

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL

MAY 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER Minutes of the Ponca Tribal Council meeting held on May 20, 2017 at the Tribal Headquarters in Niobrara, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chairman Larry Wright, Jr., whom also gave the Invocation. Roll Call: Present – Larry Wright, James LaPointe, Steve Laravie, Alex Taylor, Phil Wendzillo, Rebecca White, Candace Bossard, Crystal Howell, and Patrick Lamoureux.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Patrick Lamoureux to approve the agenda with addition of update on youth trip. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Alex Taylor to approve the minutes of May 8, 2017 with requested change under Jacob Olsufka. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Patrick Lamoureux to ratify actions as follows: Fire Protection Agreement with the City of Lincoln for 1701 E Street (\$616.00) and 2756 O Street (\$443); letter to Office on Violence Against Women to express our disappointment in OVW's decision to deny the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska funding application; BIA modification #23 in the amount of \$1,925.00; and BIA modification #10 in the amount of \$851.00. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Chairman Wright reported on the following: Region VII DHHS meeting in Kansas City; Good Earth State Park dedication ceremony and interview in Niobrara on the walk and KXL on May 19; Ponca corn planning is still scheduled for May 21; tribal elder Madeline Zephier passed away. Councilwoman Bossard updated on the upcoming youth trip.

EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT This report was provided by Tom Wright, Executive Director of Tribal Affairs.

JACOB OLSUFKA, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE The Schedule of Expenditures, Indirect Cost, General Fund, and Committee Reports as of 4/30/17 were reviewed as well as the Tribal Council Budget Summary Report as of 5/8/17 and the April Miscellaneous Report.

Regarding the General Fund investments, Mr. Olsufka was requested to provide more information for discussion and come back with some strategies.

Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by James LaPointe to approve the development of the Fiscal Year 2018 Indirect Cost Proposal with Falmouth Institute. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Steve Laravie to approve to enter into a lease agreement on the Whitecoat property and turning into pasture land for hay to be used for the buffalo program. RCV: Ayes – Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – LaPointe. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:30 PM and reconvened at 1:09 PM.

JONATHAN ROBINSON, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Crystal Howell to approve the revised Section 2 & 3 of the Employee Handbook with additional change to use immediate family definition as stated in the Law & Order Code. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Laravie, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

The Human Resource Department monthly report was provided by Mr. Robinson.

PAT EICHBERGER, EDUCATION DIRECTOR The Education Program report was provided by Ms. Eichberger.

(Councilman Laravie absent at 2:21 PM)

BILL YUNKER, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & RISK MANAGEMENT A program report was provided by Mr. Yunker. Council requested drawings of the proposed re-hab of the Pow wow grounds be provided for discussion at the next council meeting; the building in Sioux City where we currently rent space is available for sale and we need to explore the possible purchase of this and what sources we can use to offset the mortgage payment; the roof of the health modular needs repaired; and the building to the east of HQ needs to be completed or torn down.

LARRY VOEGELE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Motion by James LaPointe and second by Phil Wendzillo to approve the Professional Temp Contract for Dental Services. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Patrick Lamoureux to approve the Professional Temp Contract for Pharmacy. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by James LaPointe and second by Phil Wendzillo to approve the Nurse Manager job description with a request for detailed funding for this position. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – White. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rebecca White and second by Phil Wendzillo to approve the RFP for the Health Service Market Data in the amount of \$11,719.00. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

(Vice Chairman White was the Presiding Officer at this time)

RHIANNON CLAUSEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS Motion by Crystal Howell and second by Phil Wendzillo to approve Resolution 17-44 supporting the InterTribal Bison Cooperative grant application. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie, Wright. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

(Chairman Wright resumed as Presiding Officer)

STEPHANIE POSPISIL, DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES Motion by Rebecca White and second by Crystal Howell to approve Resolution 17-45 supporting the Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention initiative continuation funding application. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by James LaPointe and second by Alex Taylor to approve Resolution 17-46 supporting the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative continuation funding application. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS Motion by Crystal Howell and second by James LaPointe to approve Resolution 17-47 re-appointing JoAn Ehlers to the Northern Ponca Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire on 5/31/2021. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Abstained – Wendzillo. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

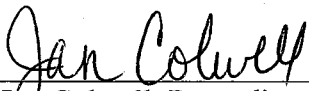
Motion by James LaPointe and second by Crystal Howell to approve a \$5,000 sponsorship to the Dhegiha Language Conference on August 3 & 4 in Quapaw, Oklahoma to be expended from THPO Funding. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – Bossard. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by James LaPointe to enter into Executive Session per Larry Voegel's request at 3:25 PM. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

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Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Rebecca White to come out of Executive Session at 3:32 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURN Motion by Phil Wendzillo and second by Patrick Lamoureux to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 PM. RCV: Ayes – LaPointe, Taylor, Wendzillo, White, Bossard, Howell, Lamoureux. Nays – None. Absent – Laravie. Chair not voting. Motion carried.



Jan Colwell, Recording Secretary



Candace Bossard, Secretary
Ponca Tribal Council