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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Secretary has prepared briefs for Council meeting minutes of January 10th; January 23rd; and February 08, 1996 and has presented them to the Council this date for approval; and
- WHEREAS, after reading the briefs to the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council concludes that the briefs should be approved with a clarification of the Agency Education Department in the January 23rd briefs.
- BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Council meeting briefs for January 10th; January 23rd; and February 08, 1996 with one clarification of the Agency Education Department in the January 23rd brief.

The foregoing resolution was on March 06, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of ten for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Constitution, including Article IV, Section 1 (I) and (s) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe on September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council

Secretary of the Tribal Council

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Regular Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers Wednesday, January 10, 1996

## AGENDA

- 1. Chairman Lupe called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. with the following members of the Tribal Council present: Vice Chairman Lafe Altaha, Council members Nashley Tessay, Sr., Romeo Dazen, Slim Quay, Alvin Declay, Margaret Walker, Frank Endfield, Jr., Guy Massey, Jr., and Herbert Tate.
- 2. Invocation was offered by Council member Quay. Roll call was conducted by the Council Secretary.
- 3. Resolution No. 01-96-002 was adopted approving Council meeting briefs for December 20, 1995; December 29, 1995; and January 03, 1996 with corrections as noted.
- 4. Tribal member, Marjorie Grimes addressed the Tribal Council inquiring on enrollment application for her grandchildren which she understands were tabled by the Tribal Council. Mrs. Grimes stated that she feels inquiries regarding the validity of the applications are perhaps politically motivated. Mrs. Grimes was advised by Chairman Lupe that the whole list of enrollment applications were tabled due to questions regarding blood quantum on several applications.
- 5. Mrs. Grimes requested Tribal Council appointment to the position of Associate Judge for the Tribal Court, a position that was vacated by Council member candidate, Kino Kane. Mrs. Grimes was advised by Chairman Lupe that upon discussion with Judge Lewis, it was concluded that appointment of the Associate Judge will not be considered until after Tribal Elections have been conducted.
- 6. San Carlos tribal member, Louise Goseyun Dewey, who is a descendant of deceased tribal member, Mattie Griggs, requested financial assistance. Tribal Council advised Mrs. Dewey, that financial assistance is available only to enrolled tribal members.

- 7. Tribal member, Valaria Ethelbah on behalf of her daughter, Erica requested financial assistance so that Erica may attend a seminar in Washington, DC in March, 1996. District III Council members suggested use of Land Claims funds which requires a petition signed by registered voters of District III.
- 8. Tribal member, Judy Gass, who considers herself homeless and unemployed, addressed the Tribal Council requesting a home for her grandchildren and herself. She explains that she is currently residing in a rental unit, does not qualify for HUD mutual-help housing due to income requirements. Resolution No. <u>01-96-003</u> was adopted placing Judy Gass on the HIP list with the highest priority.
- 9. Navopache Electric Cooperative Board members presented Chairman Lupe with refund checks totaling approximately \$27,000.00.
- Resolution No. <u>01-96-004</u> was adopted awarding tribal member, Ataloha M. (Kessay) Waters a business site lease for the current Video Rental business at the Whiteriver Commercial Center along with any necessary permits and licenses.
- 11. Tribal member, Gussie Edwards approached the Tribal Council asking if she will receive any assistance for housing repairs. Chairman Lupe advised Mrs. Edwards that once estimates are obtained, her request will be addressed.
- 12. Tribal member, Beverly Townsend accompanied by her spouse, Jack Townsend addressed the Tribal Council requesting a business lease renewal which expired 12/31/95. After considerable discussion, regarding numerous violations of the lease, specifically, the unauthorized business activities being conducted by Coppedge Auto Body, Tribal Council tabled further discussion pending additional information from the Legal Department.
- 13. The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:41 p.m.
- 14. Tribal member, Pauline Crocker requested an executive Tribal Council session to discuss the Whiteriver Police Department. After a brief summary of the issue, Tribal Council advised Mrs. Crocker that an executive session will be scheduled at a later date.
- 15. Tribal Forestry, Asa Lavender reported that their department was never properly notified of any control burning in the McNary area which was

- conducted by the Pinetop Boys Scout. After, discussion, Tribal Council concluded that an ordinance be drafted prohibiting any outside group from doing any disturbance of the ecosystem.
- Paul Declay, Jr. extended an open invitation to the Tribal Council to attend the Seventh Annual American Forest Congress being held in Washington, DC on February 20-24, 1996. It was recommended that Council member Guy Massey, Jr. attend because of his experience in the field of Forestry.
- 17. Chairman Lupe announced that a meeting with Senators McCain and Kyl has been scheduled for Friday, January 12, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in Phoenix, and invited members of the Tribal Council to attend.
- 18. Resolution No. <u>01-96-005</u> was adopted that all contractors doing business on the Reservation with the Tribe shall be exempted from payment of the Employment Rights Fees for contracts fully funded by tribal money.
- 19. Resolution No. <u>01-96-006</u> was adopted approving Referendum Procedures and Regulation for the Tribal Election Commission.
- 20. Resolution No. <u>01-96-007</u> was adopted authorizing \$250.00 from District III community land claims fund for Erica Ethelbah so that she may attend a Leadership seminar in Washington, DC in March , 1996.
- 21. Resolution No. <u>01-96-008</u> was adopted terminating the TERO Commission until enactment of Tribal law authoring a TERO Board.
- 22. The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Regular Council Meeting Executive Conference Room Tuesday, January 23, 1996

## **BRIEFS**

- 1. Continuation of the Regular Council meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m. with the following members of the Tribal Council present: Chairman Ronnie Lupe; Vice Chairman Lafe Altaha, Councilmembers Romeo Dazen, Slim Quay, Alvin Declay, Margaret Walker, Frank Endfield, Jr., Guy Massey, Jr., and Herbert Tate. Councilmember Nashley Tessay, Sr. joined the meeting in session, Councilmember Judy DeHose was absent.
- 2. Resolution No. <u>01-96-009</u> was adopted granting tribal member, Davis Susan, Jr. permission to negotiate purchase of Hondah Homesite A-30.
- 3. Resolution No. <u>01-96-010</u> was adopted granting tribal members, Tom & Fern Mark and Mabel & Jerome Kasey, Sr. to sponsor a double Apache Ceremonial Sunrise dance on September 06-08, 1996, location of dance had not yet been determined.
- 4. Tribal member, Yolanda (Colelay) Bush and spouse Larry Bush requested permission to enter into a business lease for the old car wash located on the premises of the Whiteriver Commercial Center. Mr. and Mrs. Bush were advised by the Tribal Council to obtain assistance from the Tribal Legal Department in preparing a proposal for presentation to the Tribal Council at their next meeting.
- 5. Jack and Beverly Townsend addressed the Tribal Council to inquire on their request to renew their business lease. After considerable discussion regarding the Townsends account with Revolving Credit; towing business, vehicle storage in North Fork, employment of tribal members at Coppedge, Tribal Council concluded that a review of Legal Departments documents was necessary before a decision was made regarding their request..
- 6. Mike Lauf, Hondah Casino Manager introduced plans for expansion of the Casino with target dates for completion of each phase. Mr. Lauf was asked to identify boundaries for the expansion.
- 7. The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

- 8. After discussion, Resolution No. <u>01-96-011</u> was adopted authorizing the exploration of Hondah Casino's expansion plans for a hotel, convention center and golf course.
- 9. Tribal Attorney introduced Resolution No. <u>01-96-012</u> which was adopted granting the State of Arizona and authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs a gratuitous right-of-way as required to accommodate necessary improvements and changes in the projects at Hondah and Cradleboard intersections.
- 10. Resolution No. <u>01-96-013</u> was adopted approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tribe and the Pinetop Fire Department for responding to structural fires in the vicinity of Hondah and McNary.
- 11. Resolution No. <u>01-96-014</u> was adopted extending its sincere gratitude to Mrs. Loretta Avent, for strengthening the government-to-government relationship between US Congress and Indian Tribes; requesting further that President Clinton acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Mrs. Loretta Avent in the performance of her duties.
- 12. Resolution No. <u>01-96-015</u> was adopted notifying the Arizona State Historic Freservation office that the Tribe intends to assume some of the responsibilities for the program as it applies to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- 13. Resolution No. <u>01-96-016</u> was adopted directing submission of a 638 application for the Fort Apache Agency for a cooperative agreement for the functions and associated cost presently performed by the Agency Archaeologist.
- 14. Resolution No. <u>01-96-017</u> was adopted authorizing a planning grant application requesting support for economic planning on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in the amount of \$8K for the first three months of the year and another application for a total of \$34K for the entire year pending federal budget approval.
- 15. Resolution No. <u>01-96-018</u> was adopted supporting development plans for expansion of library services to McNary and that the Planning Department should assist the Whiteriver Library in seeking a site, funding and other necessary resources.
- 16. Resolution No. <u>01-96-019</u> was adopted accepting the Della Lucille Hazelton Trust for White Mountain Apache students.
- 17. Ben Nuvamsa, Fort Apache Agency Superintendent briefly reported on the Bureau's budget and its implications on the local agency.

18. Tribal Council discussed the dismantling of the Education office where reportedly tribal member employees are being detailed to other positions due to budget reasons.

- 19. Resolution No. <u>01-96-020</u> was adopted directing that delegation of authority be granted to the Local Agency Superintendent especially in the field of timber sales and contracts.
- 20. Resolution No. <u>01-96-021</u> was adopted reaffirming that the Agency Education Office remain as a stand-alone.
- 21. Resolution No. <u>01-96-022</u> was adopted approving management of the Apache trout on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- 22. Resolution No. <u>01-96-023</u> was adopted granting habitat improvement in response to boneytail population.
- 23. Resolution No. <u>01-96-024</u> was adopted amending the 1996 Non-Member Fishing Regulations.
- 24. Iribal Treasurer, Edwin Kane and Tribal Controller, Sandy Granted reported to the Tribal Council that the two week shutdown did not impact Tribal Enterprises and Departments expenses as anticipated, and that they are trying to deal with the issue. Sandy reported that the Tribe's cash position has somewhat stabilized, reporting on each enterprise financial status. Edwin Kane asked for direction from the Tribal Council regarding budget presentation procedures.
- 25. Resolution No. <u>01-96-025</u> was adopted accepting maintenance expenses for the installation of signal light at Carrizo Junction.
- 26. Resolution No. <u>01-96-026</u> was adopted granting tribal member, Orlando Carroll permission to negotiate purchase of Hondah Homesite A-30.
- 27. The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tribal/Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Special Council Meeting Executive Conference Room February 08, 1996

## BRIEFS

- 1. Chairman Lupe called the Special Council meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.
- 2. Councilmember Slim Quay offered the invocation.
- 3. Virgil Kessay, Tribal Election Commission Chairman addressed the Tribal Council explaining purpose for the meeting is to certify the 1996 Primary Election result and requested the Tribal Attorney read the resolution.
- 4. Resolution No. <u>02-96-027</u> was adopted approving the 1996 Primary Election results as presented.
- 5. Tribal member, Rena Chee addressed the Tribal Council regarding her removal from her job with the Fatco Home Center which she feels was executed because of her complaints regarding the Manager, Don Bear, to members of the Tribal Council.
- 6. After discussion by the Tribal Council and other tribal members who were employed at Fatco Home Center, Resolution No. <u>01-96-027(a)</u> was adopted recommending that FATCO's General Manager make management changes at the Fatco Home Center; and review for reinstating the following tribal members, Rena Chee, Fernando Carroll and Sandra Declay.
- 7. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tribal/Council Secretary