



# 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 February 6, 2019; 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 February 6, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

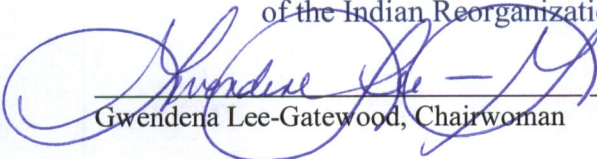
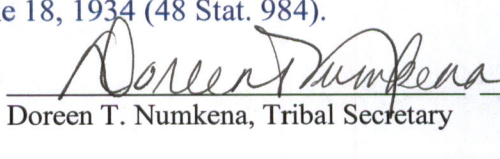
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on February 6, 2019, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

**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 MARCH 6, 2019 duly adopted by a vote of NINE for and ZERO against with ONE 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).

	<u>4.3.19</u>		<u>4-4-19</u>
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman	Date	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary	Date



# White Mountain Apache Tribe

February 6, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Executive Conference Room

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 10:15 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, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Alvin Declay, Ralph Thomas, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Everett Massey (Excused: Renaldo Dazen)  
Attorneys: Kim Cromwell, Kealoha Douma (late arrival)
- D. Approval of Minutes:
  - Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Alvin Declay to approve minutes of Jan. 3, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion passed.
  - Motioned by Jerold Atlaha, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, as presented. Vote: 9-0-0 Motion passed.

## II. REPORTS

### A. Attorney's Report – Kim Cromwell

Kimberly Cromwell reported the Reality Department went on a training in December and they scored high on a test and placed them second on the program for Realty in Indian Country. The Chairwoman reported Cheryl Ethelbah came in a close second for the Realty of the Year Award. It's nationwide for all of Indian Country. The WMAT placed 14<sup>th</sup> in Division in the U.S. and in the top 20. The award will be given on Monday, February 20 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Chairwoman was invited to accept the award on behalf of the tribe. It was reported that Karina Cosay, also received an award for her work with Cheryl Ethelbah.

### B. Monthly Finance Report – Deron Peaches, Treasurer

The Report was done in Executive Session.

### C. Monthly Headstart Report – Leola Larzelere, Head Start Director

A written report was submitted in the meeting packets. The Director was not in attendance.

### D. Federal Impact Aid Report" – Brad Pico BRUD Staff Member

Derrick Leslie announced that Brad Pico was not able to come to meeting due to weather conditions and asked to Table this item until the March meeting. The chairwoman asked for a written report. Information was given to the Council previously and if they had any questions to forward them to Derrick Leslie.

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorizing a Reserve Fund for WMATCO - Attorney, George Hesse

This item was tabled after much discussion and deliberation regarding the line of credit request for WMATCO. Attorney George Hesse presented a thorough presentation of the request and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Hesse explained "This proposal is to establish a line of credit that would be a revolving fund and WMATCO would be able to withdraw from it based on the inventories in the yard and would pay it back when revenues are received from the sales." The request is to establish a \$2 million fund line of credit. The council had concerns about the expenditure of the funds and what it would be used for. The attorney suggested the guarantee would be some kind of restriction on how the funds are released and what they are used for. There will further discussions on this matter at the Special Meeting of February 13, 2019 4:00 P.M. at Hon Dah.

A Council Member asked about a contract with WMATCO. Attorney KeAloha Douma informed the council the contracts are on a CD and would forward copies of that to the Council so it could be accessible to them.

B. Appointment of Apache Enterprise General Manager, Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood

The Chairwoman explained this position was advertised in October 2018 and only two people applied. The selected applicant is a tribal member and knows tribal business and has been networking with other tribes as a consultant. The other applicant had no accounting experience. REDW helped to devise the job description.

- Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Ralph Thomas to reaffirm the personnel selection for Tribal Member, Edwin Kane as Apache Enterprise General Manager not as an appointment but as a normal hiring process. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

C. Sunrise Dances – T.C. Secretary Doreen T. Numkena

This item was tabled for further discussions and review. Brenda Begay of EPO brought some concerns of the Emergency Management Team:

- Trash Pickup at undesignated locations
- Overall Safety Issues
- Wildfire Concerns – Tribal Forestry
- Water Resources Restoration Project
- Dance Location Limitations (Restricting certain areas) i.e., Hawley Lake (CDC)

*The Chairwoman requested that Brenda Begay provide a list of recommended areas for dance locations to the Council Secretary for the March meeting.*

D. Approving Tribal Permanent Land Restoration Scholarship Recipients for the Academic Spring Semester 2019- Ida Rose Cosay

- Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve scholarship recipient, Kaniva Sandoval, for the Spring Semester of 2019 as presented by resolution. Vote: 9-0-1 Motion passed.

E. Tribal Courts – Judge Hastings

Resolution: Approval of Authority to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice 2019 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation – Chief Judge Georgina Hastings

Requesting approval of resolution and to add ABHS to the authorized list of departments to apply for funds available through the US Department of Justice on the “Be it resolved” portion of the resolution.

- Motioned by Jerome, seconded by Arnold Beach to approve the addition of ABHS to the list on the resolution. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

F. Authorizing Collection of Land Management Practice Data in Relation to his Research in Sustainability Practices -- Francois Michel Le Tourneau

Brenda Begay advised the Council that Mr. Le Tourneau did not meet with TPPR as he was advised to do. The committee had some questions they wanted to discuss with him.

Mr. Le Tourneau explained his handout information to the Council. He would be “conducting research on land use and land management in the context of Native peoples and tribes aimed at producing new knowledge about sustainable land use management in the world.” The Council expressed concerns and its obligations to the tribe to protect its sovereignty and natural resources. It was questioned how this study would benefit the tribe. The council was split in its support of the research. After careful consideration the Council took the following action:

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to deny approval of the resolution, Authorizing Francois-Michel Le Tourneau, a Researcher Affiliate with the UoA as a Visiting Scholar, to Collect Tribal Land Management Practice Data in Relation to his Research in Sustainability Practices. Vote: 4-4-2 -- Dead Issue

Derrick Leslie spoke in support of the research after the vote and said there needs to be a process. “We need an IRB for this.” The Chairwoman asked him to spearhead this and to work with Councilman Jerold Altaha and the Health Director.

(B) Monthly Finance Report – Tribal Treasure, Deron Peaches

Executive Session: Motioned by Gary and seconded by Ralph for executive session: 11:50  
The Treasurer presented the Financial Report in Executive Session.

G. Approval of Enrollment / Relinquishments – Phoebe Nez, Vital Records

Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Arnold Beach to come out of executive session – 12:45 P.M.

Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Everett Massey to approve 45 enrollment applications as presented. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

There were no relinquishments.

Request for Non-Tribal Member Burial in McNary Cemetery

The Skidmore Family asked for burial of Peter Barreras in the McNary Cemetery.

- Motioned by Alvin DeClay, seconded by Ralph Thomas to approve burial of non-member Peter Barreras in the McNary Cemetery. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

Resolution Approval: A.G. Kealoha Douma

Verification for ARB to enter into a contract .

Approving Master Services Agreement with S&A Carbon, LLC for Carbon Credits Verification Services.

- Motioned by Jerome, seconded by Tessay to approve resolution as presented. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.

(A) Attorney's Report – A.G. Kealoha Douma

Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Travis to go into executive session: 12:57

- Carbon credits project – EKO
- Gaming
- TUA Personnel Matter

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary