

**MINUTES OF
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
Special Business Meeting
June 29, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Tanya Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Middle Verde Administration Building and Zoom.us.

2. INVOCATION: Lorna Juan

3. ROLL CALL: Germania Jones, Lorna Juan, Ricardo Pacheco, Tanya Lewis, Charlie Baca and Apphia Shirley were present. Darlene Felix joined via Zoom.us. Amanda Honwytewa (Personal) and Henry Smith (Personal) were absent.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Charlie Baca motioned to approve the Agenda seconded by Germania Jones; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

5. MINUTES OF 6-7-2023

Germania Jones motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Charlie Baca; 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained, motion passed.

MINUTES OF 6-22-2023

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Charlie Baca; 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained, motion passed.

6. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO ACQUIRE LANDS IN TRUST STATUS FOR THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AND TO ADD SAID LANDS TO THE NATION'S CAMP VERDE INDIAN RESERVATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 AND SECTION 7 OF THE INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1934, 48 STAT. 984 ET SEQ. AND 25 CFR PART 151.10 – Scott Canty

Lorna Juan motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (6-29-2023) seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

7. HOUSING ISSUES, GUN CONTROL, EMPLOYMENT ISSUES, ICWA & POLICY CHANGES – Roberta Pavatea

Housing Issues – Roberta Pavatea mentioned there are tribal members charging non-members a high price for rent to live in their tax credit homes. We have non-Indians migrating to the reservation. Housing needs to put more effort on the Counselors so this will stop. We need a Housing Board. No one is touching these homes. We have lost control on the drug problem.

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This should be on the Council's Project list. Sharie Benson was present at the meeting. She was not aware of it.

Police Department Issues – There is a gun control problem. There was a shooting off the reservation with 4 young men. The individuals were intoxicated. She felt there should be a law if a person owns a gun on the reservation, the gun needs to be registered with the Police Department. If this isn't in the code it needs to be. The Police Department needs to step up on safety and have more community awareness and drug awareness. There is sex trafficking.

The Police Department was threatening to arrest Darcy Gyce when his home burnt down. Darcy Gyce was upset.

Employment Issues - The Wildland Fire Crew has been working down in the Camp Verde Reservation by her home. Someone on the crew had made a comment using the Fallsdown name. Some of them have nasty attitudes. She contacted Tony Sanchez. She feels there should be a workshop for the employees on attitudes. Tony Sanchez was present at the meeting and he dealt with it. The word was taken out of context. One of the crew members said be careful so you don't fall down.

ICWA – The federal laws regarding Indian children being adopted. What are we going to do with the children who are going through the State courts? She felt we are going to be losing our children with the law that was just passed.

Lorna Juan mentioned the communication needs to be placed on the website. We don't have a Public Relations Department. The workshops and trainings are scheduled by Human Resources. We have tribal members using their education and giving back to the community and volunteering. She appreciates the volunteerism for the motherhood and fatherhood program. The Council can take into consideration registering guns at the Police Department. The Police Department had several drug awareness meetings. We have security cameras in the community. We aren't ignoring your issues. We need to communicate more. The Executive Branch will look into these matters.

Roberta Pavatea suggested providing more information on the website. We need to look at other tribe's websites. There is a safety hazard. The grass is dry. People need to clean around their homes. There should be respect to others.

Germania Jones appreciated Roberta Pavatea coming in and also coming with a remedy. She agrees with having the guns registered with the Police Department. We need to include it in the law. For the Housing issues, we need to do background checks on everybody who will be moving into the homes. She was glad that Roberta reached out to Darcy Gyce.

Germania Jones left at 10:26 a.m.

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8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS – None

Lorna Juan motioned to adjourn at 10:27 a.m. seconded by Charlie Baca; 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

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Karla Reimer, Secretary