



# 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 meeting held on May 11, 2021; 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 meeting held on May 11, 2021, 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 meeting held on May 11, 2021, 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 2, 2021** 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	Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary
6.2.21	6-2-2021
Date	Date



## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

Special Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.  
Hon Dah Conference Center

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Meeting was called to order at 10:12 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
- B. Prayer: The Prayer was offered by Gary Alchesay
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey (by phone) Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Alvin Declay Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez  
Attorneys: Kealoha Douma, Kimberly Cromwell

### A. Approval of Land Assignments, Curtis Suttle & Karina Cosay

Eleven land assignments were presented for approval as follows:

Fernando Cromwell	Earlson Begay	Arlene Henry & Emmett Pipkins
Teneshia Yellow	Jaelyn Begay	Lorraine Mason
Yolanda Ethelbah	Bernya Begay	
Marylena Declay Relinquished to Shuwon Ethelbah		

Resolution: Approving Land Board's Recommendations Regarding Land Applications for 9 Applicants

- Motioned by Kasey Velasquez, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve land assignments for above named persons as presented and to table No. 4 on the March List and No. 1 on the April List. Vote: 10-0-0. Motion passed. (Approved List attached to official Minutes.)  
*Note: Two land assignments for Pearlinda Tenijieth and Arnold Declay were tabled due to no acreage information being provided.*

There were extensive discussions of concern regarding various land assignments and how some of the land was acquired by certain people. There were questions on land sites and who they belonged to. There were discussions of transfer of land within families. The Treasurer was directed to work with Cheryl Ethelbah and Karina Cosay to develop a budget and a plan dedicated for one person to work on land issues to avoid scope of work violations. It was recommended that Raymus Albert be consulted and assist with a blueprint on the land owners.

### B. Authorizing ID Herd to Purchase Items for ID RANCH, a Tribally Controlled Enterprise of the WMAT – Elvis Cromwell – Manager of ID Ranch

Elvis Cromwell presented his proposal and discussed his proposal for ID Ranch.

- Motioned by Arnold Beach, seconded by Kasey Velasquez to approve proposal for ID Ranch as presented on the spreadsheet for a vehicle, supplies and equipment. Mr. Beach amended his motion to add an additional \$50,000 for a new total of \$253,294.42. Mr. Velasquez agreed to the amendment. Vote: 9-0-1. Motion passed.

- C. Approval of Posthumous Enrollment of Infant – T.C. Secretary Doreen T. Numkena Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Alvin Declay to approve the Enrollment of deceased infant, Fayzah Faith Palmer. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.
- D. Approving Development of the Headwaters Project with Other Ancillary Projects and Authorizing the Use of the Tribes ARP Funds -- Colbert Burnette's Presentation 12:30 P.M.  
Mr. Burnette's Introductions of presenters:  
Bruce Ironside – Show Low  
Paul Watson – Retired  
Zack Barlow – Iron side Engineering  
Dallas Massey – Tribal Planning , Ramon Riley – Tribal Elder

Tribal Engineer Colbert Burnette presented and discussed with the Council the Proposed Plans. He would like to request use of ARP funds for the project. Mr. Burnette discussed his diagram of the proposed changes for the township of Whiteriver. It would include the relocation of homes and families in areas of Whiteriver. Plans include skateboard parks for some communities. He spoke of repairs of Boys' Camp facilities and the Girls' Camp layout. He talked about improvements around the current Tire Shop location. He took the team to look at the Old Alchesay Hall and said was in bad condition but it could be repaired. He stated he has talked to TPRP about the proposals. Currently, he is trying to get sponsorships for the plans. Mr. Burnette spoke of the possibility of building a multi-story building to house the tribal offices to include the BIA as a trust agent for the WMAT. A Councilman spoke about the mental health of the young children due to the COVID pandemic and the negative impact it has had on the younger population and expressed a need for a gymnasium for athletic and physical activity for the Cibecue community and further to invest in things that could generate money to help the communities. This renovation of the Whiteriver area is called the Headwaters Project, which is separate from the Amaktoolik Master Plan. Discussions ended at 2:18 P.M.

Other Discussions:

WMAT Enterprise Department – Director Edwin Kane

Mr. Kane was summoned to the council meeting for some concerns of the Council.

Issues discussed:

1. Cibecue Laundromat – Shutdown projects and supplies due to price increase and waiting on parts. Expecting 30 machines and 30 dryers to be in operation by July.
2. Generators – get generators for Cibecue Commercial Center with the same power capacity as the Casino for times of extended power outages;
3. Freezers – will get after generators are installed;
4. Cibecue Store Closure for 5 days – to install generators; Let public know now so they may prepare for the closure;
5. Gas Pumps – Change out the whole system – refer to Resolution;
6. Seven Mile Laundromat – Director will get more help to get it cleaned up;
7. Reservation Lake – Needs a boat dock; will get a manager up there;
8. Respect – Be more respectful of the Chairwoman and be more cooperative.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 3:47 p.m.

Recorder: Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Council Secretary