



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 September 24, 2020, October 1, 2020, and October 2, 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 September 24, 2020, October 1, 2020 and October 2, 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 September 24, 2020, October 1, 2020 and October 2, 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.

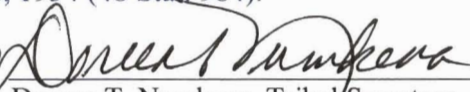
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, 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 **NOVEMBER 04, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **TEN** 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

11/5/2020
Date


Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

11-6-2020
Date



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2020 - 9:30 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 9:36 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, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, (Absent: Alvin Declay, Kasey Velasquez)
Attorney: KeAloha Douma
Others: Brent Kurth, Eddie Lockett

II NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hon Dah Casino – Initiate Phase III of Reopening Plan – GM Brent Kurth

Resolution: Authorizing Hon Dah Casino to Initiate Phase III of its Reopening Plan

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Travis Tessay to approve resolution authorizing Hon Dah Casino to initiate Phase III of its reopening plan as presented: Vote: 8-1-0 Motion passed.

Note: Councilman Beach had concerns about the number of security on the premises and their hourly pay. He would vote yes if security personnel increased and hourly pay at \$13/hr. Councilman Tessay clarified he seconded the motion excluding Mr. Beach's comments – it was not part of the motion.

The Manager reviewed the resolution and would like to extend Casino business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 on Sunday through Thursday and open 24 hours on Fridays and Saturdays. He reported they were asking anywhere from 45-70 guests to leave the casino when closing at 2:00 A.M. and the casino loses \$10-12,500 a day of additional revenue that they could be taking advantage of.

Hotel: They would like to open buildings "A" and "B" of the hotel. Building "C" has not been renovated since it was used as an isolation site and they are waiting for new mattresses to arrive. They have a 75-room in inventory. The swimming pool will remain closed. The Bar in the hotel area will also remained closed until restrictions are lifted and no alcohol will be served on the premises.

Restaurant: Asking to reopen the Indian Pine Restaurant. Tables and booths are set at every other table. The Lounge will compensate the demand for additional seating for the restaurant. Only Menu items will be served. Total number of individuals will be up 750 people on the gaming floor, hotel, and restaurant. EOC was on site for a walk through and a letter was submitted with no issues or concerns to the legal department with what- we are proposing. AG Douma read the letter aloud to the Tribal Council.

- B. Approving Willie Zagotah's Land Assignment Relinquishment and Business Site Assignment Application by Rencher Paxson, Jr., to Establish New Harvest Church

Motioned by Jerold Altaha, seconded by Vice Chairman Kasey to approve resolution as presented. Vote: 9-0-0

C. Closing Reservation to Non-Residents and Implementing Safe-at-Home Initiative – Not Presented

This resolution will be presented at the Regular Meeting for consideration. EOC, will review and clarify the language to avoid confusion in the interpretation of "Closing the Reservation to Non-residents."

III. ADJOURNMENT: 10:12 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **Meeting** was called to order at 9:12 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Alvin Declay, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez (Arnold Beach was not in attendance)
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell
Others: Deron Peaches, Carlos Valadez, Derrick Leslle

Treasurer Deron Peaches gave an update on his EOG Financial Report. He reported the CARES Act requires reporting on a quarterly basis which was due on September 21. The reporting timeframe was from March to June 30, 2020. The next quarter report is due in another week and a half. The direct payments were \$6,424,000 and other categories in the direct payments were less than \$50,000 which included the payout to the mortuaries. Mr. Peaches clarified resolution that was passed for the fire department. A resolution was passed for a fire truck. Mark Tessay, Fire Chief, is working on getting quotes. Treasurer reported the resolution was for \$648,000 for fire truck and radios. He stated the CARES Act can be used until December 30, 2020 and that all the approvals should be done before that time. He is hoping to get additional year's extension for the CARES Act Funding.

Internet: The Treasurer reported Mike Naseyowma from WMAHA is checking on getting fast internet services locally through microwave signals. Some towers would have to be built and would have to obtain an antenna which would increase internet speed and eliminate the monopoly by the current service provider. A concern was the timely construction of the tower by the December 30 deadline to use the funding.

Water Pump for Carrizo: Mr. Peaches talked about Carrizo's continued sufferings from water shortage and said Colbert Burnette is wanting to get another water pump for the Carrizo area. He hopes to find something in the \$140,000 range. Deron will provide detailed information on that for the next meeting. The Treasurer reviewed and explained the following resolutions he presented for approval:

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Authorizing Purchase of a Stretcher Vehicle and Gurney's and Wheelchairs for the Client Business Office

Motioned by Altaha, seconded by Tessay to approve resolution as written to authorize the purchase of a Stretcher Vehicle for the Client Business Office. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

B. Authorizing Purchase of 330 Computing Equipment for Tribal Departments to Mitigate Effects of Stay-at-Home Orders

Motioned by Travis Tessay, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution for purchase of computing equipment as presented for Tribal Departments using CARES Act Funding. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Special meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary



White Mountain Apache Tribe

Special Meeting Minutes October 2, 2020 - 9:00 A.M. TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 9:08 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer was offered by Jerold Altaha
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Alvin Deday
(Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez, were not in attendance)
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Court update:

Chief Judge introduced herself and the Court Administrator. She referenced a written report that was included in the meeting packet for Council Information.

B. Approval of Resolution: Court Administrator - Mariddie Craig

Allocating \$56,160.00 from Tribal 01 Funds to Provide Salary and Fringe Benefits for Probation Director Position

There were no questions pertaining to the resolution.

Motioned by Alvin Deday, seconded by Jerold Altaha to approve resolution as presented.

Vote: 6-0-0 Motion passed.

III. ADJOURNMENT: 9:17 A.M.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena