



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

**(Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Briefs with Supporting Meeting Minutes)**

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**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 approval of the attached briefs with supporting meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meetings held on April 26, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to approve the briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on April 26, 2022, 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 briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on April 26, 2022, 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 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 MAY 17, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for, ZERO against, and TWO abstentions 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).

Kasey Velasquez  
Kasey Velasquez, Tribal Chairman

5/18/22  
Date

Vaneysa Johnson  
Vaneysa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

5/18/2022  
Date

**WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – ARPA MEETING, TREASURER**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**  
**EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**9: 15 A.M.**

- I. A. CALL TO ORDER 9:15 A.M.
- B. PRAYER – COUNCILMAN KASEY VELASQUEZ
- C. ROLL CALL – 10-0 (COUNCILMAN ADAY – LATE)

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. SEE TREASURER’S AGENDA (DERON PEACHES)

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-90** MOTION: VICE CHAIRMAN/ALTAHA VOTE: 10-0-0- ALLOCATING ARPA FUNDS REIMBURSEMENT TO TRIBAL ELIGIBLE PURCHASES MADE WITH TRIBA FUNDS \$196,000.00.

**RESOLUTIONS 04-2022-91** MOTION: ALTAHA/VICE CHAIRMAN VOTE: 9-0-1 \$50,000.00 OF ARPA FUNDS FOR REVOLVING CREDIT PROGRAM.

Comments on what is going on with the collection? They should look at alternative of getting money back from the people. Attorney General advised that they use to employee George Hess to file complaints. Why did they stop the payroll deduction collections. Advised to put some weight on them for collections.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-92** MOTION: ALTAHA/DAZEN VOTE: 9-0-1 \$3,360,000.00 OF ARPA FUNDS FOR MEDICAL PAYMENTS ALLOCATED.

Councilman Altaha regarding their Annual Camp meeting and that it is not a tribal thing but looking for a well. He would like permission to have the tribe look into it for us. Diagnose to see what we can do and Tribal Council to help us with it. They would like to have our own well.

\*Was informed to contact Lands Operations or Farm.

Councilman Beach advised that Chairwoman applied for Irrigation Brant through USDA for Cibecue 1 ½ year ago. March they were asked to reapply and the grant was approved. We have been waiting for 16 years and the grant showed up for \$55,000.00. Re-apply for construction from White Springs to Cibecue. Good news for Cibecue I am very happy. THANK YOU CHAIRWOMAN AND EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED. WE WILL BE DOING A GRAND OPENING.

Chairwoman informed the Tribal Council that she got a call from Navajo Nation and they wanted her to speak at Indigenous Women Conference. Councilman Altaha, and Councilwoman Bush Yes to go for it.

Councilman Altaha wants the Inauguration Invitation ASAP. Councilman Velasquez advised Elliot is working on it.

Councilman Altaha request for Burial Assistance for Renita Johnson Parrish. Stated that Renita faught hard she had brain cancer, and never recovered.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-93** MOTION: ALTAHA/VICE CHAIRMAN KASEY VOTED 7-0-0; BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARRISH FAMILY FOR \$1,500.00.

Councilman Altaha advises to be precautious of COVID 19. People are still getting sick. Need radio schedule. Doreen’s last day of work on Friday, 4/29/2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-94** MOTION: VICE CHAIRMAN/ALTAHA VOTE 9-0-0 \$135,360.00 OF ARPA FUNDS FOR CAROLLO ENGINEERS.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-95** MOTION: VICE CHAIRMAN/ALTAHA VOTE: 9-0-0 \$233,000.00 OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC).

Vice Chairman concern about Dialysis Center should have their own Well. How much will it cost? East Fork have their own well, own water going through District III. Letter F reconsider and Refer to I.H.S.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-96** MOTION: ALTAHA/VICE CHAIRMAN VOTE: 9-0-0 \$371,250.00 OF ARPA FUNDS FOR PROJECT MANAGERMENTS SERVICES FOR KENEW, LLC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-97** MOTION: ALTAHA/VELASQUEZ VOTE: 9-0-0 GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED FOR BUSINESSES – PHASE I OF PROCESS SUBMITTED 80 FOR \$50,000.00.

Deron we have several applicants they are Zelmore/Yolanda Danford, Marjorie Grimes, Delbert Zahgotah, Jr., V-8 Lady (Fowler). Zelmore and Spouse have separate applications.

Chairwoman advised that since we approved the funding some are waiting for it.

Deron advised he will get to it. Councilman Beach stated that it is us that have been delaying it. They are waiting in line for it.

Councilman Altaha talked to Gerald Dayaye on new face lift restoration for a laundry mat.

**B. CIBECUE TRANSFER STATION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-98** MOTION: VICE CHAIRMAN/ALTAHA VOTE: 10-0-0 CIBECUE TRANSFER STATION \$1.5 MILLION ALLOCATED.

Councilman Tessay/Beach advised that they really need the transfer station in Cibecue. Al Brooks on speaker phone and advised that \$1 million sounds sufficient. Discussion on budget and for 3 employees at \$35,000.00 a year. They are in compliance with EPA.

**C. MICRO DATA FOR DISCHIBIKOH SCHOOL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-99** MOTION: ALTAHA/VICE CHAIRMAN VOTE: 10-0-0 MICRO DATA FOR DISCHIBIKOH SCHOOL \$3 MILLION.

Councilman Tessay advised that the future is to keep power in service. The sole purpose is shelter even for the elders and in case of emergency school will be available. CBQ Commercial Center, EMS, Store, gas station and etc. has to be operating. Example if electricity goes out the store has to give out meat, and etc...

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Reaffirming Non-Confirmable Status and Hires of Certain Tribal Department Leadership Job Positions.** Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood.

Child Find, Education Department; open positions EOC Director, Higher Education Director, and Librarian.

Velasquez stated that he has seen new administration go through changes when Dallas Massey was Chairman, Chairman Reno Johnson, Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Chairwoman Lee-Gatewood it has always been in the works after the Inauguration. Respect the new Tribal Council coming in they have to see what is being said. When I lost 4 years ago years ago left and washed my hands. That was me and never looked back and people has spoken I wasn't

going to fight and no reason to fight. During the campaign of the vote, look at it there are people that deserve that chance. I respect that couple of people told me to get out of the 60's and go into the 20's. Not enough ARPA money left. My job here is economic development. Bring business into the reservation. Hurts when you lose, as you lose you learn and ask yourself where did I go wrong.

Professional and talk to Attorney General because the need for water rights is there. Looking at the funding don't want us to run out of money this year. Don't know where the tribe is at right now. Tribal Council is obligated to the fiduciary responsibility. So many things need to be done. Monthly source! To me Child Find Personnel is written that way. Key people with credentials, I have 2 in mind that I will be presenting.

Come a long ways got to bite my tongue for the record. It will be reconsidered and be brought up against the new tribal council. I will you give a benefit of a doubt.

Chairwoman stated EOC Director's position was advertised since 2021. We did not find one suitable for to run this department. Librarian has been posted. As Chairwoman Personnel is my degree and give everyone ample time to apply. If I put someone in the position myself it doesn't serve the best interest of the Tribe. My decision to open it to everyone and it is call due process. Respect people to apply and can't force people to apply and be appointed given them the opportunity based on merit. Get away from the 60's to 90's people are desperate. My reason to open up to anyone Child Find Director and someone was selected and they declined. Background check and it takes time. Application is open for 10 days. Education Director is filled and final processed that made a selection by a panel and by me. Hondah Casino 150 positions open but due to background check no one wants to apply.

As a new Chairman be careful on how we treat people, and personnel policies and procedures. Be careful how you handle Department of Labor. We are under the microscope with Department of Labor. One of them is worried to be hired after the new administration. I advised them that they were hired on personnel process. Political appointees can't do grievances.

Enterprise Director Edwin Kane Tribal Council hired him through resolution. What I just heard is that these positions are open to be replaced.

Chairwoman – FYI HR Director does not report to me they report to the Treasurer. Councilman Altaha – Sovereignty are written in our Tribal Constitution. Power of government is not vested Article 3 of the Constitution does not separate or divide. Has been used and abused in the wrong way. Lead with integrity not with vendetta. Constitution supports and I put myself under the scriptures. Next Wednesday we are not celebrating ourselves. We are celebrating the Apache People of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Freedom on who we are. Should've been like that from the beginning.

Vice Chairman Jerome – Article 4 Power of the Tribal Council Governing Body together we have the power. Synopsis Article II w/ the duties of the whole body. Tribal Governing Body has 23 powers to make things happen. Right now we are still within this administration next Wednesday hasn't come yet. It is our prerogative due to the Tribal Constitution. Thank you!

Chairwoman – we have the final say. The buck stops here for the records, and done appropriately. Understand that this is how it goes.

B. AUTHORIZING N'DEE BIKEYAH TO ENTER AN EQIP NRCS CONTRACT – PRESENTED BY DALLAS MASSEY:

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-100** MOTION: COUNCILMAN JEROME/COUNCILMAN DECLAY  
VOTE: 6-0-4 AUTHORIZING N'DEE BIKEYAH TO ENTER AN EQIP NRCS CONTRACT

C. APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH DOUMA P.C.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2022-101** MOTION VICE CHAIRMAN JEROME/COUNCILMAN TESSAY  
VOTE: 6-4-0 APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH DOUMA P.C.

COMMENTS: Councilman Tessay advised that Attorney General (A.G.) Douma has been on top of our Water Rights System and worked hand in hand with Robert Brauchli (Bob). The late Bob felt that the Tribe is in good hands with A.G. Douma. He taught her everything. I appreciate that. Bob knew my dad and trusted me. If we bring in someone new the Tribe can afford to bring a new person. 11 of us here we are not her for 1 person. This is for the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. She has the roots of Cibecue, she is from there. Judy DeHose was in Tribal Government and worked with the schools. Great leader's come from Cibecue. Water helps us in order to provide, water is alive, water is powerful, if the tribe continues to grow and alive that knows about our Water Rights it will be beneficial to me, people might get hurt, credentials are there and we need to keep her. Her appointment expires on 5/3/2022. She will take over Bob's responsibilities. We need to move forward for the Tribe. She's doing a good job. Tribe needs a confident Attorney.

COMMENTS: Councilman Beach When you get involved in Water Rights Lupe/Baha-Walker you put yourself where you want to learn. There is a history of how to fight for water. I wanted to learn about Water Rights and went to meetings in Phoenix. We were told our water was only worth \$17 million dollars, and we were shocked. So we got rid of them started putting numbers together. SRP didn't like it, Water Conservation didn't like it. Bob Brauchli fought for this water, and was by himself. 11 Council, State Representatives, he fought 24 7's and he knew what we wanted. Bob got sick and couldn't lobby. He started educating Attorney General Douma. How much does Cromwell, McReynolds, and Begay know? Attorney General does work behind the scenes. She's here. Worked 2 days to put everything together for us and it took 5 minutes to testify in Washington, DC. With the help from Attorney General we got it done. She also has her Law Degree, knowledge of the quantification act, talking about \$330 million we need to continue this and can't give it to anyone else off the street. It will be a giant step backwards. She's very confident and has credentials, experience to litigate for us. She has a lot of knowledge the same with Mike Watson and Ryan Smith. The important people are us Tribal Council, and we all need to learn Water Rights. Three (3) new Tribal Council members will also be educated. Support this resolution it will make this or break this. Only one person retired from this seat and that is Chairman Lupe. Thank you for your time Chairwoman.

Councilman Aubrey Aday – I am a new kid on the block. I never knew or met Bob Brauchli. He is all high and mighty. Want someone like him for our Tribe. No more about where the money comes from. Vote right now.

Vice Chairman Jerome – As Tribal Council members talked about tribal member's who has a Doctorate Degree. Bringing her here is the best move and she's been here. Thought out plan, and our own. She worked hard for her degree. Velasquez son is also in that category. As for me I don't see anyone fit for the position Douma District I, Bob Brauchli, Chairman Lupe worked with them and McCain, Senima and Kelly. Break shoulder with people with people with the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Motion to approve this for a Tribal member to continue this process for the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Also, want to see team build pipes through to Cibecue.

Councilman Declay – You inspire a lot of people. You do a lot for the Tribe. She is related to us she's a tribal member. I support it.

Chairwoman – They have to have AZ Bar Certification if not it's like a cloud. Be careful. Appreciate the opportunity to work with her. She's professional, experience in the past the attorney's didn't respect us. Agreement with the rest has a Doctorate Degree, Arizona Barred. We all have invested interest in the Tribe. I support her A long time coming for a women to become an Attorney.

Councilman Velasquez – I have never said no. I told her that I would come with the process soon, and will get back to her. I know for a fact that she's a tribal member. We are not out of the woods yet. I too know and you have no understanding economy have to have water. My duties are in the same line. I respect who she is and leaving it at that. She has the ability. I will be up front and being behind the game. How and when will I deal with that! She's fit for the job. My response was I will get back to you. In this politics I will need help from you and you will need my help too. I will bring the names of the Attorney General I will recommend. No problem, have her assume the Water Rights.

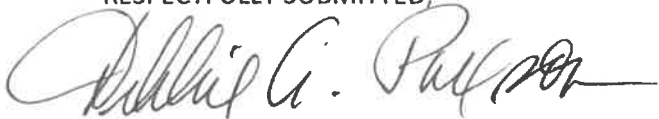
On May 2022 I will bring in a New Attorney General and New Tribal Council. I would have said no but the need is there to move forward. My son is not coming back. I am not stupid I think, I didn't say no. Some day would like to see the change of the Tribal Constitution. Carry on as you are. May 5, 2022 will bring in the Attorney General transition with. Formulate from home.

Councilman Tessay – It's not a last minute thing I was set and ready. We talked about it. Resolution is here and on the same page. Glad you are supporting of this. I am presenting experience and all in Attorney General Douma.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:18 P.M.**

**\*\*\*\*NOTES IN MORE DETAIL ON THE RECORDING.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Debbie A. Paxson, Executive Assistant  
**OFF ICE OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE  
May 1, 2022**