

Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
Business Council
Monthly Meeting
March 25, 2024
12:00 pm

Quorum Established:

Harold Bennett	Tribal Chairman	Present
Frieda Bennett	Tribal Treasurer	Present
Evette Lewis	Tribal Secretary	Via Zoom
Charlene Henry	Board Member 2	Present
Veronica Butterfly	Member at Large	Present
Timothy Bennett	Member at Large	Present

Absent

Kevin Case	Vice Chairman	Called In
Isaiah Williams	Board Member 1	Called In
Lisa Carle	Member at Large	Called In

Guest: Mary Benedict – Tribal Administrator

Call Meeting to Order:

Harold Bennett, Tribal Chairman calls meeting to order at 12:26 pm; minutes recorded by Frieda Bennett, Tribal Treasurer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Veronica Butterfly moves to approve the March 25, 2024, agenda with additions; Tim Bennett seconds the motion.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against 1 Abstentions

Approval of Minutes – January and February 26, 2024

January 2024 minutes Board Member 1 will have the minutes out to the council by the end of the week – Tabled.

Minutes February 26, 2024

Corrections: Omit – ‘Joining late if she can’ page 1
Change MAT to MAP – page 1

Motion: Frieda Bennett moves to approve the February 26, 2024, minutes with corrections; Veronica Butterfly seconds the motion.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

Enrollment

Nothing to Report

Reports

Tribal Administrator Chairman TA will be sending out a written report to Business Council

IHS Tribal Chairman, TA, Anav Clinic Manager attended the IHS Consultation
Testified – the increase to the wage for all Clinic Staff is affecting QVIR in a negative manner.
Representing small tribes – CHSDA may need to be reviewed to increase service area.
Primary Representative for the Northern Region - California Area Tribal Advisory Committee
CATAC – Tribal Chair accepted nomination.

CRIHB Discussing a possible partnership to fund Medical Director; CRIHB would possibly assist with this
partnership and funding would run through CRIHB.

Medical Director Medical Director needs to complete the transfer for a California License so Anav can charge the
Blue’s Insurance (out of network) currently.

KNF TA and Chairman attended meeting with the Ranger for KNF
Submitted an agreement for \$3.5 million funds for work on Eddie Gulch (5K acres) – 5-year
project.
Work entails – Burning, under burning, brushing, piling, etc.
Federal agency to Federal Agency – Partnership

MOU – BIA for Dispatch (last year)
MOU – KNF for Dispatch Services (this year)
Received our 3-letter identification – QVT.

NCIDC Pay crews for 3-months (100%)
Yreka NCIDC .5 Full-time for 3-months
Extra Training

CNIGA Special Distribution Fund (Tribal Chairman sitting on Committee)
April 18, 2024, will be presenting ideas.

REZ Allows tribes to set up a business and get mentored/trained through the process.
Development of an Economic Development Board - The Economic Development Board is
separate from the Business Council to keep projects continuously moving.
Funding opportunity
Funders like having Land Usage Plan
Partnership with Tribes – assist with SED’s.
Tribes wanting other Tribes to succeed.

Job Positions Hired a HR Director/CFO – combined both positions.

Duplexes Temporary solution
Pressurized well to get water to the duplexes by Mid-April.
Rock was delivered for driveway.
Install Tank – 1200-gallon tank.
Installing new pressure tank
Still seeking a contractor for the duplexes because it is coming in over the amount.
QVIR may possibly be considered General Contractor and see if this is a cost savings.

Native American Heritage Commission Assisting QVIR determine Ancestral Land- finalizing report.

TNGF Request funding for Gas Station –
\$450K- \$500K possibly

TA will report out on the Deadline and funding criteria.

Budget Meeting Scheduled - April 4, 2024, Budget meeting – 9:00 am

Engagement Agreement TNGF would be used for Legal Counsel funding.
Need to identify projects and priorities.

Motion: Evette Lewis moves to approve the Engagement Agreement between Quartz Valley Indian Reservation and Hedi Hitchcock
Vote: 3 For 1 Against 2 Abstentions.

Tribal Chairman Acts in the Tribal Chairman capacity for all boards.

Tribal Loan Request additional funding for Loans – presenting an additional \$5,000.00.
Add to the GC Agenda

Steer Project Meat Disbursement – How is it going to work.
The TNAP is offsetting some of the cost to be used for the food boxes and community meals.
How much meat should be set aside for sale.
How much should be charged.
How will it be sold.
Develop a plan and bring it back to the next council.

BIA ARP Application process- utility/rent assistance
\$500.00 to support tribal members.
Develop the application and send it to BC for review.

Old Business

Gas Station Need to develop a RFQ work with First American Fuel

PIMTAV TA and Office Manager met to discuss specialty providers, and clinic Manager is drafting the RFP.

Opioid Settlement TA has updated information.
Idea – purchase a modular for services or support staff.

Burning Policy Tabled

Fire Contracts Fire Admin is working on contracts.
T6 is getting repaired cost is being covered by vendor we purchased the T6 from.
CalFire – need to have equipment inspected.

Boards & Committees Board Member 2 is presenting to the GC a list of committees, vacancies, terms, etc.
Need to get guidance from GC on what should be next steps.

Land Usage Plan Determine projects – Community Center – usage of one of the new properties.
Present to General Council

Website Website development – Forms have been sent.
Correspondence has been sent.

Announcement

Anav was awarded a Behavioral Health Grant \$750K for Trauma informed care in schools and crisis management.
TUICDBP – looking for 5 adults to support demonstration in Sacramento in April 2024.
Braveheart Award – Anav Behavioral Health team was awarded and highlighted.

Adjournment

Motion

Charlene Henry moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 pm, Veronica Butterfly seconds the motion.
Vote: 4 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

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BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation presiding Executive Official is hereby authorized to sign and the Tribal Secretary/Treasurer to attest this document (___March 25, 2024_____ Minutes) to give it full force and effect. The foregoing is adopted by majority vote of ___4___ For, ___0___ Against, ___2___ Abstention(s) and ___0___ no vote at this duly called meeting of Quartz Valley Indian Reservation General Community Council at which a quorum was present on the ___29___ Day of ___April_____, 2024

Tribal Chairperson/
Tribal Vice-Chairperson

Date

Tribal Secretary/
Tribal Treasurer

Date