



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 2, 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 for Hank Downum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Amended Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, provided a recap of events and upcoming events. In addition, Mr. Benedict stated there had been a small influx of membership. In closing, Mr. Benedict notified the Business Committee that a vendor had provided the Golf Course with some complementary shirts and he was pleased to provide them to the Business Committee.

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, gave an overview of course maintenance and stated that the crew is continuing to play catch up on the course due to the previous rainy weather.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, provided a brief overview of the hotel occupancy stating it is at 74%, which is up from 2018. Ms. Riggs stated she had a few items to report: a maintenance man had been hired; there has been an issue with the elevator but Brian is assisting in troubleshooting the problem; pool room is being painted; and the issue of housekeeping staff has been addressed and she feels like there is a steady plan in place for the future

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, provided an update to the Business Committee that the replaced security and surveillance equipment is in place and operating at full capacity. He stated that the facilities crew has been diligently working to ensure the outdoor venue is ready for the upcoming 4th of July festivities. Mr. Bashore provided the update that the new landscaping project has started. Mr. Bashore provided a recap of the departments of the casino highlighting the upcoming blackjack tournament, new formats for player promotions beginning in July, a new series of commercials will be airing, new billboards are being installed and concluding with an update on the buffet.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve the financial reports for May 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of June, providing a brief recap of the meetings he attended, UNIKOT and Sovereignty Symposium. He stated in addition to those 2 meetings he was pleased to announce he had been appointed to the NIGA Board and on the BIA Interior/Tribal Budget Council. Chief Harper provided a recap of the Peoria PowWow, which had been moved to the Peoria Showplace at Buffalo Run Casino due to inclement weather but had been a huge success and he thanked the Committee and Casino staff for their efforts. Chief Harper also informed the Business Committee that a Project Coordinator had been selected from the interview panel, however, the Department of Justice had to provide approval on the candidate. In closing, Chief Harper advised the Business Committee that he had a meeting with the Fullerton's but he would provide details in Executive Session. In closing he announced that the Tribe had received funding on the ICDBG Grant that had been submitted to construct a Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of mowing equipment upgrade at the Buffalo Run Casino: Motion was made by Kara North and Seconded by Logan Pappenfort to remove the motion for the purchase of mowing equipment upgrades as the purchase amount did not exceed the procurement policy. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 06/12/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 07/02/2019 or at Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve New Members as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-02-19-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll": Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-07-02-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-02-19-B, “Verification of Indian Preference for Employment Form BIA-4432”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-07-02-19-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-02-19-C, “Stipends for Constitutionally required Committees”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to table Resolution R-07-02-18-C for discussion in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-02-19-D, “Supporting Submittal of the Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Fiscal Year 2018 & 2019 Housing Block Grant Program – Competitive Grant”: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and Seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-07-02-19-D as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Resolution R-07-02-19-E, “Request for Funding from Bureau of Indian Affairs for Reserved Treaty Rights Land Project”: Motion was made by Kara North and Seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-07-02-19-E as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

LeeAnn Reeves inquired about the fine levied for the gaming issue, has the fine been paid, what is the deadline and how will it be enforced. Mike McBride, Legal Counsel, addressed the floor stating the fine was due, had not been paid, the Peoria Tribe Gaming Commission had suspended the gaming licenses of the individuals in question. Mr. McBride further stated that the (NIGC)National Indian Gaming Commission) had issued a NOV, the investigation is ongoing and legal action is at the discretion of the U.S. Attorney.

Jordan Barlow, Special Projects for Health Care, addressed the floor providing an update on her progress in advancing health care options for the Tribe. Ms. Barlow began her update stating she was very pleased with the number of surveys that were completed, 174 total. The information obtained provided the following: 50% are interested in nutrition classes and 90% would use a wellness center. As an update on the Opioid Grant Ms. Barlow continues to work with Yale. In closing she stated she was pleased to announce the 1st ever Warrior Down Recovery Training would be held at Peoria Ridge Golf Course.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to move into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and was seconded by Logan Pappenfort to come out of Executive Session at 9:11 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-07-02-19-C, “Stipends for Constitutionally required Committees”: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-07-02-18-C, which would provide for stipends of \$150 plus mileage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to provide \$150 stipend and mileage to Education Committee and \$400 stipend to Gaming Commission. Motion carried, Tonya Mathews abstained.

Discussion/Approval on Miami Country Club Property: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and Seconded by Logan Pappenfort to allow Quit Claim on Back Nine of the Country Club. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved