

**MINUTES OF
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
Regular Council Meeting
October 6, 2022**

There was an Inauguration held on October 5, 2022 for Tanya Lewis, Chairwoman, Ricardo Pacheco, Vice Chairman and Charlie Baca, IV, Council Member. This is a 3-year term. Tanya Lewis was the former Vice Chairwoman and Ricardo Pacheco was the former Council Member. Jon Huey had resigned as Chairman on August 10, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Tanya Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., Middle Verde Administration and Zoom.us.

2. INVOCATION: Lorna Juan

3. ROLL CALL: Lorna Juan, Amanda Honwyteva, Ricardo Pacheco, Tanya Lewis, Charlie Baca, IV, Darlene Rubio, Henry Smith and Apphia Shirley were present. Germania Jones joined via Zoom.us.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Lorna Juan requested to add under 11. New Business b. Housing Department Issue.

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition seconded by Amanda Honwyteva; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

5. MINUTES OF 9-29-2022

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Germania Jones; 7 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstained, motion passed.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLIFF CASTLE CASINO HOTEL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FM ENTERTAINMENT ARTIST MANAGEMENT AND BOOKINGS FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT ENGAGEMENT – Rojelio Rubio

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (10-6-2022) seconded by Amanda Honwyteva; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT FOR TRIBES FOR UPDATING THE NATION'S COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN – Anthony Sanchez

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Darlene Rubio motioned to approve the resolution per the Council is authorized to represent the Nation and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Nation and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the Yavapai-Apache Nation provided under Article V(a) of the Constitution; the Council is authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements with federal, state and local governments and to accept grant funds as provided under Article V (b) and (s) of the Constitution; the Council is authorized to manage all tribal economic affairs and to appropriate and regulate the use of the Nation's funds as provided under Article V (i) and (k) of the Constitution; the Contracts and Grants Manager recommends that the Nation apply for grant funding under the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service in the amount of \$248,352 for one year and matching funds of \$62,088 from the Wildland Fire Department Operating Budget and to be administered by Wildland Fire with the funds to be used to update Community Wildfire Protection Plan and take steps for implementation of plan; the Council finds it in the best interest to authorize the grant application; the Nation agrees that it will comply with all program guidelines and regulations applicable to the grant program and the certifications required in the grant application; the Council authorizes the Contracts and Grants Manager to take all actions necessary to complete the grant application and to submit all necessary information to the funding agency in furtherance of the grant application and authorizes the Nation to receive and expend the grant funds in accordance with the grant requirements and the Budget Code and Financial Policies per Version 1 (10-6-2022) seconded by Henry Smith; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

8. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FUELS CREW FOR AN ADDITIONAL 360 HOURS – Anthony Sanchez

Anthony Sanchez provided photos of the work his crew has done. He requested the extension of 360 hours for the 3 Temporary Employees for the Fuel Crew. This would carry them until December 31, 2022. His current funding will carry his employees through the end of October. He has included them in his budget for 2023.

Henry Smith thanked Mr. Sanchez and his crew for coming out and cutting the trees down, removing the trees after the storm, coming out and getting the tree removal at Distant Drums RV Park. The crew came out and removed the tree and there was no damage to the RV.

Chairwoman Lewis also thanked him and his crew for removing the tree at Culture.

Darlene Rubio appreciated the work the crew is doing.

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Charlie Baca expressed his appreciation of Anthony's work and that anyone is going to want to work with him because he has done this type of work for a long time. He also works with his employees.

Anthony Sanchez mentioned he cut up the wood from the storm and took it over to Culture to be used for the sweats.

There was a consensus from the Council for the approval of the additional funding. There will be a resolution on the agenda for approval next week.

9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY DONAHOE AS AN INTERIM ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION COURT OF APPEALS – Lisa Estensen

Lisa Estensen explained the Chief Justice of the Appellate Court is recommending to appoint an Interim Associate Justice due to there is a case pending before the Court of Appeals.

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (10-6-2022) seconded by Lorna Juan; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council Reports – None

b. Housing Department Issues – Lorna Juan

Lorna Juan explained she has been informed that Housing no longer assists Elders in fixing their homes at no charge. Most of the Elders own their own homes. The Nation should contribute to the Housing Budget to assist in these requests. We should review the budget and see how much has been spent. We shouldn't be denying these requests and they shouldn't be charged.

Henry Smith mentioned we have money set aside. He is concerned with their safety and comfort. We need to take care of the immediate situation.

Charlie Baca is in favor of it. We need to take care of our Elders. They don't know how to fix things.

Lorna Juan requested Steven Schepman provide a budget of what has been provided to Housing and what is left with a detailed encumbrance report.

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Chairwoman Lewis felt we should take care of the Elders. They are on a fixed income. A Work Session will be scheduled with the Director.

Darlene Rubio motioned to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. seconded by Lorna Juan; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Karla Reimer, Secretary