



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 November 18, 2020 and December 4, 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 November 18, 2020 and December 4, 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 November 18, 2020 and December 4, 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 **DECEMBER 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).

Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

12/9/20

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

12/9/2020

Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe
Special Meeting Minutes
November, 18 2020 – 10:00 A.M.
TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood

B. Prayer was offered by Travis Tessay

C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Tessay Tessay, Jerold Atlaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Alvin Declay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez (Gary Alchesay excused)

Attorneys: Kealoha Douma

Others: Deron Peaches

II. NEW BUSINESS

Sunrise Board Board of Directors

Treasurer Deron Peaches named recommendations for management at Sunrise:

Roger Leslie – Available to meet at 3:00 p.m. today.

Gerald Alsenay- Waiting for call back from Gerald Alsenay.

Erwin Thompson – Waiting for confirmation.

Recommendations for Board of Directors:

- Sheyenne Early Duane District I
- Rea Goklish District II
- Kirk Massey District III
- Verna G. Westover District IV
- Lisa Brownlow (Pinetop- Lakeside) Chairwoman/Vice Chairman
- Arnold Beach Councilmember Liaison (Recommended by Chairwoman)

Each Council Member was given an opportunity to make a recommendation for a representative from their district to serve on the Sunrise Park Resort Board of Directors. After much discussions the following action was taken by the Tribal Council:

- Motioned by Vice -Chairman Kasey, seconded by Jerold Atlaha, to approve the Sunrise Board of Directors and Councilmember Liaison as recommended. Vote: 7-1-2 Motion passed.
 - ✓ Sheyenne Early Duane District I
 - ✓ Rea Goklish District II
 - ✓ Kirk Massey District III
 - ✓ Verna Gatewood Westover District IV
 - ✓ Lisa Brownlow Chairwoman/Vice Chairman
 - ✓ Arnold Beach Councilmember Liaison

Concerns of the Council in the Discussions:

- Interpretation of a resolution prohibiting Council to serve on Boards,
- Should the resolution be rescinded,
- There are Council members currently serving on School Boards,
- Former District III Council served as Liaison on the Sunrise Board,

After the Council had input on these discussions, the meeting was adjourned.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 11:11 a.m.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Emergency Meeting Minutes December 4, 2020 – 11:00 A.M. TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 11:06 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Renaldo Dazen
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Aubrey Aday, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell
Others: Deron Peaches, Derrick Leslie, Eddie Lockett

Other: Financial Assistance for Burial and Funeral Expenses

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve financial assistance for \$1,500 to the family of Kasey Velasquez to assist with burial and funeral expenses of his late mother. Vote: 8-0-1. Motion passed.

A. Approving Hazard Pay for First Responders During All Subsequent Lockdown and Stay-at-Home Orders – Treasurer, Deron Peaches

Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve resolution, Approving Hazard Pay for First Responders During All Subsequent Lockdown and Stay-at-Home Orders to include dispatchers and employees designated as security for their departments. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

A.G. Douma advised this funding is just during the time of the Cares Act funding. December 30, deadline is still in effect. In January this will have to be done this in terms of funding. There were concerns of the Council for check points during the lockdown as people still drive around in spite of the lockdown.

B. Authorizing Hon-Dah Casino to Continue Operations During Tribe's 72-Hour Lockdown – HonDah Management – Brent Kurth, Eddie Lockett

Resolution regarding Hondah to continue operations during the 72-hour lockdown. Eddie Lockett Read the resolution:

Motioned by Renaldo Dazen seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution Authorizing Hon-Dah Resort- Casino to Continue Operations during Tribe's 72-Hour Lockdown as written.

Vote: 8-3-0 Motion passed.

The Chairwoman reported the ECO does not recommend closing the casino. She stated it was not good for business to keep opening and shutting it down. Customers making reservations at the hotel will not come here anymore and we'll will start to lose customer base.

C. Removing Two Members of the Sunrise Park Resort Board – Tribal Council

Resolution was pulled not necessary

A.G. Douma advised it appeared at previous council meeting, it was the intention of the Council to replace the entire Board. The motion did not include the two individuals on the Board.

D. Housing Authority Projects and Hunting Game and Fish – Councilman Travis Tessay

Motioned by Travis Tessay, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to:

- Continue with the Game & Fish hunt
- WMAHA continue with their projects
- Use donations for cleanup of the two homes with water issues.
- Students continue off reservation school attendance in Show Low and Pinetop

Vote: 8-3-0 Motion passed.

Other Discussions included:

- Too many exceptions are being made for the lockdown,
- Pipe repairs have to continue – 15 homes remaining for repair,
- EOC needs to transport inmates out so building can be repaired,
- Other needed repairs such as roofing, windows, and doors, with Cares Act money,
- Stimulus pay with unallocated money,
- EOC doing Care Packages for 4,012 homes

E. Financial Assistance for Dorothy Tyler Family for Burial expenses – Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey

Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Kasey Velasquez to approve a resolution to help the late Dorothy Tyler's family with additional funds in the amount \$1,500 for expenses incurred for funeral and burial expenses. Vote: 9-0-2 Motion passed.

Chairwoman announced Chief Shaw is planning to do check points during the lockdown.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 12:58 PM

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary