



# **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 June 8, 2016 and June 19, 2016, 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 June 8, 2016 and June 19, 2016, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

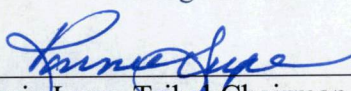
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the briefs with supporting meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on June 8, 2016 and June 19, 2016, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

**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.

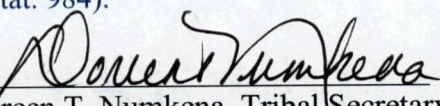
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution 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 July 13, 2016 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN 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).

  
Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

11/22/16  
Date

  
Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

11-22-2016  
Date





# White Mountain Apache Tribe

June 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Executive Conference Room

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:05 P.M by Vice Chairman Velasquez
- B. Prayer: Prayer offered by Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Vice Chairman Velasquez, Tony Alsenay, Arnold Beach, Colleen Faden, Jerold Altaha, Ralph Thomas, Floyd Walker, Alvena Bush, Jerome Kasey, Everett Massey (*Chairman Lupe was excused*)
- D. Approval of Minutes: Arnold Beach asked for clarification on his attendance to the AIGA meetings being suspended as he is a member at-large of the National Gaming Commission and that he would not have the information needed to be on that that Commission. Council consensus was to allow Arnold Beach to attend the AIGA meetings on his own or to submit travel through TR100's.
  - Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016 with amendment to allow Arnold Beach to attend AIGA meetings through TR100's. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.
  - Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016, February 4, 2106, and April 7, 2016 as written. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.

## II. REPORTS

- A. Attorneys Report: Attorney Jim Palmer presented the Resolution: Renewal of Lobbying Agreement with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Per resolution, Water Rights Attorney Bob Brauchli recommends the Agreement be renewed for lobbying services of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck for the Tribe's Water Rights Act.
  - Motioned by Vice Chairman Velasquez, seconded by Jerome Kasey. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.
  - Meteor Studies: Jim Palmer reported that the press is calling him for Tribe's permission to do studies on the Meteor which landed in the vicinity west of Cibecue. Jerold Altaha will provide Council with Johnson Space Center's trace of the meteorite.  
Jim Palmer will notify ASU to work out an MOU with Council for the University to come up here to do studies. Meteorite fragments will be gathered and put on display with permission from the tribe. The Tribal Council approved this request by consensus.
- B. Request for Political Endorsement US Senator for Ann Kirkpatrick – Ron Lee, Kirkpatrick's Assistant  
There was no representation from Ann Kirpatrick's Office.
- C. Head Start Monthly Report: Director Leola Larzelere  
Director Leola Larzelere on travel – Mona Ethelbah reported.
  - Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Alvena Bush to approve resolution: Approval of the Extended Duration of Services Fund Application for the Required 40 Percent of the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program Enrollment. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.



- Resolution: Approval for the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) 1.8 Percent Funding Application - TABLED

There was concern how this increase would affect the payroll and 001 Account.

Vice Chairman Velasquez requested from the Head Start to table this item to ascertain its affect on the Tribe's 001 Account keeping in mind June 15 is deadline for the supplemental application.

D. Resolution Copper Project Overview, Status Update – Tara Kitcheyan

Introductions: Ms. Kitcheyan introduced group that were in attendance from Resolution.

Michael Tom - 8 years with Resolution and Ms. Kitcheyan presented a thorough report and update on Resolution Copper Mine. There is a need to access the Oak Flat area and plans have been put in place so that area can be accessed. The artifacts found in the area are prehistoric and belong to the Pima.

Resolution Copper would like to partnership with WMAT and are ready for discussions with the tribe and to invest in the tribe. They would like to continue building a relationship with the tribe and move forward in a positive way.

There were discussions amongst the Tribal Council about rescinding a resolution prohibiting acceptance of donations from Resolution and that perhaps that resolution was passed prematurely. There were discussions on Oak Flat and the San Carlos Tribe and how that area is not directly affected by the mining. There is support for San Carlos Apache Tribe and their efforts and also for Copper Resolution that are helping the native tribes. There was concern that any action on this matter should not be done in the absence of Chairman Lupe.

- Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Jerome Kasey to rescind Resolution 08-15-164 which was passed on 8/5/2015 prohibiting Tribal Departments from soliciting donations from Resolution Copper Mine. Vote: 4-5-1. Motion failed.  
(Jerold Altaha stated for the record, he opposed because it is too sudden.)

Amendment to Resolution:

- Motioned by Jerome Kasey seconded by Colleen Faden, to make an amendment to Resolution for Arnold Beach to travel under TR100 for AIGA travel. Vote: 8-0-2. Motion carried.

III. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. WMAT Recognition and Acknowledgment of Rodeo Association – Victor Walker

Mr. Walker introduced seven members of the association that were present at the meeting.

He reported there are 19 members with association of which 12 are WMAT members. The official name of the association is N'dee Rodeo Cowboy Association. They have all the required paperwork in order with IRS, 1023's, and will apply for 501C3 after they get approved by the Council.

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Velasquez, seconded by Jerold Altaha to acknowledgement and recognize, N'dee Rodeo Cowboy Association. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion carried.
  - Mr. Victor Walker further requested from the Council to use the Tribal Flag to be carried at the rodeo events, parades, etc. *Consensus of the Council was to give approval to the association to use tribal flag for such events.*



Information:

Elmer Lamson: Thanked everyone for helping to keep kids safe on the reservation. He met with parents in Cibecue about teen social issues, STD's, Child Sexual Abuse, Teenage pregnancies, etc. He received donations from different agencies, Pepsi, Navajo County, a free Cell phone, Diamond Back Game tickets, etc. These items were raffled and used as incentives for parents to come to the meetings. School supplies gift bags were also donated to the tribe that will be given out to the schools.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hon Dah Commercial Site / Forestdale Livestock Assoc. FD Association Members: Mervin Skidmore, Jennifer Skidmore

Mr. Skidmore approached the council regarding the land site recommended to be held in reserve for future commercial site by the Hon Dah Smoke Shop. He reported Forestdale Association Acreage is 82,590 acres. There are 42 members in the association and 800 cattle.

Mr. Skidmore also stated the association members are not in agreement with this commercial site plan. The association members have children and they are thinking of their future. He also stated the ranch work provides employment for the cowboys--their only source of income.

Arnold Beach spoke of land that was put aside for development years before in that area, but after feasibility studies were done, that no one wanted to come here. He stated he stands with Forestdale. Jerome Kasey stated Ms. Roberts will put together a plan and present to the council on why she wants that land.

No decision was made on this matter.

Other:

Financial Assistance to Family of Grant Lee (Deceased)

Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Alvena Bush to assist the Grant Lee Family with \$1,500 for wake and related expenses. His daughter, Phoebe Nez is a former Council Member.

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried.

Withdrawal from Secretarial Election 2016

- After discussing and careful consideration, regarding the Secretarial Election to lower the Blood Quantum to 1/8 for tribal enrollment, the Tribal Council took the following action.  
Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Alvena Bush to cancel the Secretarial Election scheduled for July 20, 2016. Vote: 8-1-0. Motion carried.

Other:

Arnold Beach brought to Council's attention that Lonnie Thompson was wrongfully terminated. He was promoted by Al Brooks and went to finance department and was terminated.

Vice Chairman Velasquez received information that he was never an employee officially. His position wasn't budgeted and was paid by voucher for services rendered. His recommendation was that Pauline George in H.R. needed to get involved in this matter.

B. Approval of Tribal Enrollment / Relinquishment(s) -- Vital Records -- Doreen Numkena

Enrollment: Motioned by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Arnold Beach to approve 30 applicants for Tribal Enrollment as presented. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried.

Relinquishments:

Motion by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Alvena Bush to relinquish tribal membership for Lindsay Liz Altaha at her own request. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried.



Motion by Jerome Kasey, seconded by Arnold Beach to approve request to relinquish tribal membership for Daphne Skidmore . Vote: 9-0-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary





## White Mountain Apache Tribe

### June 19, 2016 – Incident Command Post – Show Low, AZ Emergency Meeting Minutes

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m. by Vice Chairman Velasquez
- B. Prayer: Prayer was offered by Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Present were; Vice Chairman Kasey Velasquez, Tony Alsenay, Jerold Altaha, Colleen Faden, Alvena Bush, Jerome Kasey, (*Absent: Chairman Ronnie Lupe, Arnold Beach, Ralph Thomas, Floyd Walker, Everett Massey*)  
*Others: Carlos Valadez, Fire Officials: Steve, John Pierce-IC, Greg Dougherty*

*The Vice Chairman called for an emergency meeting for a request by Chief Webster to approve an MOU for outside law enforcement agencies to provide assistance to the WMAT Police Department during the Cedar Creek Fire.*

#### II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Arizona Mutual Aid Compact (AZMAC) and MOU with Navajo, and Apache Counties, BIA, DPS, for additional Law Enforcement Support Resources for the emergency management of the Cedar Creek Fire for a period of thirty days, June 19 to July 19, 2016, including potential evacuations of communities.  
Motioned by Jerold Alsenay, seconded by Tony Alsenay to approve the above recommendation for a period of 30 days. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried.  
Note: The Chairman was consulted by Gwendena L. Gatewood via phone call, regarding the IGA with Navajo County and neighboring communities. He concurred, as long as they followed the rules and regulations as set forth.)
- B. Approval of Executive Order by the Chairman of the WMAT  
Motioned by Vice Chairman Velasquez, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve by resolution the release of an Executive Order by the Chairman of the WMAT to name official spokespersons for the Cedar Creek Fire to include Gwendena Lee Gatewood, Jerome Kasey and Candy Lupe and further, to prohibit all persons including BIA officials, Tribal Officials, County Officials, City Officials, Tribal members, hikers, from entering in to the Cedar Creek Fire area for any reason the safety of all.
- C. Financial Assistance for Family of Former Councilman Romeo Dazen  
Motioned by Vice Chairman Velasquez, seconded by Jerome Kasey to approve financial assistance in the amount of \$1,500 to the family of Romeo Dazen in the death of his father, Lemuel Dazen. Vote: 6-0-0.

Other Discussions: The fire officials explained fire activity that occurred over night of winds that shifted the direction of the fire to the south towards the community of Cedar Creek. This caused an additional 200 acres to burn overnight. A 3-mile trigger line has been set for pre-evacuation notice for Cedar Creek, but not yet in effect. The electrical power to Cibecue/Cedar Creek may be shut off due to the fire burning along Highway 60. There were concerns about keeping the public away from the burn site for their own safety and for the safety of all.

#### III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Recorder: Council Secretary, Doreen T. Numkena