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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4, 2025**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Paul J. Attocknie Jr. stated that the meeting will be Chaired by Treasurer Jason Dollarhide. Mr. Dollarhide called the meeting to order, and Jenny Rampey gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Jenny Rampey declared a quorum with 5 members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Nicholas Hargrove requested to amend the agenda by removing line-item C and adding Oath of Office and Discussion/Approval of Election Committee Compensation. Scott Myers requested to amend the agenda with Discussion/Approval of Rescinding the Contract with NEO and Early Childhood and to place Discussion/Approval of Budgets for Golf Course, Henley, Maintenance, Janitorial, and Construction under Unfinished Business until further notice. Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Myers made a motion and was seconded by Kara D. North to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on February 19, 2025, with one amendment and to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Financial Reports

Nicholas Hargrove made a motion and was seconded by Kara D. North to approve the Financial Reports for January 2025 as presented. Motion passed.

Enterprise Reports

Jason Dollarhide introduced Mary Jewett; General Manager of Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Ms. Jewett introduced herself and thanked the committee for having her.

SECRETARY
Jenny Rampey

TREASURER
Jason Dollarhide

FIRST COUNCILMAN
Nick Hargrove

SECOND COUNCILMAN
Kara D. North

THIRD COUNCILMAN
Scott Myers

Ms. Jewett began her report, which included January Highlights. Ms. Jewett provided a presentation that included slots, food and beverages, hotel, and casino financials.

Ms. Jewett stated that the casino has a total of one hundred and eighty-eight employees, one hundred thirty-five are full-time and fifty-three are part-time, forty of the one hundred and eighty-eight are tribal: Cherokee, Wyandotte, Creek, Seneca Cayuga, Shawnee, Osage Ottawa, Quapaw, Potawatomi, Navajo, Miami, Delaware, and Peoria.

Ms. Jewett stated that for March and April entertainment will be:

- AKA- March 15th
- Hunter Hayes- March 29th
- Great White and Slaughter- April 26th

Ms. Jewett stated that the casino has been working on strategic goals:

- Team Member Benefits
- Training and Development
- Finance/Owners
- Brand Awareness & Guest Service

Ms. Jewett thanked the Business Committee for having her.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

R-03-04-25-A “Authorization and Signatures with People’s Bank of Seneca for a New Account Entitled Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Operating Account”: Motion was made by Kara D. North and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve Resolution R-03-04-25-A as presented. Motion Passed.

R-03-04-25-B “Resolution Advancing Educational Outcomes for Native Children and Upholding the Federal Trust Responsibility to Protect Tribal Education Programs” Motion was made by Jenny Rampey and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve R-03-04-25-B as presented. Motion passed.

R-03-04-25-D “Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Fund” Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara D. North to approve R-03-04-25-D as presented. Motion passed.

Appointment of Enrollment Committee (Jeane Burgess, Lindsey Wilson, and Karen Johnson). Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Scott Myers to appoint Jeane Burgess, Lindsey Wilson, and Karen Johnson to the Enrollment Committee. Motion passed with 3 for and 1 opposed, Jenny Rampey, and Kara D. North abstained.

Discussion/Approval of Donations: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara D. North to suspend donations for the foreseeable future. Motion passed.

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

R-03-04-25-E “Resolution Ratifying Contract Between Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and FSA Advisory Group, LLC” Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Jenny Rampey to approve R-03-04-25-E as presented. Motion passed with 4 for and 1 opposed, Scott Myers.

R-03-04-25-F “Resolution Amending Ordinance of the Economic Development Board of the Peoria Tribe of Indians” Motion was made by Kara D. North and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve R-03-04-25-F as presented. Motion passed.

R-03-04-25-G “Establishing IGA (Indian Gaming Association) Tribal Membership for 2025” Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve R-03-04-25-G as presented. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Rose Rock CPAs Contract: Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Jenny Rampey to approve Rose Rock CPAs contract as presented. Motion passed.

Oath of Office for Grievance Committee: Korie Payton took the Oath of Office for Grievance Committee, given by Jenny Rampey.

Discussion/Approval of Election Committee Compensation: Business Committee agree that the Election Committee will receive compensation for lodging and mileage when performing election duties. The travel policy will be updated and placed on the agenda for the next Business Committee meeting.

Discussion/Approval of Rescinding the Contract with NEO and Early Childhood: Business Committee agreed to have legal counsel investigate rescinding this contract.

Discussion/Approval to Lower Gaming Commission Stipends from \$400 to \$150 (was held in Executive Session): Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to lower Gaming Commission Stipends. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jason Dollarhide 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 Anna Johnson:

Ms. Johnson thanked everyone who voted for her. She appreciates every tribal member that came to vote. Ms. Johnson stated that she would like to find a way to have absentee voting. We have over 3,000 members in our tribe, and we're only having 200 to 300 people voting to elect those running for office. Ms. Johnson asked if the Arvest accounts have been closed? Ms. Johnson stated that it was brought up at the Annual Meeting to adjust the 2025 budget. Ms. Johnson stated that since we are going to be \$2 million in the red, is the Business Committee going to do a line item review and do some cutting of expenses. Ms. Johnson stated that it is very important not to cut the Elders, Children, Disability, or Education programs. Ms. Johnson stated that since some of the responsibility of the Chief will be going to the Tribal Administrator will the Chief salary be lowered? Ms. Johnson believes it should be. Ms. Johnson stated that if you are taking responsibility for one job and giving it to someone else and not lowering the salary then you are losing money. Ms. Johnson stated that there is nothing wrong with not giving raises if expenses need to be cut. Ms. Johnson stated that she hopes the Business Committee realizes how many people prefer transparency and tribal members want to know what is going on. Ms. Johnson stated that she was at the February meeting when the litigation was brought up that the attorney stated that \$4 million had accrued for attorney fees and at the Annual Meeting it was said that \$6 million was spent to get \$2 million back. Ms. Johnson stated shame on them and shame on our leadership for letting this happen. We must control what is going on here.

Citizen Korie Payton:

Ms. Payton stated that she appreciated all the support and the love that was received, especially after the rough and long General Council. Ms. Payton really appreciates the work that everyone is doing and is excited to serve.

First Councilman Nicholas Hargrove:

Mr. Hargrove stated that the total amount of stipends received is \$950 and that includes the Economic Development stipend.

Citizen Hank Downum:

Mr. Downum asked if the Golf Course would be considered part of the cuts.

Treasure Jason Dollarhide:

Mr. Dollarhide stated that the Golf Course is considered part of the cuts and selling the Golf Course is an option. He would never recommend shutting it down. Mr. Dollarhide would like to see it sell and maybe recoup some of the money lost. Every lot was sold except for seventeen were transferred to the tribe.

Citizen Brittany Froman:

Ms. Froman stated that she worked for the Golf Course and recognized that the system was being mismanaged when it was billing the Golf Course. Ms. Froman asked who was running the numbers to be sure there was no double dipping under Chief Harper. Ms. Froman stated that at one-point large sections that should have been paid back to the Golf Course and the casino were not. It was just written off. Ms. Froman would like some checks and balances on this before we just assume that all of the money was legitimately the Golf Course and not some form of double-dipping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara D. North to move into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 pm. Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara D. North. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Jenny Ramsey
Authorized Signature

3/19/25
Date Approved

