



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 September 12, 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 September 12, 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 September 12, 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.

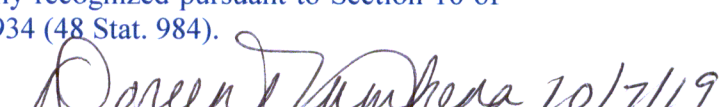
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, 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 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 **OCTOBER 2, 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

10/7/19
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

10/7/19
Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

Hon Dah Conference Center – Mt. Baldy Room

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:21 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by RalphThomas
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Ralph Thomas, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Everett Massey (Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey and Jerold Dazen were excused, both on travel)
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kim Cromwell
- D. Approval of Minutes: Deferred

II. REPORTS

A. Attorneys Report:

1. Approving Posting Ordinance 296 – Amend Criminal Code of the WMAT

A.G. Douma explained the amendment was to remove Section 2.3 Adultry and asked that Ordinance 296 be posted for ten days for public review and comment. The attorney explained this law had been replaced by most jurisdictions and the tribe has not yet done so. After much discussion, the following action was taken.

- Motioned by Travis Tessay to approve posting of Ordinance 296 for public comment for a period of ten days. There was no second – motion failed.

2. Approving Posting of Ordinance No. 297 – Amending the Probate Code Of the WMAT

Motioned by Arnold Beach seconded by Travis Tessay to authorize posting of Ordinance No. 297 for ten days for public review and comments. Vote: 8-0-1 Motion passed.

3. Approving Posing of Ordinance 298, Amending the Rules of Criminal Procedure of the WMAT

Rule 7.3 Parole Board Amendments include:

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| A. Authority | C. Conditions for 2/3 Release |
| B. Composition | D. Conditions for Temporary Release |

Motioned by Alvena Bush, seconded by Gary Alchesay go authorize posting of Ordinance No. 298 for ten days for public review and comments. Vote: 8-1-0 Motion passed.

4. Approving Amendments to the Tribes Parole Board Polices and Procedures

- Motioned by Gary Alchesay, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve Resolution: Approving Amendments to the Tribes Parole Board Policies and Procedures as presented. Vote: 6-3-0 Motion passed.

5. Gaming Compact Negotiations Update – Executive Session

This item will be discussed at the end of the meeting in Executive session.

6. Establish 2020 Election Commission

This item will be discussed in Executive Session at end of meeting.

7. Other Business: See Page 4

B. Monthly Head Start Report – Director, Leola Larzelere

A written report was submitted.

C. Frontier Communications Report - Victoria Begay

The Chairwoman stated Frontier has an obligation to update and report to the governments so she asked Victoria to come and report to the Council. Ms. Begay reported she serves the Navajo Nation, Whiteriver, Parker, and the Kingman areas. There is an office in Show Low. She reported several upgrades had been done in Whiteriver and Cibecue to residential and businesses such as the casino, Sunrise Ski Resort and the hospital. Her point of contact in the Whiteriver area is Roy Amos. The Cibecue councilmen ask that landlines be made available to residents in Cibecue as well as a designated site for WIFI access. The Chairwoman stated there is a high demand and a need for access to WIFI and internet and looks forward Frontier's continued improvements from Frontier and would like to see that happen soon with government subsidies that Frontier gets. Ms. Begay reported Frontier has hotspot locations and Frontier can work on that with Roy Amos or Housing. She said in Navajo there are concerns about children accessing the internet and if they are actually studying or looking at other things. The Chairwoman asked Ms. Begay to get with Roy Amos and to identify the locations of where those hotspots would be and have them set up a firewall against other websites that are not worthy for children to view. Ms. Begay acknowledged the request without comment.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda:

- Motioned by Travis Tessay, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve consent agenda Items 1-4 as presented. Vote: 8-0-1 Motion carried.
- 1. Approving Head Start 2019-202 Budget, Self-Assessment, Training and Professional Development Plans 2019-2020, MA HS Self Assessment and 2018-2019 Annual Report
- 2. Approving the Tribe's Participation In "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders" Nationwide Native American Elders Social and Health Needs Assessment
- 3. Assisting Barney Gregg with Educational Expenses
- 4. Approval for the Fort Apache Programmatic Prescribed Pile Burn Plan

B. Water Infrastructure Authority (WIFA Projects) – Dep. Director, WMAHA – Dorothy Parker (Late arrival – presented last item on the agenda) see page 4.

C. Approving Work Site Contract for RTC with Whiteriver Construction, Inc. - Linda Guhsoney / Felicia Suttle

Ms. Gushoney and Ms. Suttle asked for approval to contract with Whiteriver Construction to prepare for modular office space at the existing site in Whiteriver and in McNary and Cibecue. The Council were supportive and discussed possibilities for permanent structures rather than a modular buildings.

- Motioned by Alvin Declay, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve resolution to approve work site contract for RTC with WR Construction. Vote: 8-0-1 Motion carried.

D. Tribal Enrollment Applications /Relinquishments – Phoebe Nez

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Ralph Thomas for executive session to review Enrollment Applications and Relinquishment(s). 11:10 A.M.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Ralph Thomas to get out of Executive Session 11:20 A.M.

Enrollment Applications:

- Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve 30 Enrollment applications as presented. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion carried.

Relinquishments:

- Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve Relinquishment of Tribal Membership for Charles William Rope (adult). Vote: 7-2-0 Motion carried.

(II-5) Gaming Compact Negotiations: - A.G. Kealoha Douma

Resolution – Authorizing Participation in Wells Gaming Research Study

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to go back in to Executive Session – 1:22 P.M.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, to get out of exec. session 11:44

- Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to authorize Participation in Wells Gaming Research Study. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion carried.

(II-6) Establishing 2020 Election Commission

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen for Executive Session: 11:44 P.M.

Discussion on Establishing Election Commission 2020 Tribal Elections.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to come out of Executive Session. 12:15 P.M.

The following were recommended for the 2020 Election Commission:

Cheyenne Duane	Perlinda Cosen	Isaiah Benally
Dawnafe Whitesinger	Lorinda Nashio	Doreen Numkena
Corliss Guy	Berta Bones	Paul Kuehl

Alternates:

Leanne Lacapa (first alternate)

Dorothy Parker

Letha Cosay

- Motioned by Ralph Thomas, seconded by Arnold Beach to approve the Election Commission as recommended. If someone declines the appointment, the first alternate would replace that individual. Vote: 9-0-0

(II-7) Other Business: Kealoha Douma

Resolution: Requesting Assistance from Arizona Department of Public Safety for Criminal Background Checks for 2020 Candidates for Tribal Office.

- Motioned by Ralph Thomas, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to request Assistance from AZ Public Safety for Criminal Background checks. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion carried.

(II-D) Financial Report – Treasurer - Deron Peaches

Motioned for Executive Session by Dazen at 12:22 P.M.

Mr. Peaches gave report in Executive Session.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to come out of executive session: 12:28 A.M.

B. Water Infrastructure Authority (WIFA Projects – Dep. Director, WMAHA – Dorothy Parker

Resolution: Approving WMAHA Loans from WIFA up the Amount of \$2,503.550 for New Construction In HonDah

Ms. Parker explained the loans are from WIFA's Clean Water Revolving Fund and the other from WIFA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund as part of a proposed housing unit construction project at Hon Dah, the Apache Pine Project.

- Motioned by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve resolution for WMAHA Loans from WIFA as presented. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairwoman called for adjournment at 12:31 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena
Tribal Council Secretary