



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 May 8, 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 May 8, 2020, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary.

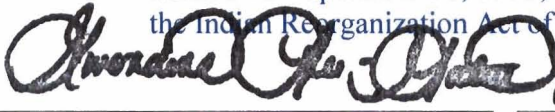
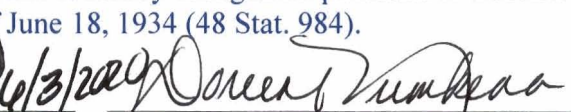
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the meeting minutes from the Tribal Council meetings held on May 8, 2020, as prepared and presented by the Tribal Council Secretary

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 JUNE 02, 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	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
Date	Date
	6/3/2020



White Mountain Apache Tribe

REGULAR Council Meeting

May 8, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE

- I. Call to Order (May 8, 2020)
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
 - B. Prayer was offered by Councilman Alvin DeClay
 - C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin DeClay, Aubrey Aday, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez. (quorum)
Attorney KeAloha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell
 - D. Approval of Minutes (No minutes was provided)
 - E. Orientation for New Council Members

Attorney General presented the Constitution for the newly elected Tribal Council Members. She congratulated the new members and re-elected Tribal Council Members.

Here are some of high points that were presented in PowerPoint:

What is the Constitution?

- ❖ A constitution is a legal document that identifies the powers and authorities of a government
- ❖ It represents the consensus of its citizens on how their government is established and organized
- WMAT Constitution
 - ❖ Adopted on August 26, 1938
 - ❖ Approved under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934
 - ❖ Today's Constitution was adopted on September 30, 1993 after a Secretarial election
- The Constitution – Preamble
 - Article I – Territory & Jurisdiction (section 1 & 2)
 - Article II – Membership (section 1 a & b)
- Article III – Governing Body (section 1)
- Article IV – Powers of the Council (section 1 a through u)
- Article V – Rights of Members
- Article VII – Removal from Office (section 1 & 2)
- Article X – Amendments (section 1 & 2)
- Article XI – Duties of Offices
 - ❖ Section 1 – Chairman of the Council
 - ❖ Section 2 – Vice Chairman
 - ❖ Section 3 – Secretary
 - ❖ Section 4 – Treasurer
- Article XIII – Meetings of the Council (section 1 through 8)
- Basic Information on Tribal Operations
 - Council Business
 - Walk – Through Resolutions
- Office of the Attorney General

II. Reports

- A. Attorney General's Report - Written report was placed in packet for the Tribal Council's review
1. Resolution – Rescinding Resolution No. 02-2020-045 “Approving a Benefit-Credit Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power System for the Tribe's CRSP Allocation

Attorney General informed the Tribal Council that the tribe already canceled with Ak-Chin and they continually asked the tribe for payment and so the tribe does not benefit. Change in management they are looking for opportunity to reduce cost. It comes with them wanting time and again. Other options and pays more to the Tribe and we would like to be compensated for the Tribe. We have had conference meetings and interacting with other organizations.

Motion by Councilman Travis Tessay
Second by Councilman Alvin DeClay
Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

2. Resolution - Approving a Benefit-Credit Agreement with Utah Municipal Power Agency for the Tribe's CRSP Allocation

Motion by Councilman Jerold Altaha with changes made to the last “be it further resolved”
Second by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III
Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

3. Gaming Update
Attorney General – Gaming update/ Gaming Compact negotiations is at a standstill. However yesterday the team had a conference call and reopening efforts for gaming tribes are being negotiated. All gaming is closed right now. The governor's office is not moving forward with this just yet so we want to get back into this without delay. Some of the tribes listed were not in agreement when they will open their organizations. Yesterday creaser is working on this as well and they are working on their guidelines and our casino is working on how things will operate. They are continuing to do the cleaning. I believe Hurrahs Ak-Chin is planning to open on the 15th. A number of tribes are still evaluating when they will be opening. This is the gaming update.

- B. Deron Peaches presented Resolution – Allocating Resources, Including CARES Act Funds to Provide Direct Relief to Tribal Members

Motion by Councilman Jerold Altaha to Table this issue
Second by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III
There was a discussion on this topic and with no decision it was tabled.

Break for Lunch 12:06 PM Meeting to resume at 1:30 PM

Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood called meeting back to order at 1:32 PM (quorum)

Present (Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice-Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Alvin Declay, Aubrey Aday, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez. (quorum) Attorney KeAloha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell)

III. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA: FOR A, B AND C

- A. Resolution – Authorizing the White Mountain Housing Authority to Apply for a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ICDEG-CARES Grant on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe
- B. Resolution – Authorizing the White Mountain Housing Authority to Apply for a 2020 Housing Preservation Grant from the US Department of Agriculture
- C. Resolution – Authorizing the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program to Apply for the 2020 Cost-of-Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Grants

Everyone was encouraged to get all the money they need to get.

Motion by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III

Second by Councilman Renaldo Dazen

Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

- D. Approving Hon-Dah Casino-Conference Center's Plans to reopen the RV Park and Hotel on May 15, 2020. This resolution was put on HOLD due to the other issue being tabled.
- E. Resolution – Presented by Gary Moore / Authorizing Terms for WMATCO's Loan from Wells Fargo Bank Under the Paycheck Protection Act

Motion by Councilman Kasey Velasquez

Second by Councilman Renaldo Dazen

Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

- F. Resolution – Presented by Logan Lawson / Approving Inter-Governmental Non-Funded Challenge Cost Share Agreement between the Tribe and the Coronado National Forest, United States Forest Services

Mr. Logan Lawson stated to the Tribal Council that this is an agreement proposed with Coronado and we have agreements with other parks and in the future if they decide to do work out there this will be in place.

Motion by Councilman Kasey Velasquez

Second by Jerold Altaha

Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

G. EOC/John Hopkins Report

Objectives of this data report by John Hopkins and a combined effort with Indian Health Services data results goes back to April 1st.

- Understanding the current burden of COVID-19 infections and current testing patterns
- Monitor trends in COVID-19 infections and deaths over time
- Provide information to help inform the Tribe's considerations about when and how to loosen restrictions

There was a discussion on the data retrieved. And the Tribal Council had concerns on who the representatives are for the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

CEO for Whiteriver Indian Health Service – Michelle Martinez
Area Director Western Region – Ty Reidhead
Clinical Director – Dr. McCauley

The Tribal Council questioned how many ventilators, hospital beds, isolation rooms are there, here in Whiteriver?

Michelle Martinez responded 5 ventilators, 40 Beds, 2 isolation rooms. 11 beds are taken right now. Martinez indicated that IHS is working with Summit Healthcare Center for beds. But right now they fly out patients to Phoenix valley hospitals, to lower elevation to help with the breathing.

Dr. McCauley we have staff going to people and checking on them and phone calls daily. Checking them to see how they are doing especially with elders. We have moved people as needed to help them to the hospital mainly flying them out. We don't want to slow down the testing and will not retest. Because they are starting to realize that some people are not going to transport the virus but the virus will be in their DNA. Equipment for testing should be here within 2 to 4 weeks. We are competing with others in the state of Arizona. Treatment is my biggest concern.

Chairwoman stressed to the public that these are the experts from IHS and they had reported to us about this virus COVID-19 and this is real, this is why we continue to say no.

H. Resolution – Presented by Carlos Valadez Enacting Additional Temporary Regulations in Response to COVID-19 and Amending Certain Previous Regulations

Council asked if the cattle were included in this resolution and Carlos says yes it is included. Tribal Council had indicated that opening up in phases is the way of doing this. We are almost to the top we are still not done yet. I like the plan that Game and Fish presented. That's not too hard to do. I get really restless I have to get out and run around but overall the health of the tribe is what we worry about. I can keep inside for another 2 weeks. Cattle they can survive on their own. We can wait for two weeks until that is opened. We are not ready to open.

Motion by Councilman Jerold Altaha to implement the gating for the next two weeks by following the restrictions until May 23rd

Second by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey III
Vote 9 for 1 against 1 abstention

I. Resolution – Presented by Deron Peaches Donation Account for the COVID-19 to be Opened with Wells Fargo

Motion by Councilman Jerold Altaha
Second by Renaldo Dazen
Vote 11 for 0 against 0 abstentions

Meeting adjourned 6:21 PM