



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Briefs with Supporting Meeting Minutes)**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Secretary of the Tribal Council is responsible for keeping and maintaining minutes of all Council meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article XIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the order of business requires a reading of the minutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council Secretary requested approval of the attached briefs with supporting meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meetings held on November 3, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on November 3, 2014, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on November 3, 2014, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **DECEMBER 17, 2014** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstention by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe      8/6/15      Doreen T. Numkena      8-10-2015  
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date





**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2014**  
**Executive Conference Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Call to Order: Chairman Ronnie Lupe called meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.
- B. Prayer: Kino Kane offered the Prayer.
- C. Roll Call: Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Vice Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Tony Alsenay, Arnold Beach, Colleen Faden, Kino Kane, Alvin DeClay, Floyd Walker, Alvena Bush, Jerome Kasey, Theresa Larzelere  
Attorneys: Jim Palmer, Fred Soto, Kimberly Cromwell, Kealoha Douma  
*Kino Kane asked to be excused for a doctor's appointment. He left at 9:20 A.M.*  
*The Chairman was excused at 10:10 A.M. Vice Chairman Velasquez presided over the meeting at this point.*
- D. Approval of Minutes:
- *Motion by Mr. Jerome Kasey, seconded by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the minutes of October 22, 2014. Motion passed. Vote: 9-0-0*
  - *Motion by Mr. Jerome Kasey, seconded by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014. Motion passed. Vote: 9-0-0*

**II. REPORTS**

A. Whiteriver Headstart Report – Leola Larzelere

**Building/Roofing**: Ms. Larzelere reported on problems with the roofing at the Head Start building. It was built in 1975 and needs new roofing. During the last rainfall, there was leakage in the roof and flooded a classroom which resulted in moving children out of the classroom. A pipe had broken in another classroom and it was flooded, so those children also had to be moved out of the classroom into the cafeteria. Allen Siquah was informed of the problems. She had concerns about the repairs and who is responsible for the cost of repairs as it is a tribal building and repairs not in the budget.

- *Vice Chairman Kasey Velasquez offered to send a letter to IHS to determine the health issues regarding the building and issues that need to be addressed right away.*

**New Head Start Bus**: Ms. Larzelere explained a new bus was approved for Head Start on Sept 29, but experiencing a difficult time getting the \$119,000 for the bus. The government accepted two bids for the bus but the tribe requires three bids. The council discussed this at length and because it is for the benefit of the children, they took the following action for the Head Start bus.

- *Motion by Mr. Jerome Kasey, seconded by Vice Chairman Velasquez to waive the three-bid requirement to purchase a new Head Start Bus and for the procurement policies to be set in stone and all for directors to be aware of the procedures. Vote: 9-0-0*

Jim Palmer commented that Kealoha Douma has been working the procurement bids; it is in progress and will be presented to the Council for review.

**On Site Dentist**: An on-site dental care is an urgent need for Head Start as some of the children are developing gingivitis. Ms. Maura Riesop informed the council that they have done all the paperwork and have met I.H.S. requirements and now they need tribal council approval to bring the SMILES Program back. The SMILES movement have a letter of support from Michelle Martinez, IHS CEO. The Division of Health is working on an MOU.



- *It was Vice Chairman Velasquez' recommendation to table this item and directed Mr. Keime and Mr. Dennis Faden to meet with Tribal Attorneys and present again at the December meeting.*

C. Director of Division of Health: Jessica Rudolfo-Acting Director

Ms. Jessica Rudolfo formally accepted the position of Division of Health Director as was offered to her previously on October 23, 2014.

- *Consensus Vote of the Council: The Council took a consensus vote to appoint Ms. Jessica Rudolfo as Director of Division of Health effective immediately. Vote: 9-0-0.*

The resolution appointing her as Acting Director will be amended as Director.

Ms. Alvena Bush asked Ms. Rudolfo for a resume. Jessica will provide one to her.

- Ms. Rudolfo discussed the following topics with the Council:

The following non-emergency medical transportation companies went before the Health Board and received unanimous approval to begin business on the reservation: AZ Med, Roaming, Targit, First Choice. A clause regarding employee rights and violations will be included in the contract.

- Cibecue Gymnasium: District I Council concerned about the people of Cibecue having no place to go for community activities. Discussion on the hazards of reopening the Gymnasium under its current conditions.
- Whiteriver Fitness Center: A certified person needs to be in charge of the center. Certified professional trainers are needed. Equipment in need of repair and updated equipment is needed. Jessica has concerns about why employees are leaving and looking into it. Jessica will also look into the business hours for the center.
- Diabetes Program: Questions regarding equitable employee wages.

Other Business:

Resolution for Authorizing Vehicle Purchase for Tribal Forest Ranger Enforcement – Ms. Alvena Bush

Ms. Bush explained to council that Tribal Forest Ranger Marty Gatewood's work truck broke down and is in need of a new vehicle. Show Low Ford Bid \$27,492, Berge Ford Bid \$29,645.

- *Motion by Ms. Alvena Bush, seconded by Mr. Jerome Kasey to approve a resolution to authorize purchase of new vehicle for Tribal Forest Ranger from Show Low Ford, \$27,492. Motion passed. Vote: 5-0-4*
- *Motion by Mr. Arnold Beach, seconded by Mr. Jerome Kasey to go into Executive Session at 1:50 P.M.*
- *Motion by Arnold Beach, seconded by Mr. Alvin Declay to get out of Executive Session at 2:10 P.M.*

D. Whiteriver Cemetery Concerns/Resolution – Arnold Beach / Ardie Yardley

There is a ditch south of the cemetery where Mr. Yardley's daughter was murdered. Mr. Yardley wants to cover up the ditch and put a memorial there for his daughter. The ditch is a hidden area where teens go which then lead to unlawful activity after dark. There was also discussion of thinning out the area.

- *Motion by Mr. Arnold Beach, seconded by Mr. Alvin Declay to cover the ditch and to have Mr. Al Brooks fill the ditch and Mr. Jonathan Brooks thin the area and for the Yardley family to put up a memorial in memory of their loved one. Motion passed. Vote: 9-0-0.*



G. Approve Recommendation of New Site for Tribal Courts: - Carol Gatewood

Chief Judge Carol Gatewood reported that WRUD will be demolishing the old high school in December and the Courts have to be out of that building by November 30. She along with Allen Siquah and Ivan Kitcheyan looked at the former Fire Management Building by the airport and determined there was not enough room in that facility. The most feasible facility is the Skills Center as there is capability of having a court room built in there. She would like the entire facility for the Courts.

- Mr. Arnold Beach motioned, seconded by Ms. Theresa Larzelere, for the Courts to move over to Skills Center until further notice and will relinquish the building back to Skills Center when they get their new building. Motion passed. Vote: 9-0-0  
Amend, whereas the Hope Center are given official notification to leave the establishment, and the adult education will assume their space immediately.

Motion by Mr. Beach, to go in to Executive Session 9-0-0.

H. Approval of Tribal Enrollment Applicants – Phoebe Nez

There were 49 names presented for tribal membership and three names presented for relinquishment of Tribal Head Rights.

- *Motion by Mr. Jerome Kasey, seconded by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the enrollment of forty nine applicants as presented. Motion passed. Vote: 9-0-0 (List attached to resolution.)*
- *Motion by Jerome Kasey, second by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the relinquishment of tribal membership for Michael Emerson Starr. Motion passed. Vote: 8-0-1*
- *Motion by Jerome Kasey, second by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the relinquishment of tribal membership for Darwin Charles Declay. Motion passed. Vote: 8-0-1*
- *Motion by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Mr. Kino Kane to approve the relinquishment of tribal membership for Gary Paul Kitcheyan. Motion passed. Vote: 8-0-1*

Other Business: ABHS Board of Directors

Motion by Mr. Alvin Declay, seconded by Ms. Colleen Faden to appoint Perlita Cosen and Gerilyn Brewer as ABHS Board of Directors. Motion passed with Vote: 9-0-0.

Adjournment: 5:17 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena  
Tribal Council Secretary