

Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

General Community Council

July 12, 2025 – QVIR Gym

Present:

Leonard Lincoln	Angela Reynoso	Harold Bennett	Peggy Bennett
Tim Bennett	Terrance Carle	Charlene Henry	Tasha Van Dunk
Lashanda Siaz	Leonard Super	Sherrie Williams	Alondra Whittaker
Lisa Carle			

1. Call meeting to order at: 9:21am by Leonard Lincoln
Minutes by Angela Reynoso
2. Opening in a good way by: Charlene Henry
3. Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2025 – Tribal Elections
Motion to approve by: Harold Bennett Second by: Tasha Van Dunk
For: 10 Against: 0 Abstention: 3
4. Agenda:
Motion to approve by Harold Bennet: Second by: Tasha Van Dunk
For: 11 Against: 0 Abstention: 1
5. Enrollment: No report, members have questions for open discussion.

Discussion:

- a. We have ordinances and closed enrollment. By doing this we have eliminated original allottees.
- b. How can we recognize lineal decent?
- c. Membership records start September 11, 2011
- d. Because some original members were instigators in the attempted takeover, changes were made at that time to protect the tribe.
- e. During that time, there was due process and applications sent.
- f. Value – historical value acknowledgement, there are ways to do it without changing the ordinances.
- g. Other tribes do DNA testing to record it. If we did DNA, would we start no or go back?

- h. Non-gaming was also a factor in decision to change to lineal break.
- i. All these questions should go to committee. Have an enrollment ordinance meeting. Revisions must go to General Council.
- j. Please note – it is important to recognize the original 13 allottees; 54 adult members and their descendants.

General Council to Enrollment Committee: duties should include discussions, research and recommendations.

Question for previous Chairman: Regarding reports, do they go to General Council?

Answer: Chairperson of enrollment takes information/reports to General Council. It has been the clerk before, should be Chair. Minutes stay with the committee.

Question: Is there a list showing functioning boards and positions?

Answer: There has been in the past, it could be on the Y drive. Information was blank, structure only.

Boards –

- 1. Budgetary?
- 2. Do they require minutes, who takes them?
- 3. The council should add disclosure requirements and accountability clause.

6. Resolutions:

- a. 25-11 Appointment of Leonard Lincoln as Tribal Chairman.

*Motion to approve by: Harold Bennett Second by: Alondra Whittiker
For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 1*

- b. 25-12 Appointment of Angela Reynoso as Tribal Secretary.

*Motion to approve by: Harold Bennett Second by: Timothy Bennett
For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 2*

- c. 25-13 Appointment of Check Signers

- i. Discussion.

- 1. Is there a conflict of interest with members as CFO and/in working in finance?
- 2. Treasurer must be listed for banking purposes.
- 3. Unless a check signer can't ask for transaction history or banking information.
- 4. Consensus to proceed for business purposes.

***Motion to approve by: Peggy Bennet Second by: Charlene Henry
For: 8 Against: 1 Abstain: 3***

7. Letters of Intent:

- a. Announcing positions for:
 - i. Cultural (5)
 - ii. ICWA () – cannot be on council
 - iii. Fire ()
 - iv. Water Board ()
 - 1. How does it work with housing?

8. Reports:

- a. Chairman:
 - i. Fueling Station Name Contest, \$250 prize to winning name.

Quartz Valley Fuel: 5 votes – Winner

Upriver Trading Post: 2 votes

Piff Stop: 1 vote

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Chuufish Gas & Fuel – 2 votes

Quartz Valley Quick Fuel: 1 vote

Motion: to accept the winning name as formal name for gas station.

Motion by: Harold Bennett Second by: Timothy Bennett

For: 4 Against: 1 Abstain: 6

Discussion about Fueling Station:

Q. Will the pay by phone feature work? A: depending on Wi-Fi service in area.

Can the Chevron cards be used there?

Q. Can we deliver fuel? A: under Community Corporation we can.

Forest Service is required to get the cheapest gas; we should make sure we are compatible with their cards.

We can incorporate local tribal art.

- ii. Elliott Property
 - 1. Talked to housing director, signed for extra money to hold property longer.
 - 2. General Council previously approved down payment of 85k.
 - 3. Property is located on the Quartz Valley Dr. on loop.
 - 4. This is new to QVIR, which has never applied for loan before.

5. The Constitution states we cannot borrow money, needs amending.
6. There are still two parcels not being put into trust for collateral purposes.
7. The loan amount will be higher than previously discussed (from approx. payment \$2000-\$2300, now could be \$2700 - \$3000)
8. What are the options if renting location is too high?
 - a. Would they rent the whole 5 acres?
 - b. Can we use it to house doctors?
 - c. Reservations were discussed about acquiring but we are in the home stretch now.
 - d. 3 bedrooms with Shop
- iii. Received check for \$105k (105 LB Lease) – received for gym/clinic.
- iv. The council needs more foresight before voting to include financials.
- v. Reports would be helpful. Regular reporting from each department.
- vi. RAHMA Funds.
- vii. Website is up and functional, would be helpful for access.

Discussion regarding bulls:

When did we get sheep? Are the chicken free range? How many do we have?

Can we hold off purchasing more animals/livestock until we have a policy for it?

Can the person currently handling the issue come to General Council to speak?

What program covers these costs? A: The food sovereignty program. Information requested about the program.

Clarification about previous Business Council discussion regarding the cattle. Bulls and purchasing were discussed in the Business Council but only about buying pregnant cows or a cow and calf possibility. It was discussion only and not voted on. Talked about artificial insemination and the possibility of up to 5 cows (preferably pregnant).

With clarification from previous Chairman, it has been determined the current Business Council was misinformed and all purchasing of animals/livestock shall be stopped until further discussion by Business Council. Caretaker will be invited to next meeting.

Discussion regarding minutes:

We are missing many copies of Business Council minutes. This will be an issue for audits.

Tribal secretary will reach out to persons who took notes listed by spreadsheet Tribal Administrator provided via email.

What are duties and consequences of members?

- b. Vice Chair Report – Tabled
- c. Tribal Treasurer – Tabled
- d. Housing:
 - i. Housing director has drafts for commissioners to review.
 - ii. Creating new documents from scratch
 - iii. Is the application based on Modoc's?
 - iv. Nothing in the works until housing is situated.
 - v. Are there any updates on the modulars? Where are the sites they will be at?

Question: Is there a process to give out houses?

Answer: Housing Director is having a meeting with the housing commissioners next week.

Question: Will the policy/ordinances go to General Council to review and approve?

Answer: Drafts get reviewed by the housing board first.

Question: Can department directors show up with reports? Can/would this be a requirement?

Discussion.

Key points – Program reports should be submitted by each department to the Business Council who in turn should bring them to General Council for reporting. If we required all department heads to be present, the process would be lengthy. Submitted reports ok.

- e. Tribal Administrator – Tabled. Discussion.
 - i. Discussion regarding requirements of position and how necessary it is to have Tribal Administrator present at General Council meetings. Feeling unwelcomed is an issue.
 - ii. We need her here because she has the most information on Tribal business.
 - iii. We should support the Tribal Administrator, provide understanding and communication.
 - iv. Tribal Administrator reports to Business Council
 - v. Yes, we want access to Tribal Administrator, but we need structure.
 - vi. General Council should be dealing with our elected officials; they can communicate with Tribal Administrator and bring reports.
 - vii. What information does General Council want to receive from the Tribal Administrator?
 - 1. Day-to-day business reports
 - 2. Business Council decisions
 - 3. Minutes
 - 4. Outlines of projects, details as available

Discussion:

Reports and data are good for tracking, following progress and accountability.

Transparency is important, how do we differentiate?

A lot is undefined; we need to tighten up on following policies.

General Council needs more guidelines as to what is appropriate between employees, Business Council, and General Council.

Business Council has a code of conduct, and the General Council needs one.

Consensus: Accept written reports from Tribal Administrator. Chairman can confer, review reports.

9. Old Business:

a. Zoom meetings

- i. Why are we not offering General Council meetings via zoom?
- ii. Fox property, Fire Hall and Admin office are all equipped.
- iii. The firewall issue from the clinic has been resolved, offering zoom at the gym next General Council should be ok. IT and Tribal Administrator are contacted for info.
- iv. We need a new list of email addresses for the invitations. Tribal Secretary will create something to be mailed.
- v. How will it be set up? We need a moderator for screen questions.
- vi. Get the microphone from Glen, the IT Director.
- vii. Can we have placards for formality? Board member names

b. Land Usage: Already discussed.

c. Election Ordinance:

- i. There is no point person.
- ii. Who is on the election board?
- iii. Harold Bennett has been working on ordinances with CRHIB, has rough draft but it takes time to put together.
- iv. Harold Bennett would like to volunteer to continue working on the ordinances since they were in the middle of it when the change of leadership happened.
- v. Will the information be brought to General Council for review? Yes.
- vi. Can people volunteer to work on other things? If persons are knowledgeable about work to be done, able to help, it is not a bad thing. The offers of assistance are appreciated.

Consensus: Allow Harold Bennett to assist in drafting the election ordinances and to bring them to General Council and community meetings within our Tribe and other Tribal information sources. Will be working on the election ordinance structure, requirements for development of the committee, ballot requirements, background checks and vetting.

Community meetings will be good for discussion.

Procedure for ordinance should be added to revision, attendance, specifically the process for special requests/concerns/unexpected issues.

d. Culture Discussion:

- i. Tribal members want to know about rides to the dances.
- ii. Previously if seats were available, riding with others should be ok, may not be right process.
- iii. Does education have open access to members?
- iv. If tribal vehicle is going down, how do you catch a ride, reservations?
- v. No insurance coverage for drivers is an issue.
- vi. You can ask for gas/food in advance
- vii. Why is the bus not being used? Does it need a special license to drive.
Currently only one person holds proper license. A bigger battery capacity is needed and tires.
- viii. Culture money seems to only benefit reservation residents.
- ix. Reimbursements are an issue
- x. Does gas allowance adjust to change in rates over time?
- xi. A tribal historian would be good to have.
- xii. All tribal membership should be included and invited with ample time to plan.
- xiii. \$2500 can be allotted to specific things
- xiv. Belief of some that the community made the choice for the locals to benefit. Off reservation members do not feel the same, no opportunity to be involved.
- xv. Culture board needs to meet soon.
- xvi. Certain amounts can be spent before it goes to General Council.
- xvii. Culture committee needs to be included in cultural discussions and decisions.
- xviii. Program directors should be communicating with boards.
- xix. Lack of communication is the chief complaint.
- xx. Any program that allocates or spends on events, programs, occasions, should have accompanying documents and minutes.
- xxi. Last minute notifications are an issue.
- xxii. Money is spent on culture, but things are not organized or accounted for.
- xxiii. How is purchased equipment cared for?

- xxiv. There should be community meetings to discuss how membership can help.
- xxv. Culture camp is next weekend starting 7/18/25
- xxvi. Policy is living document for culture.
- xxvii. Board responsibility is key.

Loss of quorum @ 1:49pm