



**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**  
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**(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 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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 JUNE 02, 2020 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* 6/3/2020 *Doreen T. Numkena* 6/3/2020  
 Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman      Date      Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary      Date



# White Mountain Apache Tribe

## Special Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

### TELECONFERENCE

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The teleconference meeting called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Alvena Bush
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush (Everett Massey & Ralph Thomas were not in attendance)  
Attorney: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell  
Others: Carlos Valadez, Elmer Lamson, Warren Goklish

#### II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Authorizing Pursuit of Grant of One-Time, Non-Recurring Funds from BIA for Distributing Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG) Funding Pursuant to the CARES Act  
A.G. Kealoha Douma presented resolution and explained BIA Superintendent had informed her that the tribe does not a proper agreement in place to be eligible for this one-time funding grant through the CARES Act and that the BIA requires a resolution to initiate grant negotiations.
  - Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha, to approve resolution as presented. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion carried.
- B. Approving and Accepting Grant Application for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula Grant Solicitation  
The resolution was presented by Elmer Lamson, Admin. Assistant of the WRPD—  
If \$218,971 is awarded, this one-time funding would be used to the prevention, preparation and responding to COVID 19. When questioned if there is any kind of in-kind contribution requirement from the tribe, Mr. Lamson responded it was a 100 allocation.
  - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay, to approve resolution to accept grant application for the Coronavirus emergency supplemental funding program FY 2020 as presented. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion carried.
- C. EOC Update Report and Recommendations – I.C. Carlos Valadez  
COVID 19 Status Update Report was given by Mr. Valadez for Arizona and WMAT.  
He reported there were 5,459 confirmed cases in Arizona. Mr. Valadez read the report by Counties. WMAT- 224 tests done: 73 Positives; 140 negatives; 11 pending; 2 recovered; 55 resolved. 4 Homes now out of quarantine and show no signs or symptoms.

The Council asked when the patients are cleared of the virus, "are they tested again to make sure there is nothing" there. Mr. Valadez replied they are not retested. Warren Goklish added the reason why IHS is not retesting is there is enough clinical testing that within 14 days if there are no symptoms there are no virus present they are no longer able to transmit the virus and no longer contagious.

- Resolution: Implementing Temporary Restrictions and Extending Closure

Approval of this resolution was tabled after much discussion on the implementation of additional measures and extending the closure for the protection of the public and to help prevent further spread of COVID 19.

The Council was directed by the Chairwoman to send their input and suggestions for any additions or clarifications to this resolution to A.G. Douma and/or to I.C. Carlos Valadez by Thursday. The Council will meet again on Monday, April 27, by teleconference to approve the resolution.

Some of the discussions included:

- Are there any testing by companies in Show Low or Pinetop
- Concerns for the Tribal Elders –Protect them as they are the historians for the tribe
- What are recommendations from the EOC for reopening the tribal government?
- Social distancing and wearing masks will be remain in practice (Warren Goklish)
- All must abide by guidelines to overcome this (encourage tribal members to abide)
- Push I.H.S. to get tests with quick results such as those of the Piute River Tribe
- Alternate Care – for convalescing – mandate people to go to get well, not infect others
- Doctors available to give information on this disease – more medical insight
- Reopening the Casino May 1, would defeat the purpose of the extending closure to May 23
- Paying employees full pay during this closure puts the Tribe as risk
- Reducing pay to 64 hours for some employees during the closure
- Line of Credit app might be held up in court, if not, should receive by April 24
- Tribal members not getting help – sell beads and crafts to get little money to pay bills
- Antler hunting helps to get money for tribal members – buyers here for a short time only
- Need testing machines – can tribal insurance cover that
- Extremely high food prices at the Cibecue Store
- Extend payment of utility and rental agreements for another month
- Weekend shelter in place mandate – fines and processing of fines – P.D. to be involved
- Impose stricter rules/fines for continued church services and Holy Ground Services
- EOC and A.G. to send a cease and desist letter to church leaders in violation of resolution
- Enough warnings given – start citing those violators

Warren Goklish reported they are reaching out to Deron Peaches to see if insurance will cover more testing for Covid 19. The alternate care site has been identified and need to see how that would be run. We have assistance from Johns Hopkins and would like to get that opened. We have the equipment for it. Our recommendation for this meeting was for the Council to extend

the closure to May 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as looking at other factors for quarantined folks. We need to spell out the religious gatherings and no camp meetings and traditional ceremonies. Also would like to stop on-line food sales and wood sales, as that causes the public to meet with each other.

Meeting will reconvene on Monday April 27, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn: 11:43 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary