



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 January 3, 2019; 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 January 3, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

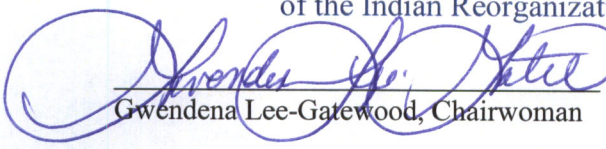
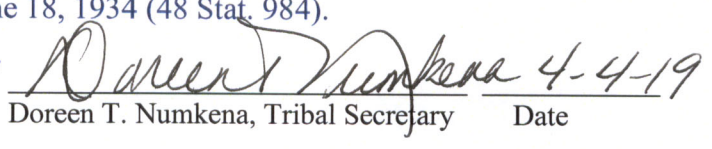
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on January 3, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

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 **FEBRUARY 6, 2019** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** 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).

 4-3-19  4-4-19
 Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Regular Meeting Minutes January 3, 2019 – 9:00 A.M. Executive Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Meeting was called to order at 9:15 by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Ralph Thomas
- C. 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: Kealoha Douma, Kim Cromwell
- D. Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve minutes of December 19, 2018 with amendments on WRUD Superintendents Report and correction of vote count to 10-0-1 on Tribal Enrollment. Vote: 10-0-1. Motion passed.

Gary Alchesay commented all discussions in Executive Session need to remain private. Information that was discussed in executive session was leaked out on Monthly finance report.

II. REPORTS:

- A. Attorneys' Report – AG, KeAloha Douma
No report was given.
- B. Financial report - Treasurer, Deron Peaches, Sandy Thompson, Michelle Holden
Motioned by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Ralph Thomas to go into executive session 9:32 A.M.
Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to come out of Executive session at 10:15 A.M.
All discussions were held in Executive Session. A Work Session was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, 9:00 A.M. at Hondah Restaurant for further discussions.
- C. Federal Impact Aide Report - BRUD – Brad Pico, Tribal Ed. - Derrick Leslie
Brad Pico was not in attendance. Derrick Leslie reported BRUD received Impact Aid Money. He asked this report be postponed until the February Regular Meeting when Mr. Pico can be here to give a full report and answer questions regarding Impact Aid.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Assignment of the Cibecue Gym to Rainbow Treatment Center – Jessica Rudolfo
Ms. Rufolfo asked for Rainbow Treatment Center to lease Cibecue Gym under the Division of Health Program. The Legal Department will negotiate the terms of the lease. The attorney clarified if there are any lease payments, it would go to the tribe not to Division of Health. The baseball field will be included in the lease. The following

stipulations were put in place in approving the request to which Ms. Rudolfo agreed to:

- The Gym will be available for occasional community use
- It would be a rent abatement with no monthly lease payments
- It will be used as a shelter for community in cases of emergencies such as severe winter storms or wildfires
- Water and first-aid supplies be made available at all times for emergencies.

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to authorize the lease of the Cibeuce Gym to Rainbow Treatment Center with noted stipulations.
- Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

B. Request for Assignment of Old Tribal Construction Building - Jessica Rudolfo, Vangie Natan

Ms. Rudolfo reported the building was given to Rainbow Treatment Center previously but that they did not have the paperwork. No paperwork can be found by Cheryl Ethelbah on that building and BIA does not have any paperwork nor does the school district. She asked for that building to be assigned to RTC as their facility is over-crowded and they need additional office space.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve the assignment of the Old Tribal Construction Building to Rainbow Treatment Center for a ten-year lease. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

C. Employment and Scholarship Opportunities- Chairwoman Gwendena-Lee Gatewood

Chairwoman presented a proposal to Council for approval of employment and scholarship opportunities for tribal members. The hunters would have tribal members work with them or make a contribution to the scholarship fund. Right now, they only pay for a permit and license. The chairwoman expressed her concerns that it needs to go back to our kids in some form of training and that Tribal members need jobs. Along with a resolution, a handout was given to Council with cost comparisons to what is currently being charged for hunters and new cost proposals for Council's review and consideration.

Resolution reads in part:

1. Scholarship Fund: Each professional big game guide will make an annual scholarship payment to the Tribe in the amount of \$5,000. Such amount shall be paid with the established license fee payment, with the scholarship amount dedicated solely for educational scholarship funding under the Tribal Education Department.
2. Employment: Each professional big game guide will promote Tribal member employment. For that purpose, each guide will identify the guide's employees to the Game and Fish Department, both Tribal and non-Tribal members. At a minimum, each guide will employ two Tribal members to the same extent as other employees. The Game and Fish Department, in consultation with the Tribal Personnel Department, may authorize variances based on the circumstances for each guide, promote Tribal member recruitment and generally implement a program to promote Tribal member involvement and opportunity in the guided big game hunts and shall provide written reporting to the Tribal Council about its actions arising from this resolution.

The Council discussed this at length. Most were in agreement with the proposals. At least three members wanted to wait and hear from the Game and Fish Director to hear his thoughts on the proposals. The Chairwoman stated she invited the Director to come to the meeting and advised him it would be on live stream. She advised the Council that she had met with him to discuss the proposals and his concern was that the fee of \$5,000 was too high. She let council know

they could lower the fee. The Chairwoman has reviewed this with the Education Department and they are in support of it. Further, she met with tax preparers and reported the hunters could claim the fees on their taxes. One council member voiced his concern of this being a conflict of interest for Chairwoman to be presenting this as her husband is a guide. Chairwoman responded she would recuse herself and hand this over to the Vice. Councilman Altaha and Vice Chairman asked that Chairwoman not to recuse herself, and that all Council members vote on this matter.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Jerome Kasey to approve resolution with amendments to add “or” to clause to be reworded by Attorney. Vote: 6-4-1 Motion passed.

D. Request to Conduct Interviews with Students for Degree Program – Tyler Bangert
Resolution: Approval of Research Study of Perceptions of WM Apache High School Graduates on College

Mr. Bangert introduced himself and spoke of his experience as a teacher and principal for 30 years-- twelve of which were here on reservation. He started a doctoral program in education. The resolution will allow him to collect data on the reservation partly in fulfillment of his doctoral degree and information would be beneficial to the tribe. He would like to interview high school graduates from reservation and ask what they consider when deciding where to go to college and what their personal experience and factors they consider on where to go to or not go to college. Information would be confidential and will not provide any identifying information. All information will be destroyed. It was recommended by council that the information obtained be preserved as it could be useful information for the tribe. Mr. Leslie of Education department supports the research proposal and stated the data would be advantageous for recruitment and retention of students.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Kasey to approve the research study, with understanding he go through Tribal IRB and to preserve data for Tribal use. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

E. National Human Trafficking and Slavery Awareness Month - Dylan Baca

BRUD Student– is a member of the WMAT and introduced himself as Navajo County Commissioner for the Governors Youth Commission – Dylan Baca Read a prepared written statement. He said one of five issues affecting today’s youth is human trafficking. Due to a growing problem in Arizona and around us, it is his hope to bring awareness and change to the County. He reported 20 million people in the U.S. are affected by human trafficking. He asked that the Council pass the resolution to raise awareness on the issue of human Trafficking and to show support for protecting the victims and to ensure that Navajo County and the WMAT have a zero tolerance policy for human Trafficking.

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution National Human Trafficking and Slavery Awareness Month as presented.

Vote: 10-0-1 Motion passed.

The Council commended Dylan for his involvement with the Governor’s Youth Commission and bringing this issue to the Council as it is something that affects Indian Country.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary