



# WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

## (Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Briefs with Supporting Meeting Minutes)

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**White Mountain Apache Tribe**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**Executive Conference Room / Zoom**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 A.M. by Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood.
- B. Prayer was offered by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey
- C. Roll Call: Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, Arnold Beach, Travis Tessay, Jerold Altaha, Renaldo Dazen, Aubrey Aday, Alvin Declay, Gary Alchesay, Alvena Bush, Kasey Velasquez (Quorum of ten: Travis Tessay arrived after roll call)

Attorney Douma recommended on Item IV-E that only Resolutions #1 and #4 be presented for approval today. Resolution #2 and #3 will be presented for consideration at the Treasurer's ARPA meetings.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approving Technical Amendment to Resolution 02-2022-12 -- Berta Bones  
Approving 2022 Primary Election Results & Certification of Candidates for General Election  
Ms. Bones explained the discrepancy in the resolution was due to a power outage at the Seven Mile Precinct. She also explained the votes each candidate received were not affected but only the total votes cast. Ms. Bones read the resolution aloud.  
Motioned by Vice Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve technical amendment to Resolution 02-2022-12. Vote: 10-0-0 Motion passed.

A. Game and Fish – Discussions & Concerns: Evalene Tulene

Evalene Tulene stated the hunt guides had some concerns and they wanted to present to the Council. Guides: Tom Whitecliff, Myron, Brian Quintero, Marty Gatewood, Virgil Manuel, Lee Aday, Rick DiValentino, David Kitcheyan

Concerns expressed to the Council:

- *Reintroduction of wolves on the Reservation--need to learn to manage them better;*
- *Decline in the Elk population since the reintroduction of the wolves; (most all expressed this concern)*
- *Need training for the guides;*
- *No health insurance coverage;*
- *Drinking water concerns at Pacheta Lake (used for washing dishes)*
- *Guys not selected in timely manner, not enough time to prepare, insufficient pay;*
- *Tags given out need to be for deer also, not just elk;*
- *Elk camps are in need of repair, they are getting old, need lounge area for the hunters with a t.v.; an area for hunters to go during their spare time;*
- *same salary for guides for past 20 years;*
- *vehicles need repairs--need money for that;*
- *Sunrise Camp needs a permanent place--getting moved around a lot;*
- *Set policies for COVID, only have them from EOC;*
- *Why are the wolves here on the reservation; can something be done about that;*
- *Need road repair and improvements;*

- *Need improvements on archery hunt;*
- *Elk have moved off the reservation because of the wolves;*
- *Cannot have a successful hunt with the wolves;*
- *Reevaluate the agreement, not only the guides are complaining but also the people are complaining;*
- *Money taken in by the Hunt should be used for repair of the camps;*

The Chairwoman asked the Hunt Manager, Evalene Tulene to put all the concerns spoken today in writing and to sign it.

The Chairwoman spoke of the efforts of the late Chairman Lupe and the late Phil Stago, Jr., and not to let their efforts go in vain. There was a reason to fight for our rights. . . .

She recommended that Evalene hold monthly meetings to see what improvements have been made and to improve communications with the guides. The Chairwoman stated a resolution was passed to help improve the structure of Game and Fish so Evalene was appointed as a Hunt Manager.

**C. Allocating \$1.6 Million for Immediate Repayment of Part of the Outstanding Debt Owed to WMAHA - Vice Chairman Jerome**

The Treasurer explained that at the beginning of pandemic, the Council voted to loan Hon Dah a certain amount of money. Hon Dah has been repaying the tribe and that whatever we get from HonDah the tribe can pay that to Housing.

Motioned by Renaldo Dazen seconded by Kasey Velasquez to pay WMA Housing Authority the recommended amount, not the full amount but a schedule pursuant to the repayment schedule. Vote: 10-0-1 Motion passed.

**D. Approving 20-Year Up-Front Incentive Renewable Energy Credit Purchase Agreement and System Facilities Upgrade Agreement between Ndee Bikiyaa and Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Danya Carroll**

- Motioned by Vice Chairman Jerome Kasey, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve the resolution as presented. Vote: 8-1-2

**E. Consent Approval for E, #1 and #4**

Motioned by Gary Alchesay, seconded by Renaldo Dazen to approve Items II-E1 and II-E4 as a consent agenda as presented by FAHF Director, Krista Beazley. Vote: 11-0-0

**Resolution 1:** Authorizing the Chairwoman to Present to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, A Letter and Report of Non-Compliance by the United States of its Obligations in the Court Approved Settlement Agreement Between the WMAT and the United States in White Mountain Apache Tribe vs. U.S., U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 99-148L; and to Negotiate a second P.L. 930-638 Self Determination Act Contract(s) Between the BIA and the FAHF to Address Accrued and Unmet U.S. Maintenance and Repair Obligations Under said Settlement Agreement in regards to the Fort Apache Property, also known as the Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark

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