

## Osage Nation Gaming Commission Regular Meeting of the Gaming Commissioners Wednesday, July 17, 2024

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order.

Chair Gary Weyl called the meeting of the Osage Nation Gaming Commissioners to order at 1:01pm.

2. Opening Prayer.

Elizabeth Hembree led the meeting in prayer.

3. Roll Call.

Amanda Frank, Administrative Assistant of the ONGC, called the roll. Present at the meeting were Gaming Commissioners Gary Weyl and Marsha Harlan, which constitutes a quorum needed to hold a meeting.

Also in attendance were: Elizabeth Hembree, Commission Director of the ONGC; Eugene Bertman, ONGC Attorney; Ashlee Hartness, Regulatory Compliance Director of Osage Casinos; Holli Wells, ONGE Board Member; Lacie Pahsetopah, ONGC Licensing Manager; Brandie Ryerson, ONGC Licensing Supervisor; Amy Kolis, ONGC Surveillance Manager; Todd Stuart, ONGC Surveillance Investigator; George Bear, ONGC Surveillance Investigator; Lori Cochrane, ONGC Audit Supervisor; Cory Spotted Bear, Caleb Bruce, and Lee Bowman, ONGC Auditors; Blake Bledsoe, ONGC Compliance Agent; and present via conference call: Brandy Lemon, Congresswoman of the Osage Nation; and Pamela Ballard, ONGE Executive Assistant.

4. Commissioners to review, consider and take action regarding the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 06/12/24.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the minutes from 06/12/24.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

Motion Passed:

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

## 5. Reports:

- a. Commission Director's Reports:
  - i. Ms. Hembree provided the Commissioners with the ONGC monthly work product, a current Staffing Report, Year to Date logs of information on the following: Prize Claims, Tort Claims, Bans, approved SICS, and OC Marketing Promotions.
- b. <u>Osage Nation Gaming Enterprise</u>: Ashlee Hartness and Holli Wells present with nothing to report in open session.
- c. <u>Principal Chief's Office</u>: No parties present.
- d. Osage Nation Congress: Brandy Lemon present with nothing to report.
- e. Osage Nation Attorney General's Office: No parties present.
- f. <u>Citizen Input</u>: No parties present.

- 6. Commissioners to review, consider, and take action if necessary on any new business not previously discussed.
  - i. Ms. Hembree presented four (4) TICS for discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to table the consideration of the TICS to the August meeting.

**Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.** 

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

ii. Ms. Hembree presented the ONGC 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the ONGC 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

iii. Ms. Hembree presented any travel requests and the invoices for AmericanChecked and attorney fees for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Weyl to approve the invoice for attorney fees. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Harlan.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Weyl to approve the invoice for

AmericanChecked.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Harlan.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the registration of the Audit department to attend OTGRA in October.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

- 7. Commissioners to review, consider, and take action if necessary on any old business. No discussion.
- 8. Commissioners to review, consider, and take action, if necessary on any of the above reports. No discussion.
- 9. Proposed executive session to discuss confidential proprietary, investigative and/or personnel matters at 1:22pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Weyl to enter into Executive Session.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Harlan.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

10. Commissioners vote to return to open session at 2:44pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to come out of Executive Session.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

11. Commissioners to review, consider, and take action if necessary on any items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the Petition for LIC-24-15.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to decline the Petition for LIC-24-16.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the Petition for LIC-24-17.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the Petition for LIC-24-18.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES

Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve CON-24-07.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 ONGE Annual Plan received on 7/3/24.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the RSM contract with amendments as of 7/17/24.

**Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.** 

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan that the ONGC Chair send a letter to ONGE requesting compliance with Surveillance.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan that Counsel for the ONGC draft a legislative memo to Osage Congress.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve utilizing the parking space located south of the ONGC Office.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to open the position to hire an Investigative

Agent.

**Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.** 

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

12. Commissioners to schedule, hear, consider and take action on the following cases:

<u>LIC-24-11</u>: The Respondent was present and Mr. Bertman announced a request to amend the Petition to reflect a casino policy violation and a \$50 fine.

Motion made by Commissioner Harlan to approve the Petition as amended to reflect the policy violation and fine.

**Motion Seconded by Commissioner Weyl.** 

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

- 13. Chair Gary Weyl announced that the next regular meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 1:00pm, at the ONGC Office in Pawhuska.
- 14. Adjournment at 2:52pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Weyl to adjourn.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Harlan.

**Motion Passed:** 

Commissioner Weyl: YES
Commissioner Harlan: YES

Approved by the Gaming Commissioners on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

Amanda Frank ONGC Administrative Assistant