



# PEORIA TRIBE

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## PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING September 2, 2025

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Second Chief Paul J. Attocknie Jr. called the meeting to order, and Bryce Washington gave the Invocation.

#### DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Isabella Clifford declared a quorum with six (6) members present.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jason Dollarhide requested to amend the agenda. Appointment of Peoria Housing Authority Board (Shelbey Betsey). Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Nicholas Hargrove made a motion and was seconded by Kara North to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on August 20, 2025, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

#### GUEST PRESENTER:

#### MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

##### **Financial Reports**

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

##### **Enterprise Reports**

Mary Jewett introduced herself as General Manager at Buffalo Run Casino & Resort. Ms. Jewett began her report, which included July Highlights. Ms. Jewett provided a presentation that included slots, food and beverages, hotel, casino financials, and Tribe distribution. Ms. Jewett stated that the casino has a total of two hundred six employees, forty of the two hundred six are tribal: Cherokee, Wyandotte, Creek, Seneca Cayuga, Shawnee, Osage Ottawa, Quapaw, Potawatomi, Navajo, Miami, Delaware, and Peoria. Ms. Jewett stated that there is still a lot of moisture and projects that need to be done at the hotel. This is a four-week project, and three to five rooms will be offline. We are replacing the LVT in all rooms except for the suites. The blinds in all rooms were changed and that was over \$70,000. We had a mold remediation company come out and look to see what was needed. We removed all wallpaper and painted. A company came in and checked to make sure all the bathroom fans were circulating correctly. The elevator has

been down for approximately a week and a half. It could be down for a month. There are a couple parts coming from China. We have water in the elevator shaft. Ms. Jewett gave Casino operations updates:

- Taxable amount moving from \$1200 to \$2000
- Removal of Jackpot terminal
  - Using the Fabi Kiosks to pay out jackpots
- Table games upgrades
  - Upgrading hardware on table games progressives

Ms. Jewett stated that the mobile app was updated about six months ago and currently we have 2,617 people who have downloaded the app from either Google or Apple. There are 613 carded players and 2,004 non-carded players. We were able to push notifications to 843. When someone comes to sign up for the club, we get their email, phone numbers, and addresses. We have had 1,464 new sign ups in July. We reactivated 2,149 in the last three months.

Ms. Jewett stated that for September entertainment will be:

- Brother Osborne-September 26<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Jewett stated that Team Member Extravaganza will be Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be games, artists, food trucks, and more. Ms. Jewett thanked the committee.

### **Golf Course Reports**

Bradly Swaim introduced himself as the Director of Finance for the Tribe. Mr. Swaim stated that in July of 2022 the net revenue was \$37,000, then in 2023 it went down 48.5% to \$55,000 and then again at 70%. It went up 86.4% from 2024 with a loss of \$94,00 to a loss of \$13,000 for this July 2025. The increase can be attributed to catching up of the memberships, and expenses are down. Looking at the four months of the year for all four previous years. We are showing a loss of \$244,000 but we are 34% better than we were a year ago at this time. Gross profit is up 12.2% from last year. It dropped 7% the year before. Employee costs are up due to the seasonal work and the increase in employee benefits. Swaim thanked the committee. Deryk Speck, the Golf Course Manager, stated that only Peoria citizens and spouses get the tribal discount.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

- 08/04/25 Meeting with Shawnee National Forest Reps/PTIO THOP
- 08/05/25 Chaired 1<sup>st</sup> BC meeting
- 08/06/25 Meet and greet with a PTIO reservation tour with KTS attorneys with a meeting to follow
- 08/07/25 Public commenting mtg with Oklahoma Department of Mines/Mid-States Mineral LLC regarding a new mining permit in our reservation
- 08/07/25 Coordination meeting with Ottawa Chief and HHS regarding Title VI
- 08/13/25 Met with TMI to discuss Data Center Conceptual design
- 08/14/25 Meeting with City of Miami Special Utilities Department and City Manager regarding economic development
- 08/18/25 Meeting with Liz Ellis and Bob Morrassay to discuss the Painted Hide project and funding
- 08/20/25 Attended monthly ITC Board meeting
- 08/20/25 Teams meeting with Forrest County Potawatomi/Data Holdings

- 08/20/25 Meeting with BIA local area Superintendent, Randy Tricky to discuss excess property and our HEARTH Act submission
- 08/20/25 Chaired 2<sup>nd</sup> BC meeting
- 08/21/25 Attended the last Claremore Indian Hospital Advisory Board meeting
- 08/21/25 Economic Development Board meeting
- 08/22/25 NTHS Governing Board meeting
- 08/27/25 Teams meeting with Logan Pappenfort/State of Illinois-Peoria Tribe priorities and goals
- 08/28/25 Meeting regarding GRDA/Tribal water rights
- 08/29/25 PTIO all staff meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/Approval of Quik Trip Lease:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to remove from unfinished business. Motion passed. Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Quik Trip lease as presented.

**Discussion/Approval of Orion Golf Management Contract:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to table. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members Recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 08/21/2025 Tentatively to be Approved by the Business Committee on 09/02/2025 or at the Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to approve New Members. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-A “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-0-02-25-A as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-B “Placement of Previously Allotted Land “Fish/McNaughton Family Property” into Trust Status”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-09-02-25-B as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-C “Placement of Previously Allotted Land of The Peoria Ranch Annex Property into Trust Status”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-09-02-25-C as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-D “Placement of Previously Allotted Land of The Beaver Family into Trust Status”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-09-02-25-D as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-E “Placement of Previously Allotted Land of The Buffalo Run Trucker’s Lounge Property into Trust Status”:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-09-02-25-E as presented. Motion Passed.

**R-09-02-25-F “Resolution for Continued Support of the Title VI-Part A-Supportive and Nutritional Services for Older Native Americans and for Support of Part C-Native American Caregiver Support Program”:** Motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve Resolution R-09-02-25-F as presented. Motion Passed.

**Discussion/Approval of a Head to Ranch Employees:** Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Jason Dollarhide to approve one head per year for ranch employees. Motion passed.

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

**Discussion/Approval of Conceptual Design Services Proposal:** Motion was made by Jason Dollarhide and seconded by Kara North to approve Conceptual Design Proposal. Motion passed.

**Appointment of Peoria Housing Authority Board (Shelbey Betsey):** Motion was made by Isabella Clifford and seconded by Nicholas Hargrove to approve Shelbey Betsey to the Peoria Housing Authority Board. 4 for and 1 abstaining, Jason Dollarhide. Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

##### **Citizen LeAnn Reeves:**

Just a couple of things that I noticed when I was reading the Business Committee packet. Before you all do anything with Orion, I think Isabella remembered that a couple of years ago, you all had passed some kind of resolution where spouses play free. I am asking you to rescind that. If we had all kinds of money that would be different, but you don't owe those spouses a thing and I have a feeling that they too have taken advantage of the very thing Deryk is trying to fix. I don't know of any cases where tribal benefits extend to non-tribal members spouse, and I just think that we have got an obligation to capture every dollar we can especially because this is such an incredible loss. I assume that the copyright has been resolved and rescinded. It is okay if you screw up, but you still got to fix it when you do. The only other thing that I'd like to bring to your attention is that for two consecutive months here in the report for the Special Projects person that is working on the tribal court, there has been a statement. One, that he was going to revamp the Constitution and another that he was going to amend the Constitution. I am sure that you all know, and I believe no malice was intended. I think that is an editorial we, however I am sure you all know this amending the constitution is a long expenses process. There are many flaws in the constitution simply because it is so old (1997). I started pitching for that thing to be updated in 2010. It does not provide any real basis for the use of any kind of technology. The Business Committee nor the General Counsel can amend the Constitution. There is a very clear process. The Business Committee can propose it and then it goes to the Secretary of the Interior. I am putting out there for you all to think about, this is a long expensive, arduous process. If you are going to mess with the Constitution, do it from top to bottom. It is pricey and it requires a lot of administrative attention. It is done by absentee ballots by the Interior. I would ask you all to think about that, the last time it took two years. When I was looking through the financials that

you all approved tonight the midpoint of the fiscal year will be September the 3<sup>rd</sup>. When I was looking through the financial report we are not at a midpoint, and we should at least have 50% left but I noticed and granted there is a notation that it includes capital expense, but I noticed that on tribal properties the budget has been overrun by \$856,000 and it is not at a midpoint yet. 262.7% budget overrun. When I looked at the other budget overrun, I noticed it is in Economic Development and that it too has a budget overrun and I think that is peculiar. You might want to think about a midyear tune-up because that is awfully close to a million dollars. That is going to have to come from somewhere.

*Citizen Jonny Skye:*

I just have a couple comments. The first one is about the golf course and those financials. I don't believe that what was presented today was the income expense statement. I think there is some confusion because depreciation belongs on the end of year balance sheet. It doesn't belong in one of the income expense statements. There is a strange subtraction of merchandise that happened right off of revenue that wasn't included in the expenses line. That is confusing. The other question I think Scott had about why payroll is up; it seems that there are 39 employees at the golf course. If we are losing money every month, \$243,000 in one quarter, it seems that payroll is probably something that needs to be looked at. The only other comment I wanted to make tonight was that copyright is not protected because of the symbol of a C in a circle around it. It is protected because certain paperwork is filed at certain intervals. If that paperwork is not filed, it doesn't matter because the C in a circle around it is not copyrighted. If you look across a whole bunch of marketing and media, you will understand that the C and circle don't exist anywhere there are copyrighted logos or material. Just to say that may have been something that seemed important in 1983, but it is actually not relevant to law or to the protection of copyrighted material today. It is not a paperwork file.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Kara North to move into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Scott Myers to come out of Executive Session at 7:19 pm. Motion passed

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Nicholas Hargrove and seconded by Isabella Clifford. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

  
Isabella Clifford

Authorized Signature

  
9-17-25  
Date Approved

