



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 February 22, 2108; 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 February 22, 2108, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

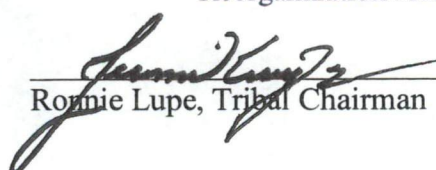
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on February 22, 2108, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

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 March 7, 2018, duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO abstentions 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, Tribal Chairman

5 Jun 18
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

5-1-2018
Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe
Special Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.
Executive Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Call to Order: 9:13 A.M. by Chairman Ronnie Lupe.
- B. Prayer: Everett Massey
- C. Roll Call: Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Vice Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Tony Alsenay, Arnold Beach, Colleen Faden, Jerold Altaha Ralph Thomas, Floyd Walker, Alvena Bush, Jerome Kasey, Everett Massey
Attorneys: Jim Palmer, Fred Soto

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. WMATCO Update Report – Jim Quinn, Gary Cantrell

A detailed reference booklet was given to Council members to explain expenditure of funds. Mr. Jim Quinn commented that moral is good at the mill. He recognized Hayden Anderson for the good job he is doing at the mill and the upcoming retirement of Wilkie Gregg who has been with the mill for many years.

Mr. Gary Cantrell and Mr. Quinn, reviewed the booklets in detail which included the following topics:

- Use of Funds - October 13, 2017 – present
- Cash Flow Projection – February 2018 through June 2018
- Logging Plan – Update
- Export Log Trial – Update
- Boiler Project – Update
- Pledged Account 2018 Review
- Rollingstock 2014 Review
- DLI Small Log Mill Review
- Future Competitive Upgrade Projects Review

Cash Flow Projection – Feb. 2018 – September 2018

It was explained that the worst case is (\$280,000) in negative in September 2018 which is said to be a very conservative number and they may have to ask for another quarter million in the Fall.

Operations and Review:

- Employees – currently 77 people working full time jobs
- Production and Sales -- figures provided in the booklet
- Planner operations restarted on February 5 (21 people)

WMATCO 2018 Harvesting and Log Procurement Plan: (provided in Booklet)

- ✓ Tonto North Timber Sale is finalized in March 2018 and road restoration commences in April.

This needs to be approved by Council in March. BIA is aware of that.

Log purchases and exchanges critical for Q2 and Q4 mill log supplies.

Elk Season shuts them down and harvesting goes down significantly for about three weeks. Need to find ways to bring in logs to keep mill running during that time. "May have to bring in logs from the outside. That is key to survival."

There were discussions of when the mill can stand on its own and not depending on the Tribe for cash assistance. Mr. Quinn explained they are trying everything to reach profitability and they do have a plan

for that and optimization of the mill through technology. They have a good chance of going through the State government to get a capital loan long term.

- ✓ Jim Quinn: Would request approval from Tribal Council to clean up equipment and sell equipment in Reman Plant at WMATCO.
The Council requested a formal request with detailed information on equipment being put up for sale. Jim Quinn responded he would get a formal request to Council for approval.
- ✓ Starting up the boiler and Sierra Propane will supply the gas. Having trouble negotiating that contract with company. They want clause for ability to repossess the tanks if it fails.
The Council questioned why our local Doxol Propane Company was not being considered? Mr. Randy Walker was contacted by Councilman Kasey during the course of the meeting, and Mr. Walker replied his company was not capable of supplying the gas.
- ✓ Board of Directors: Mr. Beldon Beatty is still a member of the Board of Directors but has never been to the meetings. A request was made for Hayden Anderson and Jim Quinn to be reappointed to the WMATCO LLC, Board of Directors.

Resolution: Reappointing Hayden Anderson and Jim Quinn to the WMATCO, LLC, Board of Directors

- ✓ Motioned by Vice Chairman Velasquez, seconded by Jerome Kasey to approve the reappointment of Hayden Anderson and Jim Quinn to the WMATCO Board of Directors. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

Resolution: Forbearance of WMAT Business Code, Sec. 6.6 and authorizing for Tribal Court Jurisdiction for WMATCO Lease of Propane Boiler Tank

Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve resolution as presented.
Vote: 10-0-1.

Comments from Lupe: (speaking to the Council in Apache) they can take our water rights away if they want. Overcut the timber. They will cut all timber if they want to. We don't have much water. The water will all go to the valley nothing to hold it back if cut bare. If you look at this is comical. They want to cut the trees the grass so the water can move freely to the valley. We need to be careful of this. The BIA also needs to help the tribe. I don't see much Ponderosa now. We used to have a lot of trees. If we cut the smaller trees we will have none left. Even the Cottonwood trees are disappearing. Now we have foreign trees growing taking over and sucking up the water supply. We have not received any cash. Now they want more money. Carbon credit money. This is what we are faced with. We are faced with unemployment. We can create businesses so people can have jobs. We will be beat out by this--losing timber. They are here for two more years. It's best we don't have anything like this again. We need to have our timber. I worked there, I know. McNary consumed the Maverick timbers. Look at Roberts Ranch area, that has been clear cut. Look at this now at the future. I won't be here. We used to have lots of sawmills, Hop Canyon, Cibecue, and so forth. All our timber is gone now. Who is buying the timber that is cut? We used to have lots of timber on our reservation, now they are all gone. We need to protect our timber. The tribes in the valley don't care, it doesn't affect them. I'm not mad at anyone. Our lives depend on this, we need to protect it. We haven't received a single nickel for this. We are people who can turn against each other in an instant. We need to think of our children coming up after us.

To all present, more comments (reverted to English): "We have two years left on this contract. We will separate and hope we are smiling we do that. I hope we all go home happy." It's unfortunate we have not seen any net gain from this. We are the owners and we haven't seen a dime from this. Isn't that odd? That's no way to treat people. We rely on the trees, the operation. We worked at the mills on the reservation. We had many mills. "

Mr. Quinn talked about the new person that will take Frank's place and will come in March or April. He will be here throughout summer. He is an expert in quality control and a Warm Springs tribal member.

Adjournment: 11:21 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary