

**MINUTES OF
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
Regular Council Meeting
January 11, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Ricardo Pacheco called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., Middle Verde Administration and Zoom.us.

2. INVOCATION: David Kwail

3. ROLL CALL: Martin Loretto, Lorna Juan, Amanda Honwyteawa, Ricardo Pacheco, Charlie Baca, Genevieve Datsi, Henry Smith and David Kwail were present. Tanya Lewis was absent attending a water meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Genevieve Datsi requested to add the following items to the Agenda under 10. a.

1. Debit Processing Machine
2. Tax Credit VII Loss of Credits
3. Deeds for home ownership for Tax Credit I, III, VII
4. Written internal controls to prevent Fraud
5. Security Cameras

Also, add an item under 15. Old Business a. Tribal Member support letters for the Land Exchange per an email received from Scott Canty.

Genevieve Datsi motioned to approve the Agenda with the additions seconded by Amanda Honwyteawa; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

5. MINUTES OF 12-14-2023 and 12-14-2023 (2nd meeting)

Minutes of 12-14-2023

Genevieve Datsi motioned to approve the minutes seconded by David Kwail; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Minutes of 12-14-2023 (2nd meeting)

Genevieve Datsi motioned to approve the minutes seconded by David Kwail; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

6. BIA TRUXTON CANON AGENCY ACTIVITY UPDATE – Tamera Dawes, BIA Superintendent

Superintendent Dawes provided the following update:

- a. Filling Vacancies – They hired Clifford Saralock as the Deputy Superintendent. There are two vacancies for the Fire Management Officer and the Indian Self-Determination Specialist.
- b. Funding Amounts for the Tribal Programs are as follows:
 - Social Services - \$18,888
 - ICWA - \$3,748
 - CTGP - \$414,759
 - Law Enforcement - \$414,026

Genevieve Datsi expressed there isn't enough funding for our programs.

Lorna Juan asked about the Water Management Goals for 2024 and if there is any funding.

Superintendent Dawes will check into it. Social Services had carry over funds in the amount of \$18-20,000. Victoria Johns is the Resource Representative. There are 12 probate cases that are being prepared. They are working on the leases.

Amanda Honwyteewa requested an update on the Road Maintenance Inventory.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLIFF CASTLE CASINO TO EXECUTE AN ORDER WITH GAMING ARTS, LLC FOR GAMING DEVICES – Rojelio Rubio

Genevieve Datsi motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Martin Loretto; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION TRIBAL HOUSING TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SUN SPIRIT ROOFING, LLC, FOR ALL ROOFING WORK FOR THE NATION'S YAVAPAI-APACHE HOMES VIII LIHTC PROJECT – Sharie Benson

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Genevieve Datsi; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION TRIBAL HOUSING TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SCOTT BROTHERS DRYWALL, INC., FOR ALL DRYWALL WORK FOR THE NATION'S YAVAPAI-APACHE HOMES VIII LIHTC PROJECT – Sharie Benson

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Genevieve Datsi; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION TRIBAL HOUSING TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH RAYBURN ELECTIRC, LLC, FOR ALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES WORK FOR THE NATION’S YAVAPAI-APACHE HOMES VIII LIHTC PROJECT – Sharie Benson

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Genevieve Datsi; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

a. FOLLOWUP ITEMS FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT – Genevieve Datsi

- 1. Debit Processing Machine** – Genevieve Datsi expressed the tenants want to pay with the debit machine and she requested an update on the process.

Sharie Benson explained she is reaching out to Sand and Rock. They are working on getting it into place. Vice Chairman Pacheco suggested she should reach out to Agriculture.

- 2. Tax Credit VII Loss of Credits**

Sharie Benson explained Tax Credit VII is done. The money will be in the bank next week. The adjuster was \$191,000. There was a request for late delivery to credits. The investor isn’t getting their money. She requested forgiveness and received 50%.

Genevieve Datsi asked about Tax Credit VIII. Sharie Benson assured they are going to meet the deadline. They are supposed to move in by August. She is keeping the contractors moving. They have 30 days to fill the homes if there is an eviction.

- 3. Deeds for Home Ownership for Tax Credit I, III, VII**

Sharie Benson explained her high priority is to get the homes under Tax Credit I conveyed. They changed their insurance from Amerind to Mahoney/Tribal First. There were 40 homes that were dropped from the insurance. They checked to see if Mahoney could add the 40 homes and they said it had to come with the group. Amerind said we couldn’t do a new application for those homes. They decided to go back to Amerind to get coverage on everything.

Sharie Benson assured in the first quarter they will be moving forward on the deeds.

- 4. Written Internal Controls to Prevent Fraud**

Sharie Benson explained she would have them done by the end of the month.

5. Security Cameras

Sharie Benson reported she met with Kevin Shives – MIS and Monte Reimer, Chief of Police. Kevin Shives is looking into how it is going to work.

Lorna Juan suggested getting another temporary solution for the location of the security cameras. Martin Loretto mentioned even if we have to get a security company.

Darlene Felix expressed there is a home in Clarkdale that had a fire and the people are living there. It looks unsafe. It could be unhealthy.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION'S PROGRAM TO ERADICATE INVASIVE VEGETATION SPECIES – David Lewis & Nancy Ruiz

Charlie Baca motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Martin Loretto; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Martin Loretto requested an update on the process and to inform the community.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVOCABLE LAND USE PERMIT FOR IVERSON VALLES UNDER THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION LAND USE CODE, CHAPTER 7 – GARDEN PLOTS AND CORRALS – Rose Whittaker and Iverson Valles

Genevieve Datsi motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Lorna Juan; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

13. RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AND THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY – WIOA PROGRAM – Sherry Mosely

Henry Smith stepped out of the meeting at 11 a.m.

Lorna Juan motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-11-2024) seconded by Martin Loretto; 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

14. TLDC REPORT – Darlene Felix, Santee Spurgeon & Robin Hazelwood

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Henry Smith returned at 11:10 a.m.

Darlene Felix reported on the establishment of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) and history of the committee. She asked if the Nation could donate the lunch for the meeting on June 11th and 12th in Phoenix and see if the YAN Bird Singers could perform and pay for their room and per diem. There will be a quarterly meeting held in Reno in March. She invited the Council to attend.

Robin Hazelwood provided a report on how the audits are conducted.

Lorna Juan expressed she would approve for the donation of the luncheon and the singers. She requested to get more funding for dialysis.

Martin Loretto mentioned maybe not a room but the use of a tribal vehicle and gas.

There was a consensus to provide a donation for the lunch and assistance for the members of the Bird Singers Group.

Robin Hazelwood mentioned there is a requirement of the grant that we have a Tribal Leader on the Committee. The application is good for 5 years. She is not sure when Darlene Felix's term ends.

15. OLD BUSINESS

a. Tribal Member Support Letters for the Land Exchange – Genevieve Datsi

Genevieve Datsi mentioned the support letters from the Community. Scott Canty sent an email on December 13th regarding the request for supports letter and we have 45 days to submit the letters. The deadline is January 26th. Havasupai Tribe did this before and had a community dinner and a draft letter was provided.

Scott Canty added there will be public meetings held on January 17th at the Phil England Multi Use Center in Camp Verde and on January 18th a meeting will be held in Prescott. He would like to have former Chairman's sign a support letter.

Amanda Honwyte was interested in a Community Dinner for the Community.

Genevieve Datsi suggested a dinner on Monday, January 15th.

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Vice Chairman Pacheco mentioned we could also have an informative meeting next month to the people.

16. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council Report

- **NTNWDB Board Update** – Genevieve Datsi reported Chairwoman Lewis signed the Fiscal Agent Agreement effective July 2024.

Amanda Honwytewa motioned to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. seconded by Martin Loretto; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed

YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Karla Reimer, Secretary