

**MINUTES OF  
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 15, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairwoman Tanya Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., Middle Verde Administration and Zoom.us.

**2. INVOCATION:** Lorna Juan

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Lorna Juan requested to add under 17. New Business b. Executive Session regarding Leadership Concern.

Henry Smith requested to add hiring issues regarding the background check process. Vice Chairwoman Lewis requested to add it to the Work Session this afternoon.

Germania Jones requested to add a discussion regarding weed eating by a tribal member on Wiki Way. Vice Chairwoman Lewis requested Germania Jones provide the request to her.

Scott Canty requested to remove Item 15. Approval of Resolution for a Contract with CAREGEN, Inc. for the Broadband Planning Project.

Darlene Rubio motioned to approve the agenda with the addition and removal seconded by Germania Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**5. MINUTES OF 8-31-2022**

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Germania Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH I-5 DESIGN BUILD, INC. FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROPOSED UPGRADES TO THE LODGE AT CLIFF CASTLE – Rojelio Rubio, Interim General Manager**

Lorna Juan motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS FOR FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE NATION’S DIABETES PROGRAM – Robin Hazelwood & Robert Mills**

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 Nation as 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 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services SDPI Program in the amount of \$362,102 for one year with no matching funds and to be administered by the Diabetes Program; the funding will allow the Diabetes Program to continue serving the Nation; the Council finds it in the Nation’s best interest to authorize the grant application per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO PURCHASE FILE CABINETS FOR THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT – Cindy Nahee**

Germania Jones motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**9. RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE NATION AND CANYON COUNTRY CONSULTING, LLC, FOR YEAR-TWO IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II OF THE NATION’S ENVIRONMENTAL CODE PROJECT – David Lewis**

Germania Jones motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Apphia Shirley; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**10. RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE NATION AND WATER QUALITY TECHNOLOGY, LLC FOR WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE NATION’S BIA INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – David Lewis**

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Apphia Shirley; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**11. RESOLUTION APPROVING LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AS THE NATION’S PROVIDER OF EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE, ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE, SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE UNDER THE NATION’S EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM – Aimee Farmer, HR Director**

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Germania Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INCREASE IN THE PREMIUM RATES FOR THE NATION’S MEDICAL BENEFITS – Aimee Farmer, HR Director**

Lorna Juan motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO WITHDRAW ALL FUNDS HELD AND MANAGED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR’S BUREAU OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION TO THE BTFA ACCOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THIS RESOLUTION – Steven Schepman**

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**14. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION’S PURCHASE OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS COCONINO COUNTY TAX PARCELS NOS. 204-12-001J AND 204-12-001F, 318.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF VACANT LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST NEAR WILLIAMS, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA – Scott Cauty & Kathleen Holmes**

Henry Smith motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Germania Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

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Darlene Rubio motioned to come out of Executive Session seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Vice Chairwoman Lewis summarized while in Executive Session the land purchase was discussed.

Henry Smith thanked them for the work done for the Nation it was a monumental task.

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (9-15-2022) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**15. Item was removed from the Agenda.**

**16. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Council Reports – None**

**b. Executive Session regarding Leadership Concern – Lorna Juan**

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Germania Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Darlene Rubio motioned to come out of Executive Session seconded by Henry Smith; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Lorna Juan summarized while in Executive Session the Council met with Vice Chairwoman Lewis regarding the recent allegation about her and another candidate for Council. There was no evidence or facts to substantiate an investigation. The Council is not allowed to be involved in the Election.

Darlene Rubio motioned to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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Karla Reimer, Secretary