

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tribal Chambers ~ Nixon, NV

March 4, 2022

Members Present:

Janet Davis, Chairwoman

Harriet Brady, Councilmember

Nathan Dunn, Councilmember

Natalia Gonzales, Councilmember

Della John, Councilmember

Steven Wadsworth, Vice Chairman

Judith Davis, Councilmember

Edward Ely III, Councilmember

John Guerrero, Councilmember

James Phoenix, Councilmember

Note: Due to COVID-19 Tribal Council meetings closed to the public to ensure the health and safety of attendees. Councilmembers attended in-person and via zoom audio conferencing.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Davis called the March 4, 2022, Regular Tribal Council meeting of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Secretary, took roll call. Councilmember Dunn connected at 6:05 p.m. All other Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairwoman Davis read the agenda with the following changes:

1. Remove item under New Business #1. Request for Approval Investment Adviser Project Agreement with Breakwater Investment Group LLC.
2. Add under New Business Request for Approval FY 2021 FVPSA ARP Rape Crisis Centers and Sexual Assault Programs Supplemental COVID-19 Funds with Resolution. Mary Dodd, Victim Services Director
3. Add under new Business Request for Approval FY 2021 FVPSA ARP Supplemental COVID-19 Testing, Vaccine Access, Mobile Health Units Access Funds with Resolution. Mary Dodd, Victim Services Director

Councilmember Guerrero made a motion to *approve the agenda with the changes*. Councilmember Ely seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED**

PUBLIC COMMENT. No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2022, Regular
2. Approval Silver State Government Relations February 2022 Invoice
3. Approval Ratification of Poll Vote – Elder Emergency Request Eugene Buckhart
4. Approval Ratification of Poll Vote – Request for COVID Fiscal Recovery General Welfare Program Funds Lavina Pancho

Councilmember Brady requested to pull #1 and #2 for discussion.

Councilmember Dunn connected to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Ely made a motion to *approve consent agenda with exception of #1 & #2*. Councilmember Guerrero seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Dunn). **MOTION PASSED**

Councilmember Brady provided edits to the February 4, 2022, Regular minutes which were previously emailed to Council. All involved grammatical corrections and edits to the February 16, 2022, WTM minutes.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to *approve items #1 February 4, 2022, Regular minutes*. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED**

Councilmember Brady asked if there was a report included with the Silver State Government Relations February 2022 Invoice. Chairwoman Davis said there was no report, but she would request one.

Councilmember Brady made a motion to *table #4 Silver State Government Relations February 2022 Invoice*. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Request for Approval Land Assignment Requests with Resolutions. Jolyn Sander, Land & Resources Committee.

- a. Trey Harry – Nixon.** This is for 34.6 acres at the corner of Valley Rd and Little Nixon Rd.

Councilmember Phoenix made a motion to *approve the Land Assignment for Trey Harry with Resolution*. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 022-22 LAND ASSIGNMENT – TREY HARRY**

- b. Holly Tobey – Sutcliffe.** This is for 0.5 acres of an existing homesite located west of SR 445

Councilmember Davis requested a description be added to the land application, it currently just says “see map.” Ms. Sander said they can add the description.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to *approve the Land Assignment for Holly Tobey with Resolution*. Councilmember Ely seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 023-22 LAND ASSIGNMENT – HOLLY TOBEY**

c. Wilma Smith-Tobey – Wadsworth. This is for a 0.3-acre lot at 413 4th Street in Wadsworth.

Councilmember Guerrero made a motion to *approve the Land Assignment for Wilma Smith-Tobey with Resolution*. Councilmember Phoenix seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 024-22 LAND ASSIGNMENT – WILMA SMITH-TOBEY**

d. Joseph H. Ely – Sutcliffe. This is a 1.6-acre extension to existing home site located west of SR 445 in Sutcliffe,

Councilmember Phoenix made a motion to *approve the Land Assignment for Joseph H. Ely with Resolution*. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Ely). **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 025-22 LAND ASSIGNMENT – JOSEPH H. ELY**

e. Clint Harry – Nixon. This is an existing 0.4-acre home site that belonged to his father, Eugene Harry. They received letters form Kellie and Gene Harry and Craig Harry (by phone) not opposing.

Councilmember Guerrero asked if there was a successor listed with the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority (PLHA)? He was not sure if this was still going through the Tribal Court process. Ms. Sander said Clint was the successor on the home.

Councilmember Ely made a motion to *approve the Land Assignment for Clint Harry with Resolution with the recommendation from the Land & Resource Committee*. Councilmember Phoenix seconded the motion.

Councilmember Guerrero said to look at the approval in 2019 that PLHA board is involved with the process and to review the Probate law.

Councilmember John asked if this was still in court. Ms. Sander said Mr. Frazier received an email from Mekala Montoya, Tribal Court Clerk, who said it was closed case.

Councilmember Brady asked if they collaborated with the siblings. Ms. Sander confirmed they collaborated with the siblings. The committee denied the land assignment application from Charlotte Harry because it was already approved for Clint Harry.

Councilmember Davis reminded everyone when the home was under housing it had a successor. Once the house is paid for, the PLHA is no longer involved.

Votes were seven (7) **for** and two (2) **opposed** (Guerrero, John) with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 026-22 LAND ASSIGNMENT – CLINT HARRY**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Approval Updated Hazard Pay Policy with Resolution. Douglas Williams, Comptroller

No representative present.

Councilmember Guerrero made a motion to *table the request for approval for the Updated Hazard Pay Policy with Resolution*. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Selection Low Flying Aircraft Workgroup Applicant.

There was one applicant for the Low Flying Aircraft Workgroup: Sherry Ely-Mendes

Councilmember Davis made a motion to *approve appoint Sherry Ely-Mendes to the Low Flying Aircraft Workgroup*. Councilmember Phoenix seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Ely). **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Request for Approval FY2021 FVPSA ARP Supplemental COVID-19 Funds for Rape Crisis Centers and Sexual Assault Programs with Resolution. Mary Dodd, Victim Services Director

Shelley George-Kawich, Programs Officer, briefed for Ms. Dodd and provided a brief overview of the grant. Due date for submission is March 7, 2022.

Chairwoman Davis explained this grant originally was submitted in 2021 but it was misplaced in the process somewhere. They just received notification couple weeks back to resubmit and with the change in personnel in the Comptroller, Programs Office and Grants Office could have contributed to the delay.

Councilmember Brady suggested administration having general emails and recommended they revisit the grant process for submissions.

Councilmember Guerrero made a motion to *approve the submission of the FY2021 FVPSA ARP Supplemental COVID-19 Funds Rape Crisis Centers and Sexual Assault Programs with Resolution*.

Councilmember Davis said the IT Department should allow title emails. Chairwoman Davis agreed.

Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion.

Vice-Chairman Wadsworth said it is the decision of the departments to have general emails.

Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 027-22 FY2021 FVPSA ARP SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19 FUNDS FOR RAPE CRISIS CENTERS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS**

4. Request for Approval FY2021 FVPSA ARP Supplemental COVID-19 Funds for Testing, Vaccine Access, Mobile Health Units Access with Resolution. Mary Dodd, Victim Services Director

Ms. Dodd said these funds would be to purchase a double wide for their clients who were COVID positive and to also use as a shelter once COVID was over. Total budget for this grant is \$272,000 and the grant ends in 2025, this will allow them to find a site for the location of the trailer and other resources if needed for construction. Due date for submission is March 7, 2022.

Chairwoman Davis noted the Executive Team reviewed and approved for grant submission.

Councilmember Guerrero made a motion to *approve the FY2021 FVPSA ARP Supplemental COVID-19 Funds for Testing, Vaccine Access, Mobile Health Units Access Funds with Resolution*. Vice-Chairman Wadsworth seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with one (1) **abstention** (Ely). **MOTION PASSED. RESOLUTION NO.: PL 028-22 FY2021 FVPSA ARP SUPPLEMENTAL COVID-19 FUNDS FOR TESTING, VACCINE ACCESS, MOBILE HEALTH UNITS ACCESS**

5. Request for Approval Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) Film Request with IDT Recommendation. Raynell Miller, ITCN

Ms. Miller works for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and is proposing to film a commercial on the west shore of Pyramid Lake, within open public areas. The purpose of the commercial is to encourage young adults to get vaccinated, a population that has low vaccine rates. The commercial would be geared toward the Paiute, Washoe, and Shoshone Tribes. The commercial is scheduled for March 23, 2022. They have contracted with role model Supaman, whose real name is Christian Parrish, a member of the Crow Tribe. He does motivational talks and utilizes his fancy dance regalia in his presentations. They will include 7 Paiute Women dancing in front of the Tufa rocks. KOLO crew will be filming the commercial and ITCN will be purchasing TV spots through the KOLO and FOX affiliate in Las Vegas. Ownership will belong with ITCN, but they are willing to share it with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, departments, and the museum. The entire project is grant funded.

Councilmember Brady asked what type of media format it will be in to share in the classrooms. Ms. Miller said it will be video and there will be no special equipment required to view. They will be able to provide it in different formats for viewing.

Councilmember Brady made a motion to *approve ITCN Film Request with IDT Recommendation for Filming on the west side of the lake to include waiving of the fees. Includes filming on the east/closed side of the lake as amended below*. Councilmember Guerrero seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) **for** and zero (0) **opposed** with zero (0) **abstentions**. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ms. Miller said they will have Supaman here on the 23rd and with time permitting they may be able to stop by the high school for a meet and greet. They will also be having events in Reno, Elko, and Las Vegas.

Councilmember Davis asked how the number of people in their group. Ms. Miller said they sent out RSVPs in case Councilmembers would like to attend. There are currently three individuals from KOLO and six ladies that she chose who will be attending. She can take a couple more if anyone has a ribbon skirt, beaded

collar, and moccasins and willing to wear a mask during filming. They just need to contact her at ITCN. Councilmember Davis posed the question to Council, at the last meeting they approved another group to go to the east/closed side of the lake and since this is spearheading our people and COVID, how would they feel about approved this group to film on the east also. Councilmember John agreed, it would be a great idea. *Councilmember Brady agreed to have approval to film on the east/closed side of the lake added to her motion. Councilmember Guerrero seconded.*

Councilmember Dunn commented they still need to remember they are a business. It is great to waive fees to help everyone and yes, they benefit from it as well, but they still need to be consistent in charging fees. The last request they approved was commercial and they had to pay the fees.

Councilmember Guerrero wanted to know if the vaccination initiative for the kids was for off reservation kids also. Councilmember Dunn and Gonzales, Pyramid Lake Health Board representatives, confirmed it is for everyone who uses the Pyramid Lake Health Clinic.

Councilmember John requested to have basic forms available on the website for download including the incentive forms. Chairwoman Davis said they can put them under the tab for COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Tribal Council, Councilmember Ely made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brady. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by,



Brenda A. Henry
Tribal Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the 1st day of April 2022, having ten (10) members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of nine (9) FOR and zero (0) OPPOSED, with zero (0) ABSTENTIONS.

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____


Janet Davis, Tribal Chairwoman
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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