



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:

Chief Harper called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present, except Kara North.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019, as presented. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2019 AUDITS:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the FY 2019 Audit, as presented. Motion passed.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Buffalo Run Casino was the first Christmas party of the season
- Overview of upcoming events and tournaments
- Course maintenance overview

Chief Harper announced the arrival of Kara North at 6:10 pm.

Tribal Enterprises:

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run Casino Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- Continuing to assess the expenses of the Casino and properties
- Several new initiatives will be going into place in the near future
- Analysis of database and customers
- Providing professional development to all staff of BRC properties and Tribal properties
- New carpet has had a positive impact and customers are pleased with the change
- More shows/events have been booked for the first half of 2020 in the Peoria Showplace than for the whole year in previous years

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, reported:

- Floor remodel is completed
- Christmas decorations are going up
- Reduced number of slot machines on the floor
- Valet parking is now being offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings
- New menu for the Coleman House will be released in mid December
- Bistro has undergone a few changes and they have had a positive impact
- Entertainment will be brought back to the Trailer Park and every Friday night will be “Country Night”

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, reported:

- Overall occupancy rate
- Working to ensure the right customers are in the rooms, this is done by communicating with the Casino
- Some minor maintenance is being done throughout the hotel
- Breakfast has been enhanced and the customers are enjoying the change

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the financial reports for October 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of November, providing a brief recap of the month’s activities:

- Attended NTHS and ITC monthly meetings
- Children’s Christmas Party preparations are happening
- Traveled to Washington DC for ITBC meetings
- The offices would be closed on November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 11/14/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 12/03/2019 or at Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Hank Downum to approve New Members as recommended. Motion passed.

Resolution R-12-03-19-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-12-03-19-A as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-12-03-18-B, “Stabilizing Steambanks to Restore Terrestrial, Rparian, and Floodplain habitat, Resources and Services”: Motion as made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-12-03-19-B as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-12-03-19-C, “A Pilot Tribal Apprenticeship Program to Restore Tribal Use of

Natural Resources”: Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-12-03-19-C as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-12-03-19-D, “Improvement of Migratory Songbird and Upland Game Bird Habitat, and Introduction of Fresh Genetics into and for Existing and Diminishing Bobwhite Quail Productions”: Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-12-03-19-D as presented. Motion passed.

Resolution R-12-03-19-E, “Reintroducing Mussel Species of Concern into “Off-Site” Tributaries of Spring and Neosho Rivers”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve Resolution R-12-03-19-E as presented. Motion passed.

Reappointments to Peoria Tribal Election Committee (Kristen Gillman, Toni Potts, Bud Ellis, Courtney McCartney, Shelley Mitchell): Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to reappoint Kristen Gillman, Toni Potts, Bud Ellis, Courtney McCartney and Shelley Mitchell to the Election Committee. Motion passed.

Approval to proceed with Christmas bonuses to Tribal Department staff: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Hank Downum to provide \$500 Christmas bonuses to all permanent full-time Peoria employees and \$250 Christmas bonuses to all temporary full-time employees. Motion passed; Tonya Mathews and Logan Pappenfort abstained.

Discussion/Approval to provide a financial contribution to the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society (CMMS): Motion failed for lack of action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments were provided by Peoria Tribal Citizens -
Zach Goforth stated:

- That the Findings in the Audit show that we need to be more cautious and there will be more testing in the future audits.
- That the use of vehicles awarded in grants need to be used for grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


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

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and was seconded by Tonya Mathews to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved