John Froman:**

Mr. Froman stated that Budget Modifications is to move money around and, in the past, there was no motion for this, just a discussion. Mr. Froman asked for clarification on R-05-07-24-G. Mr. Froman wanted to caution the board about the resolution that was passed at General Council. Mr. Froman stated that the resolution had a typo that it stated Special meeting instead of General Council meeting and that it was voted on by council as is and passed as is and there could be a possibility that it can be challenged by the Bureau.



**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Rosanna Dobbs and seconded by Jenny Rampey to move into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Chief Harper and seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

  
Jenny Rampey  
Authorized Signature

10/4/2024  
Date Approved