



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 meetings held on December 19, 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 meetings held on December 19, 2018, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.


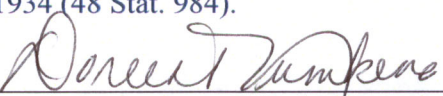
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on December 19, 2018, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

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 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 JANUARY 3, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of TEN for and ZERO against with ONE 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

Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.
Executive Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 9:12 by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Arnold Beach
- C. Roll Call: All present
Attorney: Kimberly Cromwell (A. G. KeAloha Douma on Annual Leave)
- D. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Ralph Thomas, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Everett Massey
Attorneys: Kim Cromwell (KeAloha Douma was absent)
- E. Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha, to approve minutes of November 19, 2018 as written. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion passed.

II. REPORTS

- F. Business Plan Report – Business Owner, Mike Cooley
Mike Cooley spoke briefly of a plan about building an office complex next to H-Market and asked the Council to consider assigning the vacant land next to the H-Market for the project. If the Council approves his concept he would come back again with an architectural drawing of what the complex would look like at 5,000 square feet. He requested a letter from the Council to proceed and will provide more plans for its review and consideration.
- B. Monthly Finance Report – Treasurer - Deron Peaches:
Deron Peaches asked for executive session. Motioned by Renaldo, seconded by Vice Jerome Kasey to go into Executive Session for Budget Report. 9:21
Motioned by Renaldo Dazen to come out of executive session. 10:12 A.M.
- C. Head Start Monthly Report – Director Leola Larzelere
A written report was submitted and were included in the meeting packets.
- D. TRS Progress Report – Principal, Marla Wilkerson and School Board
*Student Council introduced themselves and presented a Christmas card to the Council.
Board Members, Gwendena Lee Gatewood, Lorene Billy and Cline Griggs were in attendance.*
Marla Wilkerson presented a detailed report by Powerpoint on Theodore Roosevelt School. Current enrollment at TRS is 148 out of 150 capacity. It was reported that the current school board and she, as principal, inherited a huge debt. They applied for additional funding and were awarded additional funding. The following topics were discussed in detail by Principal Wilkerson as well as questions from the Council: •Finances •Financial Deficits from previous Governing Board

•Current Board and Administration’s Financial Journey •Facilities Audits and Findings •Replacement of Sidewalks •Technology—Smart Boards in Every Classroom and other updated classroom equipment • Improving Teacher Effectiveness in the Classroom •Discipline Records •Safety Plans in event of emergencies •No communication received from Police Department of surrounding schools being on lock down •Parental Outreach •Student Activities (The School Board participated in the discussions.)

E. Whiteriver Unified School District – Superintendent Rea Goklish

Superintendent Goklish reported Whiteriver Unified Schools has been rated a failing district. The State determines what grades the schools receive. It was determined WRUD schools are all failing schools. She was encouraged that they are moving up and no longer a total failing district. She reported on the difficulty of hiring teachers in August, but that it was a nationwide problem, not just here. They are working on plans for recruiting and retention of teachers. They would like to offer some incentives such providing Fishing and Camping Permits, etc. She spoke about bomb threats received at the schools and the need for parent involvement in resolving the issues. There were discussions of drugs being brought into the schools and how the tribal courts would handle those cases. They would like to focus on making improvements at the schools and hope to have the students return that have left to attend Blue Ridge Schools.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution: Certifying Citizen Participation in the FY 2018 Indian Community Development Block Grant Application Process – WMAHA Deputy Dir. -Dorothy Parker

Chairwoman Lee-Gatewood presented this item on behalf of WMAHA – Ms. Parker was not in attendance.

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution as written. Vote 10-0-1. Motion passed.

B. Adoption of the Language of ARS Title 11, Chp. 3, Article 12, 11-597, “Autopsies; Reports; Exemption from Liability with Alternate Positions of Responsibility – Police Chief T. Webster

Chief Webster request Executive Session. Request was denied--no names would be mentioned in the presentation.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve resolution with understanding that Chief of Police pay respect and to notify family first. Vote: 7-4-0. Motion passed.

Canyon Day Jr. High: Chief Webster gave an update report on four bomb threats received at Canyon Day Jr. High School in the last five days. One female was identified in the threats. The school is on lock down until Friday. It was reported the kids are being checked each morning and there are hall monitors to watch the students. A councilman suggested things like this need to be discussed in the Monday morning work sessions and to start inviting individual directors to the meetings for the discussions.

C. Amendment to WMAT's Celebrating Life Suicide Surveillance System - Francene Larzelere
The new amendment will add opioid questions to the Celebrating Live Suicide Surveillance and Prevention Program. This will help to better-understand the Opioid epidemic on the WMA Reservation. This will allow them to ask questions regarding opioid or illicit drug use and have a better understanding of its impact on our tribal members.

- Motioned by Jerald Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve resolution as written. Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.

D. HUB Study – Amendment 2: Francene Larzelere

The amendment will add questions to the current HUB trial assessment battery to expand the suicide prevention efforts.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Jerome Kasey to approve resolution as written. Vote: 10-0-1 Motion passed.

E. Approval of Tribal Enrollment and Relinquishment(s) – Phoebe Nez, Vital Records

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha, to call for executive session to review Enrollment applications. 12:10 P.M. Council came out of executive session for vote.

Relinquishments:

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve request for relinquishment of tribal membership of Damian Little (Adult). Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.
- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve request for relinquishment of tribal membership of Jennifer Palmer (Adult). Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.
- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve request for relinquishment of tribal membership of Rhonda Lou Skidmore Pike (Adult). Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.
- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve request for relinquishment of tribal membership of Timesha Atoya Jo Smith (Adult). Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.

Tribal Enrollment Applications:

Thirty Tribal Enrollment Applications were received and reviewed.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve 30 applicants for Tribal Enrollment as presented. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:46 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary