

**MINUTES OF  
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION  
Special Business Meeting  
August 24, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Tanya Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., Middle Verde Administration and Zoom.us.

**2. INVOCATION:** Lorna Juan

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Charlie Baca motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Apphia Shirley; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Darlene Felix lost connection.

**5. MINUTES OF 8-9-2023**

Henry Smith motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERLMAN ARCHITECTS OF ARIZONA, TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR THE YAVAPAI-APACHE HOMES VIII LIHTC PROJECT – Sharie Benson**

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Apphia Shirley; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 7 AND NO. 8 TO THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN**

Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE REVISED YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION BREASTFEEDING POLICY**

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Apphia Shirley motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Henry Smith; 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Darlene Felix joined via Zoom.us.

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRID RESILIENCE PROGRAM TO WORK WITH APS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT GRID IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION – Robert Mills**

Lorna Juan motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Amanda Honwytewa; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**10. RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND AMENDING THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION'S RIPARIAN CONSERVATION CORRIDOR AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VERDE RIVER AS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED UNDER TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 46-2006 – Scott Canty**

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Amanda Honwytewa; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**11. 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 – Scott Canty**

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Charlie Baca; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**12. SELECTION OF ELECTION BOARD MARSHALS (2) FOR A 1-YEAR TERM**

This was done by secret ballot.

Darlene Felix motioned to appoint Ida Coriz and Santee Spurgeon as Election Board Marshals for a one-year term seconded by Lorna Juan; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**13. APOLOGY – Melissa Charley**

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Darlene Felix lost connection.

Amanda Honwytewa motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Apphia Shirley; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Lorna Juan motioned to come out of Executive Session seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Chairwoman Lewis summarized while in Executive Session the Council was informed on the specifics of the employment of Melissa Charley.

**14. ENROLLMENT – Cindy Nahee**

Lorna Juan motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Apphia Shirley motioned to come out of Executive Session seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP BY ADOPTION FOR WHITNEY  
EVONNE PHANTHAVONG**

Charlie Baca motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Amanda Honwytewa; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP FOR KYLO BODINE JAMES, JADE  
ZENITH MONTIJO AND MATTHIAS IMAN-CANEZ ROMERO**

Amanda Honwytewa motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Charlie Baca; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP FOR JAYCI WILLIAM DARRAGH AND  
JOVANI ORLANDO GONZALEZ**

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Charlie Baca motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (8-24-2023) seconded by Apphia Shirley; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**15. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**16. NEW BUSINESS – None**

Lorna Juan motioned to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. seconded by Amanda Honwytewa; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

**YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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Karla Reimer, Secretary