

**MINUTES OF
YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION
Special Business Meeting
January 28, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jon Huey called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., Middle Verde Administration and via Zoom.us.

2. INVOCATION: Jon Huey

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ricardo Pacheco motioned to approve the Agenda seconded by Germana Jones; 8 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed. Darlene Rubio was unable to connect to zoom.us.

5. MINUTES OF 1-6-2021

Tanya Lewis sent the following corrections via email:

Page 3, 5th paragraph, 9th line, remove “were not” and replace with “are”; after “extinguishers” insert “only.”

Nancy Guzman motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstained, motion passed.

MINUTES OF 1-12-2021

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

MINUTES OF 1-21-2021

Tanya Lewis sent the following corrections via email:

Page 2, 2nd paragraph, 1st line, after “3” insert “slot”

Page 3, 7th paragraph, 3rd line, after “current” insert IHS Director, Rear”

Nancy Guzman motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections seconded by Germana Jones; 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

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6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION – TRIBAL OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT – FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE NATION’S OPIOID PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR FY2021 – Jason Stuart & Robert Mills

Jason Stuart explained the department is one counselor short. ASA provides narrative reports to the funding agency. It is put in the grant it is an option to provide the reports to the Council.

Amanda Honwyteewa requested a copy of the report. Also this is an ongoing grant. At the beginning of the grant there was an assessment done to find out how much opioid usage is in the community. What was the result of the assessment? How effective is the grant in regards to the opioid usage in the community?

Jason Stuart responded the assessment was done and found out that the opioid wasn’t the issue. Alcohol and methamphetamine are the most used in the community. The grant is effective in providing a treatment program.

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution to apply for the US HHS-SAMHSA Grant in the amount of \$60,000 for one year with no matching funds, the grant will be administered by Social Services and ASA, the purpose of the funding is to allow for continuation of the Nation’s current opioid prevention and treatment program per Version 1 (1-28-2021) seconded by Nancy Guzman; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THE NATION’S ONGOING WEED IDENTIFICATION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM – Robert Mills

No new employees will be used because they will be using the current employees.

Amanda Honwyteewa asked a question regarding the pesticide and herbicide use on our lands as to what’s the effectiveness of the collaboration between Agriculture and Environment Protection Department. She was concerned because the Middle Verde Community is located right above the property that the pesticide and herbicide is used. We have traffic. We need to insure the safety to our community members when using the pesticides and herbicides.

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Robert Mills insured before they use the herbicides and pesticides they have training on the usage. They need to be certified before using it on tribal lands. This is coordinated between Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Department.

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution to apply for a grant through BIA Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Program in the amount of \$50,586.00 for one year with matching funds in the amount of \$51,142.00 from in-kind. Agriculture will be administering the program with the purpose and use of the funds to be used for identification control, and eradication of noxious weeds on Nation's agricultural lands per Version 1 (1-28-2021) seconded by Germania Jones; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ("TNC") UNDER THE TNC COMMUNITY CONSERVATION CRISIS FUND FOR COVID-19 FUNDING – Robert Mills

Scott Canty explained there was a savings on the barn project. Agriculture is working on the APS power hookup. TNC said they would provide \$25,000 towards the electric hookup until APS said there wouldn't be a charge due to they will make it up in the electricity usage. The \$25,000 will go towards purchasing the combine. We could sell the old combine.

Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution through the Nation acting through its Agricultural Resources Department is a significant agricultural producer in the Verde Valley, and the Nation places a high priority on continuing its historic agricultural operations while also supporting a healthy and flowing Verde River, which is essential to support the Nation in its permanent tribal homeland on the Yavapai-Apache Reservation; the Nature Conservancy is a non-profit environmental organization active in the Verde River watershed with a focus on preservation the flows of the Verde River and the health of the ecosystems and the economies that are supported by a continually flowing Verde River; the Nation's Agricultural Resources Department is working with TNC to develop the Nation's agricultural operations with new opportunities in the local and regional markets, including supporting the development of the small grains market in the Verde Valley and diversifying the Nation's annual farming crop rotation; the grant agreement with TNC will provide supplemental grant funding to the Nation in the amount of \$50,000 to be used to fund one year of agricultural labor operations at the Nation's Cloverleaf Farm and ranch operations as determined by the Nation's Agricultural Resources Department in conjunction with the Tribal Council per Version 1(1-28-2021) seconded by Ricardo Pacheco; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

9. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATION'S DISTRIBUTION OF YAN GAMING COMPACT 12% REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR FY2020

Nancy Guzman motioned to approve the resolution due to the Nation conducts Class III gaming under IGRA and the Compact as an exercise of its sovereignty and as a means of promoting economic development self-sufficiency, and a strong government; under Section 12 of the Compact, the Nation makes an annual contribution to the State of Arizona consisting of a percentage of the Nation's annual Class III Net Win, of which total contribution, eighty-eight percent is allocated to the Arizona Benefits Funds established under Arizona law, with the remaining twelve percent being designated for distribution to cities, towns or counties for the benefit of the general public as the Nation deems appropriate; the Council has determined that the Nation's 12% Revenue Sharing contribution for FY2020 is \$89,179.00; the Council has determined that distribution of the identified 12% Revenue Sharing Funds shall be made in accordance as follows:

Town of Camp Verde - \$14,863.16
Town of Clarkdale - \$14,863.16
Town of Jerome - \$14,863.17
Yavapai County Board of Supervisors - \$14,863.17
City of Cottonwood - \$14,863.17
City of Sedona - \$14,863.17
Total: \$89,179.00

Per Version 1 (1-28-2021) seconded by Henry Smith; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH STRATEGY FORTY-EIGHT FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE NATION'S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE AND OTHER PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT

Tanya Lewis explained the funding will be paid from the General Fund. A monthly newsletter is included in the scope of work. Before the newsletter goes out the Council can review it. The newsletter should be ready by February. The Executive Office will distribute the newsletters.

Amanda Honwyteva thanked Vice Chairwoman Lewis to take her recommendation of the monthly newsletter and allow for the Administration to provide hard copies. We are trying to bridge communication. The request came from a tribal member and it has been honored. This will enhance the communication.

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Henry Smith motioned to approve the resolution per Version 1 (1-28-2021) seconded by Germania Jones; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

Nancy Guzman motioned to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. seconded by Henry Smith; 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained, motion passed.

YAVAPAI-APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL



Karla Reimer, Secretary