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**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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.

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 Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Isabella Burrell to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:

Peoria Ridge Golf Course:

Chief Harper updated the Business Committee Members that Nate Benedict, Peoria Ridge Golf Course General Manager, has taken a position with another course. Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, has been with the course since day one and moving forward, he will be addressing all issues.

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, stated that Nate Neel has been promoted to Golf Shop Manager. Mr. Hale stated that Nate had been with the course for a while, is a recent graduate of MSSU and has been very involved with past tournaments, so he brings experience and knowledge with him. He also stated that the Food & Beverage Department, from the Casino, has been very helpful and he thinks this will be a good improvement. Mr. Hale provided an overview of the rounds played, including the number of member rounds, casino player rounds and tribal member rounds. He stated that the current membership is at 106 members. Mr. Hale provided a brief summary of the upcoming tournaments and promotions, which he will be working with the Casino Marketing Department to improve the promotions. In closing Mr. Hale reported that the greens were looking good and advised what the maintenance schedule looked like as we transition into Fall, noting that the golf course will be closed on September 11th for aerification.

Buffalo Run Hotel:

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, advised the Business Committee that the room rates had been increased and there had not been any push back from customers. In addition to the rate change there has been a Pet Policy implemented, as there have been some issues in the past and there was not any way to address the enforcement to reclaim any costs for damages incurred. Ms. Riggs stated that she was continuing to receive training on the hotel booking system. In addition to the training, the company was providing some additional assistance such as: logo placement on materials and tracking of casino value of guests. In closing, Ms. Riggs advised the Business Committee that the front desk has implemented a wait list, which is an important tool to collect data on the number of rooms that could be potentially sold if they were available in inventory.

Buffalo Run Casino:

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, started his report with an update on the Security/Surveillance project that is near completion, which entails replacing old security cameras throughout the property. He also updated the Business Committee on the status of the Compactor area and the estimated date of completion is September 18th. Mr. Bashore stated that the Human Resources Department will be moved from the "house" to the newly renovated office space on September 4th. In closing, Mr. Bashore provided a recap of the departments of the casino highlighting the Buffet, current promotions, daily promotions, new billboards and concluding with the upcoming ads to be launched in our market areas of Tulsa, Joplin and Springfield.

Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the financial reports for July 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative/Program Reports:

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of August, providing a brief recap of the month's activities: attendance at BIA TIBC (Tribal Interior Budget Committee), completion of employee evaluations, Peoria Ridge Golf Course meetings and attendance at ITC and NTHS monthly meetings. Chief Harper also provided an overview of the current gaming issue with Governor Stitt and that Governor Stitt would be meeting with tribal leaders of Northeast Oklahoma at ITC in early August. He advised the Business Committee that the Tribes of Oklahoma were standing together on the compact issue and it was not a big tribe versus little tribe division.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion/Approval of Employee evaluations and wage change Recommendations retroactive to payroll period beginning on August 1 payroll period or beginning August 15, 2019: This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 08/13/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 09/03/2019 or at Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting: Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve New Members as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-03-19-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll": Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-09-03-19-A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-03-19-B, "Tribal Membership in National Congress of American Indians": Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-09-03-19-B as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-03-19-C, "Authorization and Signatures with First National Bank and Trust Company for Account Entitled Peoria Ridge Golf Course Operating Account": Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-09-03-19-C as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-03-19-D, "Tribal Membership in United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas": Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-09-03-19-D as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of FY2020 Tribal Budget Revisions: Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve tribal Budget revisions for FY2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval to increase Elder Reimbursement Guidelines: Chief Harper asked Second Chief Pappenfort to address the topic as he is the Director of the Elder Reimbursement Program. There was discussion on the floor and recommendation was made to discuss further in Executive Session.

Discussion/Approval to increase Grand Saving Bank Credit Card limit to \$75,000: Motion by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Grand Savings Bank Credit Card limit to \$75,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution R-09-03-19-E, "Authorization for Attorney Contracts": To be discussed in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wess Farless, tribal member, expressed his support of increasing the elder reimbursement program. He stated that he thought the program should have an increase every five years and he thought the funding amount should be the same as the college program. Mr. Farless also stated that he thought a direct mailing to tribal members would be the best form of communication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to move into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kara North and was seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to come out of Executive Session at 8:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Approval of Employee evaluations and wage change Recommendations retroactive to payroll period beginning on August 1 payroll period or beginning August 15, 2019: Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve employee wage changes per discussion in Executive Session (see paperwork provided by Chief Harper). Motion carried unanimously, Tonya Mathews and Logan Pappenfort abstained.

Discussion/Approval to increase Elder Reimbursement Guidelines: Chief Harper called for a motion. No motion on the floor.

Resolution R-09-03-19-E, "Authorization for Attorney Contracts": Motion by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approved Resolution R-09-03-19-E as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Authorized Signature


Date Approved