



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 approval of the attached meeting minutes prepared from the Tribal Council meetings held on May 17, 2022, 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 May 17, 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 17, 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 JUNE 1, 2022 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for, ZERO against, and ZERO 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 6-7-2022 Vaneya Johnson 6/7/2022
Kasey Velasquez, Chairman Date Vaneya Johnson, Tribal Secretary Date



TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

Executive Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M. by Chairman Velasquez
- B. Prayer was offered by Aubrey Aday
- C. Roll Call: Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Vice Chairman – Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Annette Tenijieth, Gary Alchesay, Verna Westover. Excused: Mariddie Craig. Attorney's: KeAloha Douma, Kim Cromwell
- D. Approval of Minutes:
 - April 26, 2022 minutes Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Travis Tessay as written. Vote: 7-0-2. Motion passed.
 - May 5, 2022 minutes Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Travis Tessay as written. Vote: 7-0-2. Motion passed.
 - May 16, 2022 minutes Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Travis Tessay as written. Vote: 7-0-2. Motion passed.

II. REPORTS

A. Attorneys Report

- Enact Ordinance 310 – Criminal Code
The Ordinance was posted for ten days in public places in Districts I, II, III, IV for public review and comments. The Council Secretary reported no comments were received.
Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve resolution, Enacting Ordinance No. 310, Amending the Criminal Code of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.
- ICWA Litigation, Attorney General Douma read the resolution Authorizing the Tribe to Join the Native American Rights Fund Amicus Brief in the US Supreme Court Case *Brackeen v. Haaland*.
Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve resolution.
Vote: 9-0-0. Motion passed.
- Other Legal Matters, Washington D.C. Trip – Informational Update
Attorney General Douma reported that last week Chairman Velasquez did testified before Congress the House of Natural Resource Committee in Washington D.C. Lobbying efforts by the Chairman and Vice Chairman on the Tribes behalf for the Amendment, this Amendment is introduced on the House side by Congressman O'Halleran, on the Senate side Senator Kelly and Co-Sponsored by Senator Sinema. She also said that the Tribe is really grateful for the support of our Arizona Delegates. Also support from Bureau of Reclamation and Indian Water Rights office in Washington DC.



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- B. Monthly Head Start Report
Written Report – Leola Larzelere, Head Start Director
A written report was submitted.
- C. Report – Update from WMATCO
Gary Moore updated the Council on WMATCO Operations and Strategies. He indicated WMATCO currently has 167 fulltime employees at the mill and an additional 25 employees working for the logging contractors.
- Mill Operations: Mr. Moore said currently strong markets are proving good income for the mill. In recent weeks they have seen a dip in dimension lumber prices but are optimistic that markets will remain above the pre-covid levels through the rest of the year due to extremely high demand from housing construction. Mr. Moore mentioned that the mill operated throughout the winter for the second consecutive year. Winter logging is more expensive and challenging but it allows them to keep the employees working. He said they have many areas of the mill that still need upgrades and the board has continued to work to find ways to accomplish these upgrades. The board has identified \$30 Million in capital improvement projects that need to be completed to bring the operation up to modern standards. He also added that the \$3 Million EDA Grant is moving forward and the new planer mill is scheduled to start-up in mid-July.
 - Strategies: Gary Moore said that \$1.5 Million upgrades to the small log mill are scheduled for late September and are expected to be completed by year end. An application has been submitted to the EDA for \$10 Million Grant to rebuild the back end of the small log mill and have received initial feedback that this grant is moving forward. They have several different engineering reviews underway including solar powered dry kilns and a wood pellet production operation. Mr. Moore said that the WMATCO board of directors is currently reviewing an opportunity to build a pulp and packaging manufacturing facility on the WMATCO site. They are at the early stages but there is potential for 70 new fulltime manufacturing jobs with additional opportunities for jobs to be created around farming operations.
 - Gary Moore also presented a resolution for approval. Appointing Floyd Goklish to the White Mountain Apache Timber Company LLC, Board of Directors. Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded Gary Alchesay. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINES



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- IV. NEW BUSINESS – Consent Agenda (items A, B, C, D, E)
- A. Authorizing the Arizona Department of Health Services to Utilize Data Regarding Hantavirus on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Requested by CDC/CSTE, Gavriella Hecht.
- B. Approving the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation’s Proposed Budget for 2022 and Preliminary Proposed Budget for 2023. Requested by Fort Apache Heritage, Krista Beazley.
- C. Approving the Division of Transportation’s Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program. Requested by DOT, Cassie Kenton-Garcia.
- D. Authorizing limited Waiver of the Tribe’s Sovereign Immunity to Consent to Arbitration Pursuant to A.R.S 12-1518 for the ADOT Airport Overlay and Pavement Markings Grant. Requested by DOT, Cassie Kenton-Garcia.
- E. Designating Chairman Velasquez as the Tribe’s Primary Principle Official with the National Congress of American Indians. Requested by Attorney General KeAloha Douma.

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey.

Vote: 9-0-1. Motion passed for all consent agenda (A through E).

- ~~F. Authorizing the Division of Health Programs to Regulate Outpatient Behavioral Health Service Contracts on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Requested by Division of Health Director, Jessica Rudolfo~~

~~Not presented. No representative from Division of Health was in attendance. Chairman Velasquez requested a Special Council Meeting for May 23, 2022 for Division of Health.~~

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- G. Tribal Enrollment Applications/Relinquishments
Chairman Velasquez indicated that Tribal Council will go into Executive Session at 10:26 A.M. No Motion, Seconded or Votes for Executive Session.
Motion by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Arnold Beach to come out of executive session.
- Tribal Enrollment Applications (19)
Granting Tribal Membership to 19 Applicants
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.



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- Relinquishments (1)
Granting Tribal Relinquishment Request of Theresa Eliza Sanchez
Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha
Vote: 7-1-2. Motion passed.