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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 15, 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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, began his report by stating that the number of rounds, provided for this report were for the same month but in 2018. With that being said, the number of rounds from 2018 to 2019 were down. After weather impacting the month of April and with the irregular weather continuing into May, it has been a struggle. Mr. Benedict was pleased to announce that Peoria Ridge Golf Course is beginning to move into the event season and the course activity will pick up. He stated that the Fairland Lions Club was the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the season and he had worked closely with event planners to increase the number of golfers and overall attendance. In closing Mr. Benedict notified the Business Committee that a long-time employee had taken left the golf course, she will be missed, but they are trying their best to fill the position.

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, gave his report wherein he stated that his crew is mowing and preparing the course. Mr. Hale stated that the weather has been an issue, but all the work completed in the winter has made an impact. In closing he stated that there have been some positions open, however no applications had been received to date.

### **Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, provided a brief overview of the hotel occupancy stating it is at 70%. Ms. Riggs stated there has been some maintenance issues, but they are in the process of being fixed or already completed. She informed the group that the biggest priority is the swimming pool and that work will begin after Memorial Day.

### **Buffalo Run Casino:**

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, advised the Business Committee that the casino had just completed inclement weather training when the staff had to put it to use. The weather of last week had the casino evacuate, which is having the staff direct the patrons to the restrooms and hallways. The staff was responsive and knowledgeable. The facility had not sustained any damage. Brian Estep, Facilities Manager, who has been at the casino for 2 weeks, has brought a fresh set of eyes and has been working with Housekeeping to get the entire facility clean. In closing, Mr. Bashore provided a synopsis of each of the departments in the casino, including but not limited to, the following Slot Revenue, Table Games and Marketing. He closed out his report, stating that the buffet is continuing to see growth and has been a great addition to the amenities offered at the Casino.

### **Financial Reports:**

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the financial reports for March 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Administrative/Program Reports:**

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of April, wherein he highlighted his trip with Second Chief Pappenfort to the University of Illinois. The trip consisted of meeting with Chancellor Jones and various other staff at the U of I. In addition to the recap of the Illinois trip, Chief Harper highlighted other meetings and events he had attended in April.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 4/11/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 05/07/2019 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 carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-05-15-19-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll":** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-05-15-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-05-15-19-B, “Improvement of Upland Game Bird Habitat and Introduction of Fresh Genetics into and For Existing and Diminishing Bobwhite Quail Populations”:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-05-15-19-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution R-05-15-19-C, “Invasive Species Funding request from Bureau Of Indian Affairs”:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-05-15-19-C as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of Funding Request for Tribal Monument to be erected at NEO:** Motion was made to approve a \$2,500.00 contribution to the NEO Foundation for a Tribal Monument by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to secure Wind Environmental Services LLC for GIS, GPS and related services:** Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Isabella Burrell to waive the Procurement Policy to secure Wind Environmental Services LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion/ Approval of LLC Code:** Recommendation was made to move this presentation to Executive Session, after Public Comments.

**Discussion/Approval to waive Procurement Policy to sole source Cabinets by Springfield:** Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to waive the Procurement Policy to sole source to Cabinets of Springfield. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Alan Goforth brought forward a proposal that was provided to him by John Learned and stated it had nothing to do with Chief Illiniwek. He stated he has nothing to do with the proposal other than to be asked to provide it to the Business Committee. Mr. Goforth stated that the proposal was for a lot of money, in excess of \$4 million, and he felt he needed to share the information. He passed out the information packet to the Business Committee.

Erin Barnes, Planner and Grant Writer, provided a short overview of the Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime (DOJ OVC) grant the tribe was awarded. The DOJ is very involved and has quite a bit of input. A project coordinator will need to be hired soon. The grant basically funds a needs assessment so the Tribe can develop a program.


#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and was seconded by Kara North to come out of Executive Session at 8:28 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

  
Authorized Signature

  
Date Approved