



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 October 8, 2019.
- 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 October 8, 2019 as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.


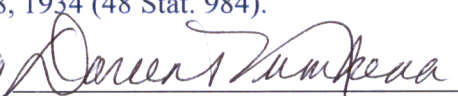
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on October 8, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

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 **NOVEMBER 6, 2018** 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).

 11/13/19  11-14-19
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

SPECIAL Council Meeting

October 8, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

DOT Conference Room

A. Call to Order (October 08, 2019)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
Prayer was offered by Councilman Everett Massey

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. (quorum) Attorney KeAloha Douma.

B. New Business

FY 2019 Overview FY 2020 Plans, Quarterly Report
Power Point Presentation (Attached) by Tara Chief

C. Introduction Current DOT Staff

Tara Chief, Transportation Director, Cassie Kenton-Garcia-Transit Manager, LaReesa Sanchez- Administrative Assistant, Marco Burnette-Transportation Specialist, Lisa Tessler-Dispatcher, Anthony Hill-FAC Driver, Carlos Hernandez-FAC Driver, Leonard Pechuli-FAC Driver, Marty Celaya-Road Maintenance Worker, Velda Massey-Road Maintenance Worker
New Positions in FY20
2 Transit Drivers, Road Maintenance Worker(s), Project specific positions

D. DOT Overview Established by Tribal Council on March 23, 2016

Programs: Transportation Planning, Project Management, Fort Apache Connection Transit, Air Field Management, Transportation Safety (started in FY19), Road Maintenance (started in FY19).

E. DOT Overview

Safety Plan FY16 \$12,500.00
Road Maintenance FY18 \$29,228.32
Salt River Road FY18 \$3,000.00
FAA – PAPI & REILs Project FY20 \$91,060.00
DEMD Grant FY20 \$45,155.00
Public Trans. On Indian Reservation Tribal Transit Grant \$200,000.00
2018 ADOT 5311 \$283,500.00
2019 ADOT 5311 \$98,600.00
2019 ADOT Bus & Bus Facilities \$170,425.00
TOTAL: \$933,468.32

F. Recap of FY 2019 Goals

Goal 1 Expand DOT Staff: Complete

- Safety Program – complete
- Road Maintenance Program – complete
- Fort Apache Connection – complete
- Goal 2 Long Range Transportation Plan Update & RIFDS Update
 - Gather Past LRTP Data – complete
 - Develop New Templates
 - Host Public Meetings
- Goal 3 Airport Compliance
 - AWOS Inspections – complete
 - Develop Maintenance Plan for Whiteriver Airport - complete
- Goal 4 Develop Safety Programs
 - Implement Car Seat Program – complete
 - Apply for BIA IHSP Funds – complete
 - Apply for FHWA Safety Funds – complete
- Goal 5 Develop Aggregate Program
 - Apply for EMDP Grant – complete
 - Format Driveway Program System
- Goal 6 Outreach
 - Implement DOT website – complete
www.wmatdot.com
 - Provide Real Time Information for FAC

G. Funding Sources Fort Apache Connection Funding

- FTA 531
- FTA Tribal Transit Program
- ADOT 5311
- ADOT Bus and Bud Facilities
- National Transit Database (NTD)
- FAIR Transit No. 1

H. Fort Apache Connection February 2017 revised transit and schedule based upon public survey. Operating hours are from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Fares for the transit: per stop \$1.00, all day passes \$3.00, weekly passes \$7.50, monthly passes \$10.00 and Seniors(60+) half off.

- 2 route 1 & 2 combined
 - Cibecue to McNary, 70.4 miles, 5 bus runs per day.
24 designated stops 2, stops in Cibecue, 2 stops in Carrizo, 2 stops in Cedar Creek.
- Route 3
 - Funded under the FTA Tribal Transit Program Grant – 2017. Awarded \$200,000 and provides public transportation for the communities of Turkey Creek, Eask Fork, Seven Mile, Fort Apache, Canyon Day. DOT also purchased 2 buses with four wheel drive and it was delivered In July of 2019. ADOT Inspection August 2019. They also hired two transit drivers in September 2019. Route 3 covers 18.5 miles, 7 bus runs per day, connect at DOT, 15 designated bus stops. These
- Route 4
 - Funded under the ADOT 5311. Awarded \$283,500 for FY 2018, awarded \$98,600 for FY 2019. Provided public transportation for the communities of: Cibecue,

Carrizo, Forestdale and connect with City of Show Low transit. They purchased 2 buses with four wheel drive, estimated delivery in January 2020, ADOT Inspection in February 2020. They also hired 2 transit drivers. Route 4 in effect by April 2020.

- Route 5
 - Provide public transportation to Sunrise Ski Resort are in the process of applying for a grant (FTA and ADOT). Develop a Transit Implementation Plan, Purchased 2 buses with four wheel drive (14 passenger buses), will hire 2 transit drivers (CDL is not required).
- I. Current Projects FAIR Route 12 Cibecue Road, FAIR Transit No 2 – DOT Transit Facility. Currently at 60% design, estimated cost of construction is approximately \$20 million. They will include fencing from Cibecue Junction to Route 3 & Route 12 intersection. In the town of Cibecue the following will be included: Lighting and sidewalks.
 - Construction will not occur until after the Rural Water System Pipeline is complete. Estimated DOT construction is 2023
 - Will continue to look for additional funding sources to be able to construct the entire roadway in one project.
- J. The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant – from the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao – Ineligible to apply since road is still under BIA ownership. Tara requested assistance from Tribal Leaders and Lobbyists.
- K. Fair Transit No. 2 – DOT Facility 100% complete with design plans, environmental Assessment is complete. The initial start date of demo was – April 1, 2019, it was pushed back due to BIA completing their own Environmental Assessment. Several delays in schedule caused some changes: Temporary Office Space – Leasing office space in Pinetop-Lakeside will be a 1/3 of what the cost is to install a temporary office trailer onsite. Use the old BIA Road Maintenance Trailer.
- L. Long Range Transportation Plan & Road Inventory Update. Long Range Transportation Plan is a 20 year plan vision document, evaluation of current and future conditions. It will also include: Safety Analysis, Data modeling, environmental analysis, public involvement, pre-project planning, improvement recommendations and project prioritization.
- M. Safety Projects are Canyon Day Store SR 73 Lighting, Hondah Casino Lighting to Cooley Lake on SR 73, Stago Curve Lighting, and McNary SR 260 Lighting. Also Partnering Projects are SR 73 widening and repaving from Canyon Day to Carrizo Junction and Amos wash Road to San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- N. Whiteriver Airport received a grant from FAA for PAPI and REILs Replacement Project. This design is complete and construction is anticipated in 1st quarter of FY20. Tara mentioned that they are working towards getting the airport back into compliance with FAA. Some examples of this is weed cutting along runway, trees cut, AWOS maintenance and when existing buildings are taken down it will bring the airport into full if not near compliance. On April 24, 2017 Tribal Council gave the Tribal Controller 9 months to remove files in the warehouse. 9 months was on January 24, 2018, files are still in place and building will be demolished.

- O. Car Seat Program 3 of DOT staff attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program on August 19-22, 2019 in Flagstaff, Arizona and are now certified Car Seat Technicians. They developed a relationship with Head Start and HIS through their Ride Safe Program. These car seats will be distributed through appointments – first date was October 3, 2019 and 8 appointments were made and 12 car seats were distributed.

- P. Transportation and Pedestrian Safety established a solid partnership with WMAT – PD for data collection and analysis.

- Q. Road Maintenance Program is maintenance is any action required to preserve and maintain a current transportation facility within its right-of-way, so that the facility may be used safely and effectively for its designated purpose. Maintenance is a critical component of asset management planning that is comprised of: routine maintenance, preventative maintenance, scheduled maintenance, unscheduled maintenance. Road Maintenance's priority is to develop a complete staff using Tribal workforce, and they will complete under the following categories – Annual Maintenance/Routine Maintenance, Emergency Maintenance/Unscheduled Maintenance, Seasonal Maintenance/Scheduled Maintenance, and Preventive Maintenance. Resolution No. 09-2018-226 Approval of Road Right of Way Conversion from BIA to WMAT. All routers in the Road Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS) has been changed from BIA to WMAT. BIA Western Region Office have been dragging their feet: Are operating under their own interpretation of the regulations. Instead of the BIA Central Office, FHWA, and the Tribal Transportation Coordinating Committee interpretation of the regulations. Which was stated by Sheldon Kipp at the National Conference in Montana.

Resolutions that were presented:

- Authorizing the FY2020 Filing of Applications with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance
- Authorizing the Division of Transportation to apply for the FY2020 Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Grant through FTA in the Estimated Amount of Between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00
- Authorizing the Division of Transportation to Apply for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program FY2020 Grant Up to \$300,000.00
- Authorizing the Division of Transportation to apply for the FY2020 Bus & Bus Facilities Program Grant through ADOT in the Estimated Amount of Between \$200,000.00 and \$300,000.00
- Authorizing the Division of Transportation to apply for the 5311 Grant through ADOT in the Estimated Amount of Between \$200,000.00 and \$300,000.00
- Approving the DOT's Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III motioned for all the resolutions to be passed, seconded by Jerold Altaha Vote 11 for Zero against and Zero abstention. Resolutions passed.

❖ Issues that were discussed: Tara Chief requested assistance from the Tribal Council and Attorney General on who DOT should follow. Are they to following BIA Central Office (Washington DC) or BIA Western Region? Need to figure out who they follow and the interpretation needs to be clarified. Also DOT requested assistance in getting the Treasure/Controller Department to move their files before the building is demolished.