

**MINUTES OF
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
Special Business Meeting
January 12, 2021**

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

2. INVOCATION: Nancy Guzman

3. ROLL CALL: Germana Jones, Nancy Guzman, Tanya Lewis, Jon Huey, Ricardo Pacheco, Darlene Rubio and Henry Smith were present. Amanda Honwyteva and Apphia Shirley were present via Zoom.us.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Germana Jones; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AND DR. LAUREL LACHER, PHD, DBA LACHER HYDROLOGICAL CONSULTING, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WELLHEAD PROTECTION BOUNDARIES UNDER THE PROPOSED WATER TITLE OF NATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL CODE – Scott Canty

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-12-2021) seconded by Jon Huey; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ADDITIONAL CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF PROVISIONS OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO PROVIDE RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATION'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – Lisa Bluelake

Nancy Guzman motioned to approve the resolution recommending the Nation accept funding from U.S. Department of Treasury in the amount of \$800 million reserved for Tribes to be allocated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury using the FY2020 Indian Housing Block Grant formula through December 31, 2021 with no matching funds and to be administered by Social Services for the purpose of the funds to be used to assist renters who are unable to pay rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic per Version 1 (1-12-2021) seconded by Henry Smith; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

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7. RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL COUNSEL ATTORNEY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AND THE LAW FIRM OF HOBBS STRAUS DEAN & WALKER, LLP – Lisa Bluelake

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the resolution to contract the Law Firm of Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP to provide the Nation with specialized legal representation regarding potential sports betting opportunities for the Nation to (a) reviews, revise, and assist the Nation in negotiation sports betting vendor term sheets, (b) reviews, revise, and assist the Nation in negotiating any sports betting vendor agreements, (c) assist with obtaining a declination letter from the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding any on-reservation sports betting vendor agreement, and (d) provide advice on other sports betting matters at the request of the Nation, to appropriate the funds within the budget of the Office of Attorney General under the Nation's FY2021 Budget in the amount of \$20,000 per Version 1 (1-12-2021) seconded by Henry Smith; 8 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained, motion passed.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Business Site Lease – Billy Garner requested a lease to place a dispensary in the current building he has located on Middle Verde Road. The Council met with Billy Garner in June. At that time, the decision was for Billy Garner to get his business going again. He would need to get current on the lease and have a restroom added. The Council allowed for him to stay there until December 31st. At that time, Billy Garner was to be current on the lease and bring the building up to code to include a restroom. He would decide if he would close up or continue based on the sales. The lease expired December 31, 2020.

Chairman Huey requested a business plan for the dispensary. The Nation would have to change the laws.

Vice Chairwoman Lewis requested the lease needs to up to date before the Council would consider another lease. The current building has no restroom and no sanitation in the building. This would also be a requirement. Nothing has happened.

Darlene Rubio motioned to go into Executive Session seconded by Nancy Guzman; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Darlene Rubio left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.


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

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Vice Chairwoman Lewis summarized while in Executive Session the Council decided to have a letter drafted by Scott Canty to have Billy Garner remove the building by the end of the month.

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. seconded by Nancy Guzman; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL



Karla Reimer, Secretary