



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Briefs with Supporting 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 approval of the attached briefs with supporting meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meetings held on May 5, 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 May 5, 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 May 5, 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.

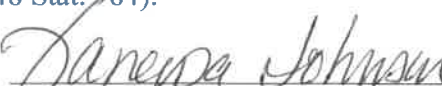
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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, Tribal Chairman

5/18/22
Date


Danyesa Johnson, Tribal Secretary

5/18/2022
Date



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR WMAT TRIBAL COUNCIL

I. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Leader: Kasey Velasquez, WMAT Chairman

Acting Tribal Council Secretary: LeAnn Mallow, WMAT Family History Officer

Assisting Tribal Council Secretary: Michelle Standing, WMAT Lead Legal Secretary

11:15 AM Effective Immediately as Tribal Council Secretary to complete the Meeting:

Vaneya Johnson

Date: May 5th, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hondah Convention Center, Whiteriver Room

I . ATTENDEES.

Quorum **confirmed** with the following ten (11) members in attendance:

- Kasey Velasquez, Chairman;
- Jerome Kasey III, Vice Chairman;
- Arnold Beach Sr., District I Council;
- Travis Tessay Sr. District I Council;
- Jerold Altaha, District II Council;
- Renaldo Dazen, District II Council;
- Aubrey Aday Sr., District III Council;
- Annette Tenijieth, District III Council;
- Gary Alchesay, District IV Council;
- Mariddie Craig, District IV Council;
- KeAloha Douma, Attorney General;

I . ABSENCES.

Vacant – District IV Council

I . CALL TO ORDER.

Distribution of Government Code Binder – Ms. Mallow/ Ms. Standing – 8:50 AM

Meeting Agenda distributed to Tribal Council Members – Ms. Mallow/ Ms. Standing – 8:50 AM

Item A:

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Kasey Velasquez — 9:13 AM

Item B:

Prayer by Invitation – Jerold Altaha, District II Council



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Item C:

Roll Call by – Ms. Mallow – 9:15 AM

- Arnold Beach Sr., District I Council;
- Travis Tessay Sr. District I Council;
- Jerold Altaha, District II Council;
- Renaldo Dazen, District II Council;
- Aubrey Aday Sr., District III Council;
- Annette Tenijeth, District III Council;
- Gary Alchesay, District IV Council;
- Mariddie Craig, District IV Council;
- KeAloha Douma, Attorney General;
- Matthew McReynolds, Assistant Attorney General;
- Jerome Kasey III, Vice Chairman;
- Kasey Velasquez, Chairman;

II. NEW BUSINESS.

Item A: Council Orientation

WMAT Constitution Orientation – A.G. Douma – 9:17 AM

- The WMAT Attorney General covered as written in the Tribes Constitution and the code of ethics with the WMAT Constitution to its new elected council and its re-elected council members. The Articles I- XIII of its sections were covered to understand the importance of its tribal government, operations, finances, membership, governing body, policy and producers, its tribal resolutions and legal matters.
- In conclusion the WMAT Attorney General did a refresher quiz questioners of the Tribal Constitution to the Tribal Council members.

Remarks from the Tribal Council:

- Councilman Beach stated his thanks on behalf of the tribe and the Attorney General has done in her work.
- Vice-Chair Kasey stated his thanks and taking the invitation to take the roll to succeed as the tribes Attorney General.
- In no particular order, all attendees shared input regarding the Attorney General KeAloha success.

Back to Order by Chairman Velasquez, next item.

Item B: Appointing District IV Council Member

Chairman Velasquez stated he was elected Chairman April 3rd and was sworn in May 4th. He stated he had two years left of District IV Council Term.

Chairman Velasquez stated he would like to appoint Verna (Gatewood) Westover as District IV Councilwoman. (Verna, has experienced working with the schools, going to school of the reservation, has an AZ background clearance card and work experience in administration and as a Director. She is a strong woman, a grandma, speaks apache, had a well up bringing by her parents.)



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Councilman Altaha stated the Constitution regarding the vacancy position.

Attorney General Douma advised Chairman Velasquez that he would need to resign his position as District IV Council before appointing a District IV Council Member.

Resignation of Kasey Velasquez, District IV Council

Motion was placed by: Vice Chairman, Kasey

2nd Motion was placed by: District II Council, Dazen

Vote held by 10 Tribal Council Members: Resolution passed 10-0-0

Councilman Altaha stated he has a recommendation for District IV Council. This person has a passion for the people, the community, has a clearance back ground, speaks apache a tribal member. I recommend Joni Shipp.

Councilman Aday stated he would like to recommend Delta Kindelay for District IV Council. She is a resident of District IV.

Vote held by all attendees: Joni Shipp for Nominee District IV Council Member

- Motion was placed by: District II Council, Jerold Altaha
- 2nd Motion was placed by: District I Council, TravisTessay Sr.
- Vote held by 11 Tribal Council Members: Resolution Dead

Vote held by all attendees: Verna (Gatewood) Westover Nominee District IV Council Member

- Motion was placed by: Tribal Chairman, Kasey Velasquez
- 2nd Motion was placed by: District IV Council, Gary Alchesay
- Vote held by 11 Tribal Council Members: Resolution passed 5-4-1

Attorney General Advised Chairman Velasquez any Tribal (XXX) is able to swear in a new Tribal Council member.

Chairman Velasquez had sworn in the New Appointed District IV Council, Verna (Gatewood) Westover.

The New Appointed District IV Council, Verna (Gatewood) Westover joined the Tribal Council meeting.

Back to Order by Chairman Velasquez, next item.

Item D: Appointing Tribal Council Secretary

Chairman Velasquez stated he would to appoint Vaneysa Johnson as Tribal Council Secretary. (Vaneysa is a hard worker, works long hours, speaks apache, she works with the entire tribal council member, she already knows the process of resolutions and works with the legal office. Vaneysa has experience in helping with all matters of the tribal council.)

Councilwoman Craig stated she has a question, in regards to her leaving as Tribal Council Secretary Assistant?



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Councilman Dazen placed a Motioned to go into Executive Session regarding the reasoning.

2nd Motion was placed by: District III Council, Aubrey Aday

NO RECORDING of Minutes in an EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion was placed by: District II Council, Jerold Altaha to get out of Executive Session - 11:09AM

2nd Motion was placed by: District II Council, Renaldo Dazen to get out of Executive Session.

Vote held by 11 Tribal Council Members: passed 11-0-0

Vote held by all attendees: Vaneysa Johnson Appointed as Tribal Council Secretary

- Motion was placed by: Vice-Chairman, Jerome Kasey III
- 2nd Motion was placed by: District II Council, Renaldo Dazen
- Vote held by 11 Tribal Council Members: Resolution passed **unanimously** 10-0-0

The New Appointed Tribal Council Secretary, Vaneysa Johnson joined the Tribal Council meeting and took over the meeting recording its minutes and its agenda – 11:15 AM

Continued minutes by Vaneysa Johnson at 11:15 AM

II. New Business

E. Appointing Tribal Administrator

Victor Velasquez introduced himself to the Tribal Council and presented an Organizational Chart. The Tribal Council looked over the Organizational Chart. Councilman Jerold Altaha said he would like to see the Tribal Treasure up above. Councilman Gary Alchesay also spoke to also include Legal Department. It was stated by the Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey that the Tribal Treasure is part of the Governing body and the Legal Department are in higher standing. He also voiced that he did not want to go through the General Manager to talk with the Tribal Treasure and Legal Department. Anthony Lee, Attorney for Housing Authority stated that he understood their concerns and indicated that they would still continue to communicate with Legal Department. Vice Chairman expressed that once it is approved we have to follow the chain of command. After much discussion, Gertie Lupe addressed the Tribal Council. Councilman Renaldo Dazen spoke requesting a work session and tabled the Organizational chart. Councilman Altaha said he would like to hear the thoughts of the newly elected council. Councilwoman Verna Westover stated that the Tribal Employee Rights Office (TERO) is not listed on the organizational chart and that she agreed that a work session was needed. Councilwoman Mariddie Craig affirmed that there should be a special meeting for the organizational chart and that the Tribal Council needs to work together. Councilwoman Annette Tenijieth said that she did not see KNNB on the Organizational chart and that the Tribal Council should all sit down to discuss this chart. Gurtie Lupe again spoke to the Tribal Council. Tribal Chairman Kasey Velasquez called for lunch, meeting to continue at 2 p.m.



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C. Appointing Attorney General

Chairman Velasquez said he asked Attorney General KeAloha Douma to continue her employment as Attorney General for a few more weeks. He said that as a leader they all need to work together. Chairman Velasquez requested that the resolution that was passed to release Attorney General Douma be amended until May 27, 2022.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Gary Alchesay, to amend resolution to release Attorney General Douma to May 27, 2022. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

Tribal Council discussed that May is National Police Week and Chairman Velasquez moved the Regular Council Meeting to May 17, 2022.

H. New update on 2022 WMAT Fair & Rodeo

Motioned by Renaldo Dazen, seconded by Aubrey Aday to approve to have a Tribal Fair & Rodeo.

Councilman Altaha said that the Tribal Fair Commissioners have not been able to work and that they should be given this year to work on the Fair & Rodeo. Vice Chairman agreed with keeping the Tribal Fair Commissioners as is. Cairo Clay, Fair and Rodeo Manager spoke about the Fair Commissioners saying that they are very active. He indicated that the pandemic was subsiding and hopes that there will be an event this year. He said because of COVID in 2020 they secured donations and sponsorships which was put away in the Fair & Rodeo account. Councilman Aubrey Aday asked if all the contestants from last year had received a refund. Cairo said yes. Gurtie Lupe and Lillian Lupe both spoke about their hardships in rodeo and that their family is a rodeo family. Chairman Velasquez said that there would be someone who will take over the Fair & Rodeo office. So for now he would like to concentrate on the water rights. That ended the discussion on Fair & Rodeo.

No vote was taken on the motion on the floor.

Cheryl Pailzote – Presented three resolutions to the Tribal Council. (Consent Resolutions)

1. Authorizing the Department of Planning to apply for Employment and Training Grants, through the Department of Labor's Indian and Native American Program.
2. Authorizing the Department of Planning to apply for Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grants, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, in the Estimated Amount of Between \$10,000 and \$1,000,000.
3. Authorizing the Department of Planning to apply for Energy and Mineral Development Program Grants, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, in the Estimated Amount of Between \$10,000 and \$2,500,000.

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Renaldo Dazen, to approve all three resolutions listed above. Vote: 11-0-0 Motion passed.

Milford Cosen presented to the Tribal Council and distributed documents. Milford said the documents were a Consulting Agreement with the White Mountain Apache Tribe and AHEC.



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Milford stated that WMATCO had a good working relationship with EDA. He also said that he had turned in the contract for review but it was never done or he never heard about it again. Attorney General Douma said that she has not seen this contract but will review the contract. She asked him to communicate with Michelle Standing and she will assist him with the process.

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey to go into Executive Session 3:16 p.m.

Discussion between the Tribal Council in Executive Session.

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey to come out of executive 3:40 pm.

Tribal Chairman Velasquez said to add Milford Cosen to the work session. Milford was asked to provide his documents to the Attorney General's Office for review. That ended the discussion for Milford Cosen.

Deron Peaches, Tribal Treasure

Deron presented a resolution.

1. Authorize Changes to the Certificate of Indian Tribal Entity and Certificate of Incumbency with Wells Fargo.
 - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey to Change the Certificate of Indian Tribal Entity and Certificate of Incumbency with Wells Fargo. Vote: 11-0-0. Motion passed.

Chairman Velasquez tells Deron that he wants a financial on the Tribe on May 16, 2022, work session.

Motioned by Gary Alchesay, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve burial assistance for the Lupe family and for the family of Councilwoman Mariddie Craig in the amount of \$1,500.00 each family. Vote 11-0-0. Motion passed.

May 16, 2022 – work session at 9 a.m.

May 17, 2022 – Council meeting at 9 a.m.

III. Adjournment

The Chairman called for adjournment at 4:26 p.m.