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EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

1 **DATE: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023**  
2 **TIME: 5:30 p.m.**  
3 **LOCATION: Mahogany Room – Indigo Sky Casino**  
4 **INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace**

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6 **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

7 The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Samples,  
8 with the following answering roll call: 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Daugherty, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9 Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present.  
10 A quorum was declared by 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Samples.

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12 **NEW ENROLLEES**

13 None presented.

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15 **MINUTES**

16 **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the August 9th, 2023, Business Committee  
17 Meeting. The motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee.  
18 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

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20 **REPORTS**

21 **CASINO REPORT:**

22 **Casino General Manager, Melanie Heskett**

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24 **Comparison of actual to budget for July – Revenue for Indigo Sky Casino was up by**  
25 **28% over projected numbers with expenses up 8.5%. Outpost Casino Revenues**  
26 **were down by 20% and expenses were down by 12%.**

27 **Year to Date Budget – Indigo Sky Revenue up 12% with Expenses down 2%.**

28 **Outpost Casino Revenue down 10% under forecasted numbers with expenses down**  
29 **8%.**

30 **YTD Actual numbers for Indigo Sky Revenues were up 5% and YTD Actual**  
31 **numbers for Outpost Casino were down 10.5%.**

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33 **REMINDER: If you are traveling for Pow Wow make your reservations at the**  
34 **Hotel as soon as possible. There is a Pow Wow code and you can go online or call**  
35 **the hotel front desk to get your reservations made.**

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37 **GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: To be given at the next meeting.**  
38 **Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner**

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40 **TREASURER REPORT:**

41 **Justin Barrett, Treasurer**

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43 **Preliminary Cash Balances as of 07/31/2023**

44 **General Fund** \$75,766,388  
45 **Land** \$2,303,842

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46	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>\$3,070,659</b>
47	<b>Education Reserves</b>	<b>\$1,898,620</b>
48	<b>Social Services &amp; Education Reserves</b>	<b>\$20,891,349</b>
49	<b>Total Available Cash</b>	<b>\$23,351,623</b>

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53 **Net Assets**

54 **We have continued to see a significant increase in our net assets. In 2020 our net**  
55 **assets were \$208,340,308. As of June 30, 2023, our net assets are \$303,630,401. That**  
56 **is an increase of \$95,290,093 or 45.69%.**

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58 **Sweep Accounts**

59 **The Business Committee passed Resolution 061423-R-01 which established sweep**  
60 **accounts at People's Bank of Seneca. CFO Karen Allen has moved \$5,000,000.00 to**  
61 **the sweep account. This is invested into treasury for three (3) months and is earning**  
62 **5.28% in interest.**

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64 **As of August 11, 2023, we have accrued \$9,418.75 in interest.**

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66 **Treasury Bonds**

67 **The Business Committee passed Resolution 080923-R-01 which authorized a service**  
68 **agreement with BancFirst for treasury investments. We are still in the process of**  
69 **getting this set up so I will report back once everything is finalized.**

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71 **USDA**

72 **On Monday the USDA ReConnect Program announced it is investing \$667,000,000**  
73 **to build broadband infrastructure in underserved areas and tribal communities.**

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75 **Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association**

76 **August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> was the OIGA Conference and Tradeshow. This was held in Tulsa,**  
77 **OK at the Cox Business Center. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is a sponsor of this**  
78 **event. Indigo Sky Casino & Resort, Outpost Casino, Shawnee Skies, and the Tribe**  
79 **all shared a booth that was coordinated by the casino marketing team.**

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81 **I was honored to be a speaker on the Executive Round Table. The other speakers**  
82 **on the roundtable were Choctaw Casinos Senior Executive Officer Janie Dillard,**  
83 **Muskogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Chief Executive Officer Janie Dillard, and**  
84 **Lucky Star Casinos Chief Executive Officer Charlie Welbourne.**

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86 **General Manager Melanie Heskett received the United Women of Tribal Gaming**  
87 **(UWTG) Operator of the Year Award.**

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91 **Office of Violence Against Women**  
92 **On August 10<sup>th</sup> I provided oral testimony at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-to-**  
93 **Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation. This testimony is also**  
94 **being submitted as written testimony to the agency. OVW, HUD, DOJ, BIA, OMB**  
95 **and three U.S. Attorneys for Oklahoma were present to listen to testimony.**  
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97 **Vetnos Update**

98 **While at OIGA I received an update regarding Vetnos and the go-live in California.**  
99 **The app is downloadable in the Apple store, but it is not in the Google store. Google**  
100 **does not recognize tribal gaming as a legal form of gaming. They are currently**  
101 **trying to get Google to change their policies because tribal gaming is authorized**  
102 **under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and tribal-state compacts.**  
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104 **RESOLUTIONS:**

105 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 082323-R-01 Resolution authorizing the submission of a**  
106 **Department of Energy Funding Opportunity: Preventing Outages and Enhancing**  
107 **the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grant**  
108 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the**  
109 **Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the grant submission of**  
110 **a Department of Energy Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the**  
111 **Electric Grid Grant for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The Business**  
112 **Committee is the sole entity authorized to apply for, receive, and administer the**  
113 **award for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as authorized by BIL Section**  
114 **40101(d) and as described in this ALRD.**

115 **MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 082323-R-01. The motion was made by  
116 Treasurer Barrett with second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Kraus.

117 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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119 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 082323-R-02 Resolution authorizing the submission of a**  
120 **Letter of Intent to Apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of**  
121 **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Solar For All Grant**

122 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern**  
123 **Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the submission of a Letter of Intent to**  
124 **apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Greenhouse Gas Reduction**  
125 **Fund Solar for All application for Award option #2 American Indian and Alaska Native**  
126 **Communities, Size Small: up to 10,000 households the Eastern Shawnee Tribe in Ottawa**  
127 **County Oklahoma in an amount up to \$75,000,000.00.**

128 **MOTION:** To approve Resolution Number 082323-R-2. The motion was made by  
129 Treasurer Barrett with second by 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee.

130 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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132 **RESOLUTION NUMBER 082323-R-03 Resolution authorizing the submission of a**  
133 **Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the Sustainable Agriculture**  
134 **Research and Education Professional Development Program**

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135 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern  
136 Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application  
137 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research and Education Professional Development  
138 Program. Project title for the submission will be Eastern Shawnee Tribe Sustainable  
139 Agriculture Education Program.

140 MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 082323-R-03. The motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup>  
141 Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

142 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

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144 Indian Community Development Block Grant – Not ready at this time – submission of  
145 grant will be the beginning of October.

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148 **REQUISITIONS**

149 **Requisition EN-99330 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of**  
150 **\$37,407.00 for General Liability, Crime, Excess, Property.**

151 **MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-99330. The motion was made by Treasurer**  
152 **Barrett with second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Kraus.**

153 **Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.**

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155 **Requisition EN-99331 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of**  
156 **\$1,228,304.00 for Installment No. 1 General Liability, Crime, Excess, Property,**  
157 **Special Risk.**

158 **MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-00331. The motion was made by 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
159 **Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.**

160 **Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.**

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162 **Requisition EN-99669 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of**  
163 **\$37,934.00 for Installments 1 & 2 Workmen's Compensation.**

164 **MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-99669. The motion was made by Treasurer**  
165 **Barrett with second by 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee.**

166 **Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.**

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168 **Requisition EN-99698 payable to Butler, Rosenbury & Partners, Inc. in the amount**  
169 **of \$60,060.00 for Professional Services July 2023 Government Building.**

170 **MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-99698. The motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup>**  
171 **Council Kissee with second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Kraus.**

172 **Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.**

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174 **NEW BUSINESS:**

175 **Chief Wallace presented the following 110 Road report: This road would provide**  
176 **access to the Housing Authority which presently has only one way in/out. We have**  
177 **paid to have a company design the road. The cost projections when put out to bid**  
178 **were based on State Line Road which cost about \$3.6 million. We have cash which is**  
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180 \$2,126,457.80 Current Balance. When we put it out for bid it came in at \$4.3  
181 \$1,000,000.00 BIA Grant  
182 500,000.00 BIA Grant  
183 211,371.74 FY 23 Requested  
184 721,600.00 5 Years BIA Loan @ \$144,320.37 per year (Years 25-29)  
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186 \$4,559,429.54 TOTAL  
187 4,700,000.00 LAST BID  
188 140,570.48 SHORT -BUT – FY 24 BIA FUNDS \$144,320.37  
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190 MOTION: To authorize rebidding of the 110 Road project for the Eastern Shawnee  
191 Tribe. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3<sup>rd</sup> Council  
192 Kraus.

193 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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195 MOTION: To reaffirm the motion to donate \$500,000.00 to World Heritage that  
196 was made in the July 12, 2023 Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made  
197 by the Treasurer with second by Secretary Littlefield.

198 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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200 Question presented by Sherry Hamby, Tribal Member asking when the Business  
201 Committee Meetings will be moved back to the Bluejacket Bldg. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Samples  
202 stated no discussion about going back to the Bluejacket Bldg. has been held at this  
203 time and the Business Committee will be having that discussion.  
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205 ANNOUNCEMENT: Sherry Hamby shared that in honor of her Father's Legacy  
206 the family will be donating a beef that has been butchered, packaged and will be  
207 ready to distribute to elder tribal members at the General Council Meeting.  
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209 Sherry Hamby requested that an overview of the cattle/buffalo herds be presented  
210 to the tribal members.  
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212 OLD BUSINESS: None presented.  
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214 MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:15 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with  
215 second by 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee.

216 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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218 MOTION: To return to Open Session at 8:37 p.m. The motion was made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Council  
219 Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

220 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
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222 MOTION: To adjourn at 8:37 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with  
223 second by 1<sup>st</sup> Council Kissee.

224 Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

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0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

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ADJOURN

Debbie Littlefield  
Debbie Littlefield, Secretary

9-13-23  
Date

Chris Samples  
Chris Samples, Second Chief

9-13-23  
Date