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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2025**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Dobbs called the meeting to order, and Kara North gave the Invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Treasure Jason Dollarhide declared a quorum with all (5) members present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Scott Myers requested to amend the agenda to add Discussion of Video Recording. Jason Dollarhide made a motion and was seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Myers made a motion and seconded by Kara North to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of Rescinding the Contract with NEO and Early Childhood: Seeing the need for KTS to negotiate with NEO, a motion to table was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Proposed MOU Police Partnership: The Business Committee agreed to remove this item from Unfinished Business moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

R-05-21-25-A, "Resolution to Continue Holding Additional Business Committee Meetings: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul Attocknie to approve R-05-21-25-A. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Revision to Elder Care/Disability Policy: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove to table. Motion failed.

Discussion/Approval of Amendment to the Employee Handbook: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve addendum to employee handbook with one amendment. Motion passed.

SECRETARY
Vacant

TREASURER
Jason Dollarhide

FIRST COUNCILMAN
Nick Hargrove

SECOND COUNCILMAN
Kara D. North

THIRD COUNCILMAN
Scott Myers

Discussion/Approval of Selling Peoria Beef to the Casino: Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Kara North to approve selling of beef to casino. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Selling Bison Meat: Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Paul Attocknie to approve selling bison meat. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of BIA Bridge Project: Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Scott Myers to approve the resubmittal of grant application. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Citizen Portal: Seeing the need for further discussion, a motion to table was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North. Motion passed.

R-05-21-25-B, "Resolution Agreement to Terminate Ongoing Litigation: Motion was made by Paul Attocknie and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve R-05-21-25-B. Motion passed.

Discussion/Approval of Employee Wage Change Recommendations (was held in Executive Session): Motion was made by Paul Attocknie and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve wage changes as recommended by H.R. in Executive Session. Motion passed with vote 4 for and 1 opposed, Scott Myers.

Discussion of Video Recording:

Third Councilman Scott Myers:

We are all aware that there is a directive that came from General Council due by June 3rd, but we don't have any policies or procedures as to how that is going to take place on the video tapping as far as where it is going to be stored. Who has access to it, when is it going to be uploaded to the website or the portal, is it going to be uploaded tomorrow or when we approve the minutes a month later, or two weeks later? Shouldn't we make sure the policy is created and sent to legal before we move forward as far as tapping?

Chief Rosanna Dobbs:

I was given the directive to find a company to create the portal and if a policy is needed then we need to get the policy created as soon as possible because our time is running out.

Third Councilman Scott Myers:

I don't think we are going to make the deadline, and I don't think we are going to be posting this visibly to make the deadline before we have policy and procedures and they have gone through legal.

First Councilman Nicholas Hargrove:

I think we had better post it by the deadline because that is what General Council directed.

Second Chief Paul Attocknie:

If it is live streaming, should it be put on at the time of the meeting. Isn't that what General Council voted for?

Chief Rosanna Dobbs:

We started talking about recording because live streaming creates a whole different level of platform that would be needed in the portal. You are talking about tens of thousands of dollars more to add a streaming option.

Third Councilman Scott Myers:

You do not have ownership on YouTube. Why do you want to give up ownership of your intellectual property.

First Councilman Nicholas Hargrove:

I'm just expressing my opinion that General Council voted for this to be live streamed. I feel we could have had a lot more say over how this happened if we had talked about this more beforehand, before this June 3rd deadline, which is short, it really doesn't matter because that is what General Council voted for. There was just a lot of roadblocks thrown in the way of this in terms of administration, employee turnover, special election, all this stuff.

Chief Rosanna Dobbs:

It should not be super difficult to have KTS make a policy and give us recommendations on it. There are a lot of questions here and we are going to be opening ourselves to scrutiny if we do not meet a deadline in some form or fashion.

Third Councilman Scott Myers:

I am not concerned about the scrutiny as long as we are doing it, making strides to do it in an appropriate, and responsible manner. I think if we just throw it on YouTube, you are going to have more scrutiny than anything.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

(Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes)

Citizen Tosan Wesley Farless:

On the live-streaming and recorded discussion that was just taking place, that was what was written by the Peoria Council and asked by the Peoria Council, whether that had any budget in it, sadly. There is a very short deadline to get to and without doing it in ways that a lot of us feel are going to be inappropriate and unwise to throw it out there in certain ways. I would suggest having a Special Peoria Council meeting on the matter to extend the deadline and to create a budget for it. That would be a good and proper thing to do in a case like this, especially when something is without a budget around it. Then discuss exactly where and how this might occur through a portal or through other third parties and how we are going to retain control and ownership as a tribe of all of these things, whether it is before or against it. All of those are good points, along with a lot of other good points that came up during the Peoria Council meeting that day and have come up before here in these meetings here.

Citizen LeAnn Reeves:

That is unfortunate because it says so. If you don't define expectations, there could be 24 who love it and 35 that hate it, and everybody else is understanding. I agree with Wes that there needs to be a better description of expectations. The other thing that is concerning is that our IT framework is very fragile.

Citizen Tonya Mathews:

I am sorry that I am not very fluent in the disability policy. Is there an appeal process for anyone who has been denied?

Tracy Anderson:

The appeal process is through the Tribal Administrator.

Isabella Clifford:

I'd like to speak on that and just like Jason has lived his life with a disabled child, I grew up with a disabled sibling and the costs that aren't covered by professional care is exceptional and it's modifying your home and getting extra help and support and care, vehicles, it is endless depending on the disability and so most families just have such a heavy load and burden. If they can get proper documentation verifying that their only denial was income, it wasn't because they were not disabled, I think that is something to be considered because the whole reason we have Eldercare and Disability Care is because we know they are our most vulnerable citizens. The reason we kept raising it even though we shouldn't have raised it last year, but we raised it because we know the considerable cost and there are considerable limitations. A lot of parents, they might have a disabled child, but they think one person can't work or maybe the dad makes what we call too much, the government calls too much money but in reality, it isn't. It is barely getting by, but I just wanted to put that personal piece to it. It's like there's just so much, diapers for children that cannot be potty trained and there's so many other things that aren't just speech or physical therapy, stuff like that is just there. If there was a way to identify not just anyone who have to be budgeted, which is very critical right now I just think that maybe if that could come, there could be a legitimate way to be open to that possibly, not just everybody but legitimate need.

Citizen LeAnn Reeves:

I would like to talk about Peoria Ridge, and we've discussed her for many years but I was doing some cleaning out the other day and just out of curiosity I went through the last 10 years of financials from the General Council meetings and the only year I didn't have was 2020. Since 2015 up through the last fiscal year the loss has been \$5,588,822.00 that is 10 years the previous years it is been a financial black hole since the day we broke the first shovel of dirt and there were some years that because the loss was so substantial they started separating the operating loss from the capital expense and the capital expense would run anywhere from \$60,000 a year up to \$220,000 that is the biggest one, so I am boring you all with this because I would like to know what is the current status? I know last year, two months into the fiscal year they lost \$41,000 and I am just wondering what they're doing this year saying that we've got a substantial hole that we are trying to dig out of. You will notice that there are some figures there that have

got little asterisks, and the asterisks were the year that it occurred to make the operating loss the better they separated out the capital expense. There are some priority items that I think need to be addressed. We have gotten some substantial repairs that need to be addressed right away. My concern is that when the previous representative reported the average experience level at the golf course was nine months these guys probably haven't had a check. He made reference to significant amount of water killed and that is caused by improper drainage, and it kill the grass around it because there is water chain on it that does not drain, it freezes thaws and freezes again also something called very green fungus. There have been a number of repairs that have been made to the irrigation system for about 25 years and in 25 years most stuff will start disintegrating so there's quite a lot of irrigation repairs and replacement that is going to be done. He also reported that we were going to have to rebuild the bunker. They hired a guy that is going to be an irrigation specialist. I know I was on the Business Committee and even back then the bunker needed to be addressed. Then you would get heavy rainfall and because of all the silt and everything nothing could drain from the bunkers and the water would just accumulate inside there short of getting the sump pump and pumping them out it was just something you had to deal with. I mean a lot of those issues that you are bringing up have been issues that have been planned for, of course, for you know 15 years. Last year we dropped \$769,000, a quarter of a million, and it would appear that we are going to drop that again. In the last two years Peoria Ridge has cost us \$1.3 million and if they drop to under \$700,000 this year now, we are up to \$2 million, and we've got all these repairs to make. I think we need an action plan here. We have got a lot of people playing for free and memberships that expired two years ago. People have not paid for them, and they just keep playing. There needs to be some administration required out there and I'm not talking about some guy that is stuck on the cutting green I am talking about a financial project manager. That is all I have to say thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara D. North to move into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. Motion passed.

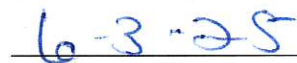
Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 pm. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Attocknie and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.



Authorized Signature



Date Approved

