

**Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
Business Council – Special Meeting
June 22, 2022
Fox Property**

Members present:

Harold Bennett	Chair
Angela Reynoso,	Vice Chair
Frieda Bennett,	Treasurer
Evette Lewis,	MAL 2
Isiah Williams,	MAL 3
Kayla Super,	MAL 1
Kevin Case,	Board Mem. #1

Members not present:

Lashanda Siaz, Tribal Secretary – on two weeks LOA due to illness via text message to Chair
Timothy Bennett, Board Mem. 2– unable to attend for cultural purposes via tribal email

Call meeting to order at 3:02 PM, June 22, 2022, by Harold Bennett, Tribal Chairman

Approval of Agenda

Motion *Kevin Case moves to approve agenda. Evette Lewis seconds the motion.*
Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention_

Approval of Minutes

Tabled

Resolutions

Discussion 2022-08: 13523 Quartz Valley Road, Fort Jones, CA 96032
Property Purchase – not to exceed \$180k

Motion *Evette Lewis moves to approve resolution 2022–08; Frieda Bennett seconds the motion.*
Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstentions

Discussion 2022-09: 13631 Quartz Valley Road, Fort Jones, CA 96032
Property Purchase – not to exceed \$180k

Motion *Kevin Case moves to approve resolution 2022-09; Evette Lewis seconds the motion.*
Vote: 6 For, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Reports Chairman/Vice Chair/Treasurer

Chairman

ATHC Clinic
Discussion Clinic budget completed
Revenue by department has been calculated

KOSO will assist with coding assistance

Questions How to use programs? Is DT Track still viable?

Brandy from Shingle Springs may be available for assistance

Needs assessment should be looked into to give better gauge on what Members need

Training schedule

Accountability

Suggestion: Appointment reminders via letter/email would be helpful

Look into the pediatric dental contract

Covid Outbreak Protocol

Discussion Multiple Households have a Positive Covid-19

Question: What should be the Covid-19 protocol for elections on Saturday be to prevent the spread.

Directive

Tribal Vice/Administrative Assistance – In lieu of the Tribal Secretary being on a leave of absence for 2-weeks the Vice Chair and Administrative Assistant will create packets with slips and all votes inside; distribute at parking lot entrance

Covid Pay

Discussion Question Do interns get Covid Pay?

Answer Interns are not eligible for Covid pay as it is only available to regular FT/PT QVIR employees. Possible option for interns missing work due to covid is to extend time to make sure they receive the amount of time promised.

Directive

Human Resources (HR) to refer to doctors note for qualification of pay. Doctors Note must be a confirmed covid case, not recommendation.

EPA

Discussion

Confusion about the Office Manager position. Business council voted to allow EPA director to work and travel and put EPA Office Manager to assist in day-to-day communications and handle interactions for EPA.

Question While EPA Director is on-site is the Office Manager handling communications and interactions with EPA Staff.

Answer Clarification needs to be established to avoid confusion with workers/interns/staff.

Directive

HR is to research options for the appropriate pay scale.

TGNF Funds

Discussion

QVIR approximately \$450k awarded

Requested for Community Fire protection; Defensible space, Type 6 Fire Truck, additional equipment.

Fire breaks need attention

Desire to hire more youth for projects (4-6 weeks); consulting with KOSO to ensure Youth are able to perform the requested job tasks and is allowable.

Forest Services/Loggers can teach skills and call it Oak restoration

Issue: Defamation/Comments occurring with Fire Administrator within and outside of QV.

Directive Tribal Chairman - Discuss issue with HR and follow through with necessary steps to halt the negative feedback moving forward.

Housing
Discussion

Met with HDC

There is housing money available to tribes. QVIR could be applying/accessing through MLIHA but MLIHA has not requested and has made statements about not applying for anymore grants.

There is individuals wanting to assist the tribe in applying and accessing these funds. QVIR should look further into possibilities.

GONA

Discussion Letter of request to continue event with the necessary safety protocols and masks in place.

General Consensus QVIR BC approves to continue with GONA with and understanding protocols will be in place and the event will take place outside.

Vice Chair Tabled - No report special meeting

Treasurer Tabled – No report special meeting

Secretary Tabled – No report special meeting

Old Business Tabled – No action special meeting

New Business Tabled – No action special meeting

Executive Session

Entered: 4:57pm

Exited: 5:56pm

General Consensus Work with Attorney on letter to Tribal Secretary letter referencing discussed conduct.

Announcements Tabled – No action special meeting

Adjournment

Motion Kevin moves to adjourn at 6:05pm; seconded by Isaiah Williams.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention