



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 March 27, 2020; 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 March 27, 2020, 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 March 27, 2020, 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 APRIL 8, 2020 duly adopted by a vote of ELEVEN for and ZERO against with ZERO 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).


Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

4/9/2020
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

4/09/2020
Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The teleconference meeting called to order at 9:07 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Arnold Beach
- 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 (Renaldo Dazen – excused)
Attorney: KeAloha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell
Others: Attorney George Hesse, Nona Tuchawena-BIA Supt.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Postponing Religious Gatherings on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation – A.G. KeAloha Douma

A.G. Douma presented resolution, which was requested by the Council, for postponing of religious gatherings to be effective immediately. She explained the purpose of the recommendation was due to the rapid spread of COVID 19 and that the most effective way for containment and mitigation was by social distancing.

Council asked for amendments to the draft resolution as follows:

- To add consequences of fines up to \$1,000 if gatherings continue
- Tribal member privileges will be taken away for continued violations
- To edit out on last Whereas, the words “gathering of ten or more people”

Motioned by Alvin Declay, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution with amendments, Postponing Religious Gatherings on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation Effective Immediately.

Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

Other: Information on Telemedicine – A.G. KeAloha Douma

The attorney presented some information on telemedicine. Tribal members who have tribal insurance can opt for telemedicine. The telemedicine option is also available for employees not enrolled in tribal insurance, but there would be a fee and the employee would have to pay for the medicine on their own. The attorney wanted to make the Council aware this option is available. The Council wanted more information on this and to have a teleconference with Jack Bender to get more details and information on the matter.

Request to set up Line of Credit Informational Report – Deron Peaches

The Treasurer advised he had talked to the banks. COVID 19 affecting the world. He explained the prior line of credit that had been set up. It has been converted down 4.8 million. 6.4 million is available. Deron asked for direction from the Council. He asked if the council wants more detailed information or

to stop with the line of credit. Treasurer stated he would like to get more information and get it to the council and make it more official. The Council spoke in agreement and asked that he get more information. The Chairwoman would like for Deron to reevaluate, get more information and bring back to the Council and will be ready when Council meets with Jack Bender.

The Chairwoman asked that these two items be combined for discussion at the next conference call.

Update on Court Trial System – KeAloha Douma

The Attorney gave a brief update that Chief Judge wants to suspend speedy trials. It was stated that the Judge can grant a continuance for trials but cannot suspend. The attorneys will work with the Judge so not to violate any laws.

Wakes

It was asked by Council what the official decision is on wakes? There were lengthy, careful discussions amongst the Council regarding wakes in light of the fact that the Council passed Resolution 03-2020-67 prohibiting congregations greater than 10 . . . promoting social distancing and quarantine to mitigate the spread of the contagion. A concern was brought up that persons dying of COVID 19 outside the exterior boundaries of the FAIR, that they be interred at the place at which they passed away. Each Council member was given an opportunity to speak to this subject and most was in agreement that the deceased be brought home for proper burial. After all the discussions and careful considerations, the Council took a vote on the following:

- Motioned by Travis Tessay, seconded by Jerold Altaha to temporarily prohibit wakes and to hold graveside services with a restriction of only ten or less people attending the graveside viewing and services to be effective immediately and to have the services completed within an hour. Families are to be responsible for cost of transporting of body back to reservation.
Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed.

Vi. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary