



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 April 2, 2020; 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 April 2, 2020, 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 April 2, 2020, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

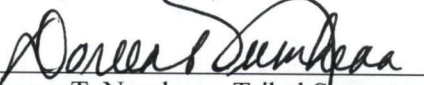
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

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 APRIL 8, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN 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).

 4/9/2020
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date

 4/9/2020
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes

April 2 – 9:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The teleconference meeting called to order at 9:07 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Arnold Beach
- 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
Attorney: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell
Others: Attorney George Hesse, Nona Tuchawena-BIA Supt.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Certification of Election Results 2020 General Election – Election Commission
Chairperson, Berta Bones read resolution out loud. Resolution included the official results of the General Election.
 - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Everett Massey to approve resolution as presented
Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

The Chairwoman and Council members expression to the Election Commission for all their hard work. Chairwoman stated it was difficult on everyone, but we had to carry it through.

- B. Extension of School Closure on Fair for Remainder of 2020 school year – A.G. Kealoha Douma
Attorney Douma presented resolution for closure of reservation schools for remainder of the year. All public schools in Arizona will close until the end of the school year. The following is an excerpt from the resolution, the “fourth Whereas” as read by the attorney: *“In consideration of the Tribe’s own recent actions to promote and enforce social distancing and quarantine to stop the spread of COVID 19 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Reservation”), and cognizant of the risks posed to children, families and the elderly by premature resumption of classes, the Council now finds that extending school closure on the Reservation, including Tribally run schools, until the end of the 2019-20 academic school year is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.”*

After considerable discussions, the Tribal Council took the following action:

- Motioned by Alvin Declay seconded by Arnold Beach to approve resolution “Extending Closure of all Schools on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to include BIE, TRS, CBQ, and JFK for the Remainder of the 2019-20 Academic School Year”. The schools will be allowed to provide distance learning opportunities if they are able to provide such services. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.
- C. Burial Request of Non-Tribal Members -
Motioned by Vice Chairman Kasey, seconded by Alvin Declay to approve resolution *“Authorizing Burial of Non-Tribal Members Tianna Hood and Jace Hood-Singleton on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation” as presented. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.*

D. Wood Permits - Nona Tuchawena – Supt. of Fort Apache Agency

After careful and considerable discussion, the council voted whether or not to close wood cutting to tribal members during the time of forest closures due to COVID 19 protective measures.

- Motion by Ralph Thomas second by Renaldo Dazen for closure of wood cutting. Vote 6-5-0. Motion passed.

The Chairwoman directed the attorney to reiterate in the resolution that the closure includes antler hunting and ranchers not allowed to be out on the range.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.