



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of Tribal Council 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 for approval of the attached meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meeting held on October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meeting held on October 24, 2018, 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 meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on October 24, 2018, 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 Federal Laws, 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 Chairwoman, or in her 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 **NOVEMBER 19, 2018** duly adopted by a vote of **EIGHT** for and **ZERO** against with **ZERO** abstaining 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).

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Gwendena Lee-Gatewood , Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

Executive Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:12 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer: Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Ralph Thomas, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Everett Massey
(Excused: Travis Tessay on travel)
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approving Five Residential Leases in McNary – CDC Dir. Ruby Altaha
Resolution: Approving Five Residential Leases Formerly Held Under the McNary Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project
Director Ruby Altaha requested approval of the resolution as the Residential Leases require Tribal Council approval. The lease is for a period of 25 years with an automatic renewal of 25 years. The lessees are as follows:
 - Lot 2 Lancione Carroll
 - Lot 7 Camery Malone
 - Lot 13 Millicent White Loftis
 - Lot 14 Matthew Hinton, Sr.
 - Lot 18 Victoria Hinton
 - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Arnold Beach to approve Resolution approving five Residential Leases. Vote: 8-0-0 Motion passed.
- B. Hawley Lake Resort Development Grant Application to FreePort McMoran- Ruby Altaha
The grant will be used towards the renovation of the Hawley Lake Lodge. The grant application requires a resolution from the Tribe.
 - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve the resolution for the Hawley Lake Grant application. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion passed.
- C. Hawley Lake Fuels Project – Ruby Altaha
Ms. Altaha asked for approval of the resolution for the Hawley Lake Fuels Project for the protection of the woodlands and forest lands and property in that area. There were discussions and concerns about the removal of the logs and roads not intended for use by heavy equipment. It was advised that the resolution be approved and to let the appropriate people take care of the logistics of the removal of logs.
 - Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve resolution for the Hawley Lake Fuels Project. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion passed.

D. Verizon Tower Lease – A.G. KeAloha Douma

Attorney Douma explained the Mogollon Rim telecommunication tower will provide communication services along Highway 60 and enhance services in the Cibecue and Carrizo areas. The towers have been ordered and will be delivered in November.

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution, Authorizing a Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, L.L.C. for a Communications Facility at Mogollon Rim. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

E. ABHS- AHCCCS – ABHS Director, Kevin McKenzie

Mr. McKenzie gave an in-depth report and information about the initiative, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Work Requirement for Native Americans. The Board of Directors request WMAT's support in opposing the work requirement as it will adversely affect the WMAT by losing eligibility for AHCCCS coverage and other benefits.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Jerome Kasey to support ABHS BOD's request to oppose the work requirement on the WMAT by issuing a letter and a resolution of the Tribe's opposition. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

Other: Hunting Tag: Everett Massey brought up a matter concerning a tribal member who was picked for a hunt. The individual went to pick up his tag but Game and Fish was closed. He put up a lot of money for the drawing and asked Mr. Massey to bring this up to the Council. It was explained to Mr. Massey by a Council member that if a person drawn fails to pick up his tag, it will be given out to someone else.

Utility Authority: Gary Alchesay also brought up a concern regarding the Utility Authority. He has a lot of people coming to him asking for help to pay their bills. Mr. Alchesay asked that a forensic audit be done on the Utility Department.

- Motioned by Gary Alchesay, seconded by Ralph Thomas to appoint Alfred Walker as Utility Authority Director temporarily for 90-days and to approve a forensic audit to be conducted by REDW and for the Treasurer to handle the finances on how it gets paid; and further, that Cheryl Pailzote will continue her position in Water Resources and will oversee the Utility Authority. Vote: 9-0-1 Motion passed.

Utility Bills: The Vice made a motion regarding what to do with outstanding utility bills, but withdrew his motion to do more research on the matter.

Discussions: The Tribal Council expressed their concerns about issues concerning the tribe-- that these matters need to be discussed in meetings separate from the Council Meetings at least once a week. It was the consensus of the Tribal Council to meet every Monday at 7:00 A.M. for work sessions and have open discussions on issues facing the tribe. The Chairwoman set the first work session meeting for November 5, at 7:00 A.M.

Words of wisdom from Tim Clawson, an elder, spoke to the Council. "We are all Apaches, so the council meetings should be conducted in our Apache language." He encouraged the governing body to work together, not against one another and to help one another. Nothing

is to be gained otherwise. "You were voted in because people had confidence in you. You need to pray. People have prayed for you."

V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena – Tribal Council Secretary