RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, Paschal Johnson, DeVore Thompson and Richard R. Truitt have stated the feasibility of establishing the White Mountain Apache Utility Authority, and
- WHEREAS, they recommended the adoption of the general By-Laws of the Utility to the Council, and
- WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that there is need for a Utility Authority on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the general By-Laws of the White Mountain Apache Utility Authority, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference made a part of this resolution, are hereby approved by the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

The foregoing resolution was on April 19, 1972 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

Resolution No. 72-46



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SECTION I - GENERAL

- A. THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL BE "THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE UTILITY AUTHORITY".
- B. THE PURPOSE OF THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL BE TO MANAGE, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN UTILITY SYSTEMS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE.

 THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY INITIALLY FOR DOMESTIC WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTED UNDER COOPERATIVE PROJECTS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE AND THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

THE UTILITY AUTHORITY MAY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY LATER FOR THE OPERA-TION OF SOLID WASTE, GAS, ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, AND OTHER UTILITY SYSTEMS. APPROPRIATE REVISIONS TO CHARTER DOCUMENTS AND PLAN OF OPERATION SHALL BE ADOPTED AT SUCH TIME.

- C. THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL OPERATE AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE OF THE TRIBE, THUS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR ITS ACTIONS, BUT INDEPENDENT IN ITS DAILY OPERATIONS.
- D. THE PERIOD OF EXISTENCE AND THE DURATION OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE PERPETUAL, UNLESS DISSOLVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBAL COUNCIL.
- E. THE PRINCIPLE OFFICE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE IN THE TOWN OF WHITERIVER, ARIZONA.
- F. TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE THE POWER:
 - 1. To EMPLOY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.
 - 2. To ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO OBTAIN REQUIRED MATERIALS AND SERVICES, FOLLOWING NORMAL TRIBAL PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES.
 - 3. To LEVY AND COLLECT REASONABLE FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED.
 - 4. To PERFORM UNDER CONTRACT APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE FOR TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS, FOR INDIVIDUALS, AND FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.
 - 5. To CONDUCT ROUTINE OPERATIONS OF THE UTILITY AUTHORITY AS IN-

SECTION II - UTILITY AUTHORITY ORGANIZATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL OPERATE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND GUIDANCE OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- B. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY ON THE RESERVATION, AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON OR NEAR THE RESERVATION. EACH OF THE THREE TRIBAL MEMBERS SHALL REPRESENT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS:
 - 1. WHITERIVER, RAINBOW CITY, DIAMOND CREED, NORTH FORK, INDIAN PINE, McNary.
 - 2. EAST FORK, SEVEN MILE, FORT APACHE, CANYON DAY.
 - 3. CEDAR CREEK, CARRIZO, AND CIBECUE.

TRIBAL MEMBERS MAY SERVE IN THE OTHER TWO POSITIONS ON THE BOARD IF THEY QUALIFY UNDER THE CATEGORIES DEFINED ABOVE.

- C. RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDE:
 - 1. No EMPLOYEE OF THE UTILITY AUTHORITY MAY SERVE ON THE BOARD.
 - "2. No MEMBER OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MAY SERVE ON THE BOARD.
- D. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS, WITH EXPIRATION DATES STAGGERED TO ALLOW SOME CONTINUITY OF MEMBERSHIP.

 [NITIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE AS FOLLOWS:
 - 1. ONE TRIBAL DIRECTOR AND ONE BUSINESS DIRECTOR THREE YEAR TERM.
 - 2. ONE TRIBAL DIRECTOR

- TWO YEAR TERM.
- 3. ONE TRIBAL DIRECTOR AND ONE GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTOR ONE YEAR TERM.

TERMS SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30 OF THE APPROPRIATE YEAR.

- E. SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL INVOLVE NOMINATION
 BY THE EXISTING BOARD OF TWO CANDIDATES, QUALIFIED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE
 CATEGORY, FOR EACH OPENING, AND SELECTION OF ONE OF THESE TWO BY THE
 TRIBAL COUNCIL. BECAUSE OF STAGGERED TERMS, ONE OR TWO NEW DIRECTORS
 SHALL JOIN THE BOARD EACH YEAR.
 - F. No Individual shall serve consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

 A minimum of two years must elapse before any individual may return

 to the Board.

- G. If a member of the Board of Directors resigns, moves from the vicinity, dies, misses two consecutive Board meetings without valid excuse, or is found guilty of dishonesty or misconduct in office, the remaining members of the Board shall declare the position vacant. Within one month of this declaration, a new director shall be selected through the regular procedures of two nominations submitted by the Board for selection of one director by the Tribal Council. In all cases, the Board of Directors shall determine when cause exists to declare a vacancy.
- H. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without monetary compensation, except to cover actual expenses in performing their duties.

 Such expenses shall include mileage to attend regular Board meetings and functions at the rate of \$0.10 per mile. Compensation may be adjusted by the Board in the future to reflect actual expenses in curred by Directors.

SECTION III - OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. THE OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE A CHAIRMAN, A VICE-CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY-TREASURER. THESE OFFICES SHALL BE FILLED BY THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE OFFICERS SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD.
- B. THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD SHALL ASSUME THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

THE CHAIRMAN SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS, CALL ALL SPECIAL MEETINGS, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AUTHORITY'S AFFAIRS, AND PERFORM ALL DUTIES INCIDENTAL TO THIS OFFICE.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN SHALL PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND SHALL ASSIST THE CHAIRMAN AS REQUIRED IN THE HANDLING OF THE AUTHOR—LITY'S AFFAIRS.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THE MINUTES OF EACH MEETING, PRESENTING CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS OR PROTESTS TO THE BOARD, CARRYING ON CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTING AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. THE SECRETARY-TREASURER SHALL ALSO KEEP THE BOARD INFORMED ON ITS FINANCIAL CONDITION AT ALL TIMES, PRESENT TO THE BOARD FOR ITS ACTION ALL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS TO MEET AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, AND SHALL PERFORM ALL OTHER DUTIES INCIDENTAL TO THIS OFFICE.

THE REMAINING BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE ASSIGNED DUTIES AS REQUIRED BY

SECTION IV - MEETINGS

- A. REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE HELD IN WHITERIVER.
 BOARD MEETINGS MAY BE HELD AT A TIME AND PLACE OF THE BOARD'S
 CHOOSING, BUT A REGULAR PATTERN REGARDING MONTHLY MEETINGS SHALL BE
 ARRANGED; THE PUBLIC SHALL BE ADVISED OF THIS SCHEDULE.
- B. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MAY BE CALLED AT ANY TIME BY THE CHAIR-MAN OF THE BOARD. NOTICES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE POSTED ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.
- C. MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD SHALL FOLLOW THIS ORDER:

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
READING OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
REPORT BY TREASURER
REPORT BY SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT

- D. ALL VOTING BY THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE DONE BY VOICE VOTE, WITH THE VOTE OF EACH MEMBER RECORDED BY THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.
- E. THERE MUST BE AT LEAST THREE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TO REPRESENT A QUORUM AND TO CARRY ON BUSINESS AT ANY TIME.
- F. ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION V - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. THE BOARD SHALL DIRECT THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITIES ENTRUSTED TO ITS CARE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ALL CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE THE SERVICE THAT THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE. IT SHALL TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF ANY PART OF THE SYSTEMS WILL BE DONE WITH A MINIMUM OF DELAY AND LOSS OF SERVICE.
- B. THE BOARD SHALL SEE THAT THE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY IT ARE PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND PROPERLY TRAINED TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.
- C. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEETINGS AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE UTILITY SYSTEMS, ENSURING THAT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR AGREEMENTS, ORDINANCES, CODES, LAWS AND STATUTES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

- D. THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE A PLAN OF OPERATION CONTAINING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IT ADOPTS, FEE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES, POLICIES, EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF OPERATION.
- E. THE UTILITY AUTHORITY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS OF THOSE COMMUNITIES ON THE FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION WHICH ELECT TO JOIN THE UTILITY AUTHORITY. THE BOARD WILL MAINTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF FACILITIES INCLUDED. IN UNDERTAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY UTILITY SYSTEMS BESIDES WATER AND SEWAGE, THE UTILITY AUTHORITY WILL CONSULT WITH THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FIRST, ADOPT APPROPRIATE ADDITIONS TO THE BY-LAWS AND PLAN OF OPERATION, AND INFORM THE PUBLIC AT EACH STEP ALONG THE WAY.
- F. IT SHALL NOT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE LINES FROM THE MAINS INTO THE HOUSE, NOR WILL IT BE THE DUTY OF THE AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN INDOOR PLUMBING FACILITIES OR INDIVIDUAL WELLS OR PUMPS IN RURAL AREAS. SUCH MAINTENANCE MAY BE DONE BY THE AUTHORITY IF THE SCHEDULE PERMITS, WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PAYING THE ACTUAL COST OF SUCH MAINTENANCE. POLICIES REGARDING THIS MATTER WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AUTHORITY'S PLAN OF OPERATION.

SECTION VI - EMPLOYEES

A. THE BOARD SHALL EMPLOY THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THE OPER-ATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS, AND TO HANDLE THE NECESSARY BOOKKEEPING AND CLERICAL WORK. SUCH PERSONNEL SHALL BE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE UTILITY AUTHORITY'S SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS. THE SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS SHALL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD.

PERSONNEL GRIEVANCES THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE EMPLOYEE AND THE SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR RESOLUTION. EMPLOYEES SHALL RETAIN THEIR RIGHT OF FINAL APPEAL TO THE TRIBAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, SHOULD THE BOARD FAIL TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

- B. THE BOARD SHALL DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS DEEMED NECES-SARY FOR THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS; SUCH DESCRIPTIONS SHALL BE PRE-PARED WHEN THE NECESSITY FOR THEM ARISES. PAY SCALES SHALL BE ESTA-BLISHED BY THE BOARD, CONFORMING GENERALLY TO SCALES DEVELOPED BY THE TRIBE.
- C. To keep Authority Labor expenses at a minimum, the Tribal Council May authorize the use of men affiliated with various Tribal Work Experience Programs to assist when required. Such Labor when assigned shall be under the Direct Supervision of the Supervisor of Operations.

SECTION VII - COLLECTION OF SERVICE FEES

- The Board shall have the authority to Levy fees for services provided. The estimated cost for the routine operation of the Utility systems, plus the accumulation of an adequate depreciation reserve fund shall be used as a basis for determining these fees. The reserve fund shall provide adequate funds for replacement of existing equipment and for expansion of operations, as approved by the Board. The Board shall post for the public the current schedule of fees in effect.
- B. (F A CUSTOMER DEFAULTS ON PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICES, THE AUTHORITY HAS THE POWER TO STOP THE SERVICE. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING SUCH CASES.
- C. THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF EACH GUSTOMER SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO AUTHORITY DEBTS IN ANY AMOUNT OR TO ANY EXTENT WHATEVER.
- D. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO SELL SERVICES TO THESE AGENCIES WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND MAY NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THESE AND OTHER AGENCIES.

SECTION VIII - AUTHORITY FUNDS

- A. ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE DEPOSITED UNDER NORMAL TRIBAL BANKING PROCEDURES. A SERARATE ACCOUNTING OF UTILITY AUTHORITY'S FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD EACH MONTH.
- B. THE ACTUAL HANDLING OF THE AUTHORITY FUNDS SHALL BE DONE BY THE TRIBAL TREASURER OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT, APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND BONDED FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES. SAID BOND SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. (\$25,000.)
- C. ALL EXPENDITURES OF AUTHORITY FUNDS WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR REGULUR MEETING. MAJOR EXPENDITURES SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN ADVANCE. (EXPENDITURES GREATER THAN \$1,000.00 FOR ITEMS NOT CONTAINED IN THE BUDGET SHALL BE CONSIDERED "MAJOR".)
- D. ALL AUTHORITY LEDGERS AND ACCOUNTS SHALL BE OPEN FOR AUDIT BY THE TRIBAL AUDITOR AT ANY TIME.

SECTION IX - CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS OR REQUESTS

- A. IF ANY INDIVIDUAL DESIRES TO PROTEST A DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD, SUCH PROTEST MAY BE FILED, IN WRITING, WITH THE SECRETARY-TREASURER REQUEST-ING A FULL REVIEW BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.
- B. CUSTOMER REQUESTS FOR SERVICES SUCH AS REPAIRS OR CONNECTIONS MAY BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE UTILITY AUTHORITY'S SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS.
- C. Any individual not understanding the operation of the Authority or having questions about any of the Authority's activities may attend any Board meeting and request explanations of these matters.

SECTION X - ADHERENCE TO TRIBAL UTILITY ORDINANCES

To protect water, sewage, and other utility systems belonging to the Tribe, or to individual Tribal members, the Tribal Council will adopt appropriate ordinances governing use of these systems. The Utility Authority shall have the power to enforce these ordinances as Agent of the Tribal Council. This power shall include, but not be limited to, inspection of all new utility construction, approval of all new connections to existing systems, and prevention of unauthorized use of utilities. The Public Health Service will assist the Authority in applying the ordinances. The Tribal ordinances currently in effect shall represent the Basis for Enforcement by the Authority.

SECTION XI - AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE GENERAL BY-LAWS AT ANY TIME BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL. THE BOARD MAY DRAFT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO THE BY-LAWS AND REQUEST ACTION ON THEM BY THE COUNCIL.

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- WHEREAS, interest has greatly increased in the leasing of homesites in the Hon Dah Homesite Area during the past two years, and
- WHEREAS, there are sixty (60) leased lots that have completed cabins and/or cabins under construction, and
- WHEREAS, there is a dire need for adequate fire protection in the Hon Dah Homesite Area, and
- WHEREAS, a number of the lessees have expressed their concern regarding fire protection and have requested that they be annexed into the Pinetop Fire District in order that they may have adequate fire protection.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the lessees are hereby authorized to circulate a petition to determine if a majority of the homeowners are willing to be annexed into the Pinetop Fire District.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a majority of the homeowners are interested, they are further authorized to contact the Fire District Chief and the Board of Supervisors in Holbrook, Arizona to obtain their approval to be annexed into the Pinetop Fire District; provided, that the district fire taxes will be assessed on the improvements only and not the leased land.

The foregoing resolution was on April 19, 1972 duly adopted by a vote of 9 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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