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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Secretary has prepared briefs for Tribal Council meeting minutes for October 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 and 30, 1998 and has presented them to the Council this date for approval; and

WHEREAS, after reading the briefs to the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Council meeting briefs for October 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 and 30, 1998 as presented.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Council meetings briefs for October, 1998 as presented.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>December 2, 1998</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>eight</u> for and <u>zero</u> 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, Sections 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 Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers Wednesday, October 7, 1998

- 1. The regular Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Massey. Members of Council present were: Vice Chairman Endfield, Harley Janeway, Lynn Cody, Margaret Baha-Walker, Alvin Declay, Mariddie J. Craig and Herbert Tate. Council Members Clay, Dehose and Nez were on travel status. The invocation was offered by Council Member Janeway. Roll call was taken by the Tribal Council Secretary.
- 2. McNary Elementary 3rd Graders addressed the Council regarding their concerns about the McNary Liquor Store and wanted improvements for the image of the store. Council thanked class and were assured that they are supported in their efforts.
- 3. Tribal Member, Nelson Ethelbah, expressed his concerns regarding the Mountain Metals Recycling Company. He stated that his recycling business is his family's sole source of income as they do not get any type of assistance and due to Mountain Metals, his business has experienced a decline in income. Discussion also on other Tribal Member, Priscilla White-Cooley who wrote a letter of complaint to Council regarding Mountain Metals interfering with her recycling business.
- 4. Resolution No. 10-98-232 adopted to cease Mountain Metals Recycling business in Whiteriver due to interference of Tribal Members' recycling business. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Vice Chairman Endfield. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 5. Tribal Member, June Stephens, handed out to Council the history of the West Ranch at Dry Valley. She requested a signed document regarding her home at Dry Valley. After discussion, Council decided to table this request until Council Member Nez returns and reports on status.
- Tribal Member, Cornelia Skidmore, expressed concerns regarding the waterline in Forestdale and stated that District II people need to know the status on June Stephens' request for the Dry Valley area. Mrs. Skidmore was told that Council Member Cody will check with Land Operations about the waterline in Forestdale.
- 7. Tribal Member and Miss White Mountain, Janell Armstrong, addressed Council of her concerns regarding the recent murders. Council thanked her for expressing her concerns.
- 8. Tribal Member, Andreta Bennett, presented her land and house assignment concerns. Ms. Bennett was advised to seek relinquishment of current land first. She also expressed her concern about the many roads leading to her mother's home in East Fork. Another item of concern she brought up was the possibility of a toll free number for college students.

- 9. Tribal Member, Faith Beatty-Johnson, along with other NPC students, referred to the \$2500 scholarship funds for NPC students. She questioned why NPC students were not getting monthly stipends. She was advised that the vouchers should be ready today.
- 10. Tribal Member and mother of Miss White Mountain Apache Princess, Stephanie Lacapa-Burnette, thanked the Council for supporting Candice and gave a brief report on her daughter's activities as Miss White Mountain Apache Princess.
- 11. Tribal Members, Alvin and Beulah Thompson, spoke of Alvin's sustaining a back injury while employed at FATCO and the lack of compensation. They were advised that the Tribal Attorney would research information for them.
- 12. Resolution No. 10-98-233 adopted for Alvin Thompson. The Tribal Attorney to research information regarding compensation and to include medical reports. The motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Cody. Passed with a vote of 6-0.
- 13. Tribal Member, Gertie Lupe, informed Council of her son, Ignatius' achievement. He was the only Tribal member who qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo and requested financial assistance for him.
- 14. Resolution No. <u>10-98-234</u> adopted for financial assistance in the amount of \$500 for Ignatius Lupe who will participate in the Indian National Finals Rodeo. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Council Member Cody. Passed with a vote of 6-0.
- 15. Resolution No. 10-98-235 adopted for Silver Creek Chapel Mortuary for extension of lease for a three year period to include costs and bail out provision. Council Member Cody made the motion and seconded by Council Member Declay. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 16. Keith Jones, Environmental Planner, introduced Royleen Rides-at-the-door, NRCS Tribal Liaison and Bruce Gordon, Range Management Specialist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). She shared information on tribal conservation districts and spoke on a new policy which allows Tribal Farm Boards and Tribal Grazing Associations to submit proposals where they can receive up to \$50,000 at 75% of cost share or 25% of in-kind services. Royleen also stated that engineering services can be provided at no cost. Bruce Gordon stated that he is serving as liaison for the White Mountain Apache Tribe until if and when WMAT decides to sign agreement with NRCS. The technical assistance is provided through the conservation districts established by tribes. The conservation districts helps to set priorities for how technical assistance will be delivered and what resources, concerns and issues the tribe wants addressed. He stated that they can work on range and irrigated lands with professionals available for guidance. Mr. Gordon also stated that assistance can be provided to the livestock associations, tribal farm or to individuals.
- 17. Keith then introduced Al Berreth, Eric Matson, Dan Riggs and Clay Van Daren who presented information on the Miner Flat water system, additional wells and completion of East Fork waterline. They also presented status of upcoming water and sewer projects for Carrizo, Cedar

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Creek and Whiteriver. A report on USDA, Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) Agency, and role in Tribal water and sewer projects was given, as well as a report on IHS Sanitary Deficiency System (SDS) and 1998 project rankings, as follows: 1) Hondah Homesite sewer project, 2) Whiteriver regional sewer system plumbing project, 3) Reservation-wide dump closures and 4) McNary Community sewer system. Eric Matson reported on current "Requirements Contract" (EA 11-98) and on new process for applying for water, sewer and homesite clearing. This was followed by an update on Community Mapping/geographic information systems (GIS) project and the development of physical addresses by Faith Beatty-Johnson.

- 18. Pastor Wayne Stevens gave an update on the Cibecue Youth Center. Council reviewed blueprints for the center. Land Board approval given but error noted on lot size. Will change to five acres instead of one. Pastor Stevens stated that he is experiencing problems with insurance and would like tribe's assistance. Keith Jones stated that environmental development is needed and Ben Nuvamsa commented that a legal description is needed as well.
- 19. Laurel Lacher, Hydrologist, presented report on drinking water springs (and low-use public wells) monitoring. She stated the purpose is to protect public health, to protect Tribe from legal liability and to meet EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requirements for public water supply (25 or more people/day for 60 or more days/yr). The methods would include collect samples monthly or biweekly during high use periods or year-round, depending on public use, test for Total Coliform and E. Coli (fecal coliform) bacteria, post signs advising public of untreated spring water and post warnings if samples test positive. The funding is shared among Tribal Utility, Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division, Apache Enterprise and Environmental Planning Office. The samples collected and analyzed by Tribal Utility and Environmental Planning and billed to responsible agencies. The results are reported to responsible agencies and housed in the Environmental Planning Office.
- 20. A brief discussion followed on the murder committed in Jurassic Park and Whiteriver Jail facilities/personnel.
- 21. The meeting recessed at 5:50 p.m. and will reconvene tomorrow in the Executive Conference Room at 9 a.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Regular Tribal Council Meeting Executive Conference Room Thursday, October 8, 1998

- 1. The continuation of the regular Tribal Council meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. with a quorum present. Council Members Dehose and Nez are on travel status.
- 2. John Dardis requested approval to film documentary on Alchesay High School Basketball Team with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as Assistant Coach. He stated that proceeds from film to benefit AHS scholarships and would begin filming by October 26, 1998 if approved. Mr. Dardis remarked that funding would be forthcoming from a foundation and shared positive impacts for the children. Council commented that funds be generated to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and to benefit the children. A review of all proposals was stressed.
- 3. Resolution No. 10-98-236 adopted for approval for John Dardis to film documentary on the AHS Basketball Team. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Council Member Cody. Passed with a vote of 7-1.
- 4. Ann Van Dielen of Mountain Metal Recycling requested permission from Council to remain on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation for the purpose of buying nonferrous metals from the residents of Whiteriver and Cibecue. She also included a list of 117 Tribal Member signatures in their support. After discussion, Ms. Van Dielen was told of the resolution (#10-98-232) which was passed yesterday to cease her recycling business in Whiteriver due to interference of Tribal Member's recycling business. She was assured that this is not a permanent removal.
- 5. Ruby Altaha, Revolving Credit/CDC Officer, presented the delinquent list as of 9/30/98 for the Revolving Credit in the amount of \$19,629.58. Ms. Altaha explained the situation with Jack Townsend and Tree Top. She then read a resolution that would direct the lease payments of \$1500/month from Treetop Auto Body be assigned to the Revolving Credit Account to help restore the revolving loan funds so that additional loans may be made to tribal members. A majority of Council felt strongly that Mr. Townsend should still be held liable for the debt which he incurred. Council Member Craig made motion and complimented Ruby on her hard work.
- 6. Resolution No. 10-98-237 adopted to approve the amendment to lease between the White Mountain Apache Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Limited Partnership. Council Member Declay made the motion and seconded by Council Member Tate. Passed with a vote of 6-0-2 absensions.

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- 7. Resolution No. <u>10-98-238</u> adopted authorizing the Tribe to enter into a title guarantee agreement with Capital Edison. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Vice Chairman Endfield. Passed with a vote of 6-0.
- 8. Jim Youtz presented brief overview of Turkey Creek East Timber Sale including recreation, archeological sites, medicinal plant gathering areas, threatened or endangered species, watershed/water quality and harvest impacts.
- 9. Resolution No. <u>10-98-239</u> adopted for the Turkey Creek East Timber Sale. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Council Member Clay. Passed with a vote of 7-0-1 abstension.
- 10. Morland McCurtain, Administrative Officer, presented the Whiteriver Service Unit FY 98 Final Budget Report. In the budget summary, he pointed out the surplus amount of \$3,470,427, of which \$1,000,000 is designated for the new building in the solar field area. Morland also stated that M/M collections is \$9,398,911 and that \$401,999 was collected for private insurance. This amount is targeted for staff salaries, benefits, equipment and training. Mr. McCurtain presented clinical, administrative, nursing, professional services and community health services accomplishments. Chairman Massey expressed concerns about the carry over surplus amount and the appointment system. Council Member Baha-Walker stressed that Council needs to be aware of issues affecting the Tribe and IHS and the need for a Tribal position paper. Another item of concern discussed was the patient transportation.
- 11. Steve Garrett, Director of Professional Services-Whiteriver IHS, presented the different types of planning-strategic, program and operational and what each establishes. He stated the mission and vision of WRSU. Mr. Garret then reviewed the statement of values, long term goals and program planning objectives. Council Member Craig expressed her concern about Hondah and McNary residents who have to travel to Whiteriver for medical services in inclement weather. He invited Council to their Program Planning in two weeks at Hondah.
- 12. Kim Zietlow, IHS Pharmacist, requested approval to present "A Pharmacy Supervised Directly Observed Therapy Program for Tuberculosis" at National Pharmacy Conference. Council Member Janeway remarked that Ms. Zietlow requested approval from the Health Board but she was referred to the Tribal Council.
- 13. Resolution No. <u>10-98-240</u> adopted for Kimberly Zietlow to give "A Pharmacy Supervised Directly Observed Therapy Program for Tuberculosis" at the National Pharmacy Conference. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and seconded by Council Member Janeway. Passed with a vote of 7-0.

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- 14. At this point, the meeting turned in to an Executive Session due to meeting with Lincoln Perry, Arnold Riley and Robert Sombreo, Criminal Investigators. Council viewed pictures of the three suspects involved in the recent murders and were told that extensive interviews were conducted and that over 70 pieces of evidence was collected. Council expressed concerns about the preservation of evidence, the jail facilities, the lack of experience of BIA's new investigator and the need for more Criminal Investigators. Other concerns discussed included the need for stricter penalties for criminals.
- 15. Kim Kane, Law and Order Committee member, made remarks about this investigation and commented on the confidential report regarding suspension of Associate Judge, Faye Cody. She asked for extension on this case until next week.
- 16. Ben Nuvamsa, BIA Superintendent, explained the consolidation of BIA Law Enforcement Programs and described the line of authority from the Deputy Commissioner to the local level. He encouraged Council to pass resolution requesting more Law Enforcement personnel and to have Director address the local situation so he can provide additional resources. Ben also stated to have the U.S. Attorney provide additional resources and assistance. Ben distributed copies of his monthly report for the month of October 1998 to Council.
- 17. Resolution No. <u>10-98-241</u> adopted to request additional BIA Criminal Investigator positions. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Council Member Craig. Passed with a vote of 8-0.
- 18. Chairman Massey stated that Reuben Kessay of the Whiteriver Police Department requested the use of the old Superintendent's house for office space and that Gerald Riley would like to use the parking garage behind superintendent's house as a shelter for himself as is currently living in a multiple family household.
- 19. Resolution No. 10-98-242 adopted to have the Whiteriver Police Department utilize the old Superintendent's house for office space and to allow Gerald Riley the use of the parking garage. Council Member Cody made the motion and seconded by Council Member Declay. Passed with a vote of 6-0.
- 20. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and to reconvene tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Regular Tribal Council Meeting Executive Conference room Friday, October 9, 1998

- 1. The continuation of the regular Tribal Council meeting reconvened at 2:20 p.m. with a quorum present. Council Members Dehose and Nez were on travel status.
- 2. Council Member Craig introduced Grace Pooley, Director of Native American Program Services at Northland Pioneer College and Alma Villarreal, Caucus Coordinator for the Arizona State Democratic Party. These two individuals were here for the Women's Caucus Organizational meeting.
- 3. Raymond Endfield, Jr. thanked Council for their support in appointment of his new position as Executive Director of Enterprises. He presented the Management Agreement between Action Ski and the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Some Council concerns included: to reconsider Chris Shellabarger's contract, improvement of customer relations, inventory & financial concerns and hiring of Tribal Member college students at the Phoenix Action Ski shop.
- 4. Resolution No. 10-98-243 adopted to enter in a one year management agreement with Action Ski. Council Member Cody made the motion and seconded by Council Member Janeway. Passed with a vote of 6-0-1 abstension.
- 5. Raymus Albert of the Land Office presented the Land Board Committee meeting minutes of September 1, 1998 and September 24, 1998. Mr. Albert stated that there are many family disputes regarding land and that the one acre (200' x 200') land that is allotted is too large. He also requested compensation for travel when the fence crew goes on camp outs. Council Members Tate and Clay expressed concerns for homesite requests in the Canyon Day area while Council Member Declay requested that he and Council Member Baha-Walker be informed of any land requests in their district (III).
- 6. Resolution No. 10-98-244 adopted to approve the Land Board meeting minutes of September 1 and September 24, 1998 as presented. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and seconded by Council Member Declay. Passed with a vote of 8-0.
- 7. Discussion followed on foot bridge the need for it and costs involved. Keith Jones, Environmental Planner was advised to utilize existing materials on the reservation. Keith reminded Council of the Natural Resources workshop scheduled for October 22 and 23, 1998. Keith then presented the Tribal Environmental Agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the WMAT including background information,

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Tribal Environmental Goals and Tribal needs. A discussion followed on development of northern boundary for home sites, water and sewer services, as well as on Dewey Skidmore's spring situation in Forestdale.

- 8. Resolution No. <u>10-98-245</u> adopted to approve the Tribal Environmental Agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the WMAT. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and seconded by Council Member Craig. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 9. Resolution No. <u>10-98-246</u> adopted to authorize FATCO to utilize \$175,000 from the forest road funds to install a fuel bulk plant on FATCO property to dispense fuel to other tribal enterprises and contractors for a fee. Council Member Declay made the motion and seconded by Council Member Tate. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 10. The meeting recessed at 6 p.m. and will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Tribal Council Meeting Executive Conference Room Monday, October 19, 1998

- 1. The continuation of the Tribal Council meeting reconvened at 10 a.m. with a quorum present. Council Member Janeway was on sick leave and Council Member Declay was on travel status. The invocation was offered by Vice Chairman Endfield.
- 2. Chairman Massey began the meeting with announcements for this week and next week's scheduled meetings and field trips for Council.
- 3. Tribal Attorney, George Hesse, advised Council of the lease renewal proposal from Bashas. The proposal consists of two terms, renewable at Bashas option, the percentage rent to increase from 1.5% to 2% of gross sales and increases of the base and percentage rents. In addition, Bashas would like a right of first refusal to occupy any new commercial shopping center should one be built in Whiteriver.
- 4. Tribal Council discussed issues related to: financial statements for Bashas, improvements in service, personnel issues and increasing base and percentage rents. (Also door improvement at entrance
- 5. Resolution No. <u>10-98-247</u> adopted for tentative approval of lease renewal proposal for Bashas. Council Member Tate made the motion and seconded by Council Member Clay. Passed with a vote of 8-0.
- 6. The Tribal Attorney informed Council of funding problems for the documentary on the AHS Basketball Team and stated that school board expressed concerns for the children who will be involved in the film, while the funders are concerned with film content. Mr. Hesse also stated that it was suggested to have a media saturation day on October 30, 1998 for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.
- 7. Resolution No. <u>10-98-248</u> adopted designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and seconded by Council Member Clay. Passed with a vote of 8-0.
- 8. The Tribal Attorney shared with Council the proposed scope of work that Jamieson and Gutierrez are prepared to undertake on behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, as well as a short bio on Alfredo Gutierrez. Council agreed that lobbying services are needed for the WMAT at local, state and national levels and that Mr. Gutierrez could provide such services.
- 9. Resolution No. <u>10-98-249</u> adopted for Alfredo Guiterrez's contract. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and seconded by Vice Chairman Endfield. Passed with a vote of 4-1.

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- 10. Jimmy Pettyjohn, Annette Riley and Gwendena Real Bird presented the WMAT Employee Medical Benefit Plan with amendments. Mr. Pettyjohn then presented the management report which showed a YTD aggregate of \$2,717,501 and YTD medical claims paid in the amount of \$2,733,729. Ms. Riley shared information regarding her former employee, L & H Administrators and she presented the schedule of Health Benefits. A discussion followed on an option to increase preminum (copay) by \$5.00 due to increasing health care costs. Tribal Council requested more information on SRTA and health care financial data comparing costs between Non-Tribal Members and Tribal Members.
- 11. Resolution No. <u>10-98-250</u> adopted for approval of the revised and restated WMAT Health and Welfare Plan. Council Member Nez made the motion and seconded by Council Member Craig. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 12. Linda Declay, Tribal Education Director, thanked Council for their support and for her recent appointment to Director. She then gave a brief history of her education and work experience. She referred to the resolution on scholarship increases which was passed in August. She stated the positives as: advantageous to students with financial need, monthly stipends will allow for increased contacts with students and the accountability concept. The negatives: will impact those students who already signed Award Contracts, inconsistency in progression of degree levels with progression of increases, no funds for additional staff & administrative cost necessary for monthly monitoring, Fall 1998 semester is half over and how many years will funding continue at the increased rate? Ms. Declay recommends to initiate the increases next academic year (1999-2000), to approve official policies and procedures in Nov/Dec. 1998 and to review the recommendations of Higher Education, Scholarship Review Committee, and the Indian Education Committee. Ms. Declay is to draft proposal and present to Council.
- 13. Resolution No. 10-98-251 adopted to rescind Resolution No. 08-98-195A and abide by the Tribal Education Director's recommendations regarding scholarship increases. Council Member Dehose made the motion and seconded by Council Member Nez. Passed with a vote of 5-0.
- 14. Linda Holden, WMAT Queen Committee Chairperson, and two members of the committee, Claudine Gokush and Gertie Lupe, made remarks and shared complaints on behalf of the Queen Committee. Several members of Council stated that due to problems, to delegate the Chairman's Office to coordinate Miss White Mountain Apache travel and activities. Tribal Treasurer, Cathy Tate requested a financial report from the committee.
- 15. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
WMAT Heritage Program/Tribal Council Review
Fort Apache Culture Center
Tuesday, October 20, 1998

- 1. The meeting with the WMAT Heritage Program was called to order at 9:50 a.m. with the following members of the Council present: Chairman Massey, Council Members Clay, Baha-Walker, Craig, Nez, Dehose, Cody and Janeway. Others in attendance included the Museum and Heritage staff and Assistant Tribal Attorney, Amy Mignella. The invocation was offered by Ramon Riley.
- 2. Raymond Kane, Heritage Program Director, presented the importance of Apache Culture and History. Mr. Kane stressed the need for streamlining and collaboration and the goals of the program review which included: to enhance Council understanding of Heritage Program operations and projects, to boost Council participation in program and obtain Council guidance. He also presented graph on revenue/visitors for the Museum.
- 3. Nancy Mahaney, Museum Director, presented the Museum operations. She stated that staff are developing exhibits and are in the process of slowly rebuilding from fire. Nancy remarked that funding is needed to replace exhibits and are in the process of seeking grant dollars. Ms. Mahaney also spoke on collections/library and archives. Council commented on the museum theme and what they would like to see featured, improving the landscaping/historical buildings, and development of trails.
- 4. Ramon Riley, Cultural Resources Director, presented information on the Cultural Advisory Board. Regarding the Language Perpetuation Consortium, he urged Council to stress the Apache language. The Intertribal Cooperation involves the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apaches, Tonto Apaches and Fort McDowell Apaches. He stated that 768 remains are located at Grasshopper, 18 at Forestdale, 8 at Canyon Creek Ruins and 127 at Kinishba, with a total of 921 total remains located at the Arizona State Museum. Mr. Riley stated that due to the uncertain future of Hondah Casino and FATCO, the Heritage Program could very well be the "melting pot" for the tribe in the future. He coordinates repatriation activities for the tribe as required under NAGPRA.
- 5. Dr. John Welch, Historic Preservation Officer, presented information on compliance-by making sure that federal laws are followed by the BIA, preservation-advising & assisting with any BIA programs or projects affecting Fort Apache or other historic properties, and technical assistance by assisting the Superintendent with permits for any excavations, investigations of illegal digging and with unintentional discoveries of subsurface materials; NAGPRA. He stated that funding is from annual grant received from the National Park

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- Service. Dr. Welch reminded Council of upcoming events on November 12 (Heard Museum) & 13 (Arizona State Museum), 1998.
- 6. Beverly Malone, Transcriber, shared brief information on her education and her work in transcribing from tapes to cassettes. She also spoke on the Apache Aboriginal Lands Placenames Survey.
- 7. Odette Fuller, Historic Park Coordinator, presented information on the Historic Park Commercial Planning. She stated that there are four strong markets-tourists, schools, tribal programs and enterprises. Odette also stated that repeat people visit museum and wants the museum to be an educational and commercial center.
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Sincerely,

Indy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
4th Annual Natural Resources Workshop for
the Tribal Council
Hondah Convention Center
Thursday, October 22, 1998

- 1. Members of the Tribal Council present were: Chairman Massey, Vice Chairman Endfield, Judy Dehose, Phoebe Nez, Lynn Cody, Margaret Baha-Walker, Noland Clay, Mariddie J. Craig and Herbert Tate. Environmental Planning staff were also in attendance.
- 2. The workshop began at 9:25 a.m. with welcome and opening remarks from Roger Leslie, Hondah General Manager and Keith Jones, Environmental Planner. The invocation was offered by Ramon Riley.
- 3. Bob Brauchli, Attorney, presented a historical and legal overview regarding land damages claims, water rights and sovereignty protection. He stated that Tribal management of resources is imperative, and must continue. He urged the WMAT to use water as much as possible. He also warned of long term leases and urged Tribe to develop lands.
- 4. Chairman Massey called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. with a quorum present.
- 5. Resolution No. <u>10-98-252</u> adopted to approve the Tribal Water Quality Protection Ordinance No. 217. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and seconded by Council Member Cody. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 6. Resolution No. 10-98-253 adopted to approve the IGA between the WMAT and the U.S. Geological Survey for Stream Gaging Access Permit and Technical Assistance. Council Member Cody made the motion and seconded by Council Member Baha-Walker. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
- 7. Council Member Tate requested Tribal Council support for ADOT in the form of a resolution. He stated that this is necessary for the November 3, 1998 roads meeting. Resolution No. 10-98-254 adopted for Council support regarding ADOT. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and seconded by Council Member Nez. Passed with a vote of 8-0.
- 8. Tribal Attorney, George Hesse, advised Council to appoint a seven member board to administer the Land Restoration Fund, of which 20% is for scholarships and 80% for land restoration. Requirements for board are: one from each voting district, one youth, one elderly, one with a degree in related field. He stated that maybe board could be appointed

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by next Council meeting. George also stated that this board also serves as the Natural Conservation District Board.

9. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Field Trip to West End of reservation Friday, October 23, 1998

BRIEFS

- 1. Members of the Tribal Council who participated in the field trip were: Chairman Massey, Judy Dehose, Harley Janeway, Lynn Cody, Phoebe Nez, Alvin Declay, Noland Clay, Mariddie J. Craig and Herbert Tate. Environmental Planning staff were in attendance as well BIA representatives and Tribal Forestry.
- 2. Departure for field trip was at 9:30 a.m. The first stop was near the Carrizo area where Al Wyatt, Range Technician, discussed impacts to range lands from horses and cattle, the need for a comprehensive horse trapping program, and techniques developed for building traps. Council viewed a horse/cattle trap that Al built.
- 3. Stop #2 was at the Cibecue Creek restoration project. The group gathered at the main bridge in Cibecue where Delbin Endfield, Restoration Project Manager and Jonathan Long, Technical Advisor, discussed efforts to restore natural stream and riparian condition at this location and others within the Cibecue Watershed.
- 4. Stop #3 was a visitation of the Tribal Forestry/BIA woodlands growth study plot. Paul Declay, Tribal Forester, described the purpose of this project and implications for overall woodlands management on the reservation.
- 5. Stop #4 was the road to Oak Creek Ranch where problems with gullying and drainage were identified. Laurel Lacher, Hydrologist and Keith Jones, Environmental Planner/Engineer described problems with gullying, erosion and sediment movement from poorly constructed and drained roads.
- 6. After a catered lunch at Canyon Creek near Oak Creek Ranch, Laurel Lacher, Hydrologist, and Emery Hoffman, Assistant, described stream gaging at this location with a demonstration of how measurements are taken.
- 7. Stop #5 involved Oak Creek Ranch and livestock association range lands. Herman Ivins, Range Technician, Al Wyatt, Range Technician and Gregg Vinson, Range Conservationist and Oak Creek Livestock Association representatives discussed livestock management, range conditions and assessment techniques, and plans for further improving the productivity and ecosystem health of range lands.

8. The field trip concluded at 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Undy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Reservation Lake Field Trip Thursday, October 29, 1998

BRIEFS

- Tribal Council who participated in the field trip were: Chairman Massey, Judy Dehose, Harley Janeway, Lynn Cody, Phoebe Nez, Margaret Baha-Walker, Alvin Declay, Mariddie J. Craig and Herbert Tate. Others present were: Environmental Planning staff and FATCO and BIA representatives.
- 2. The first stop was at Soldier Spring where Mae Burnette, Watershed Assistant, shared brief historical information on the sacred spring. The various specialists described the Solder Springs Restoration Project.
- 3. Stop #2 was at Deep Cienega where discussion was held on protection of the Arizona Willow.
- 4. A catered lunch was provided at Reservation Lake.
- 5. Stop #3 was at Pacheta Cienega where Council were shown the restoration of Pacheta Creek and the Wetland Area.
- 6. The last stop was at Lofer Cienega where Jonathan Long, Technical Advisor, showed Council the damaged conditions and discussed the Lofer Cienega Restoration Project.
- 7. The field trip concluded at 5:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE Fort Apache Indian Reservation Whiteriver, Arizona Meeting with AZ Dept. of Transportation Executive Conference Room Friday, October 30, 1998

- 1. The Cooperative Transportation Meeting between the WMAT, BIA and ADOT was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Massey with the following members of the Council present: Vice Chairman Endfield, Judy Dehose, Harley Janeway, Lynn Cody, Phoebe Nez, Margaret Baha-Walker, Alvin Declay, Mariddie J. Craig and Herbert Tate. Council Member Clay was on annual leave. The invocation was offered by Council Member Craig.
- 2. Others present included: Glorianna Dayaye, Clarence Begay, Ray Burnette and ADOT representatives.
- 3. Chairman Massey introduced Lonnie Burnette, the Assistant Manager for the Carrizo Station. Mr. Burnette gave a brief update on upcoming grand opening activities in Carrizo.
- 4. Rick Powers thanked Keith Jones for his efforts with the scheduling and the agenda. He gave a brief background information on area that they cover and their responsibilities with ADOT regarding roads. Mr. Powers stated that in 1994 when they were redistricting, they came up with a strategy of working cooperatively with the BIA in developing joint plans for accelerating projects on state highway systems within the reservation which has been successful. He then introduced ADOT staff.
- 5. Clarence Begay, BIA Roads Manager, thanked the Tribe for coordinating the meeting and he also thanked ADOT for their efforts with the many projects on the reservation. Glorianna Dayaye, Acting Superintendent, commented on the road improvements and stressed the importance of working together. Council Member Tate expressed his concern for the snow removal problem and would like ADOT to follow through on the widening of the highway between Cedar Creek and Carrizo.
- 6. Don Corum, ADOT staff, thanked Council for this meeting. He stated that he has very good working relationship with Tribal staff and feels that a lot has been accomplished.
- 7. Keith Jones, Environmental Planner, stated that there are many issues to discuss and a lot of projects currently under construction on the reservation roads through ADOT. He also stated that the Council will keep pressure on ADOT to make sure the needs are met. Keith remarked that in today's meeting, information will be shared and Council will be updated..

- 8. Rick Powers and Keith Jones spoke briefly on the operational plan and the importance of a designated contact list indicating responsibility for issues.
- 9. Chairman Massey stated that chain of command for contacts should be as follows: Tribal Chairman's Office, Council Member Tate-Chairman of Roads Committee, Connor Murphy-Tribal Planner, and Keith Jones, Environmental Planner. Chairman Massey also requested names, titles and phone numbers for the ADOT personnel and will share same information from Tribe to ADOT.
- 10. Implications and opportunities under new Federal highway law (TEA21) was presented. Mr. Powers stated that TEA21 provides \$218 billion dollars over six years for highway funding and the main areas of emphasis are: increased safety, cleaner environment and expanded opportunity for rebuilding America. There are 1,850 special projects in TEA21 totaling \$9 billion dollars.
- 11. Rick Powers shared information on the regional and state transportation board and gave representative names. Chairman Massey and Keith Jones recommended Council Member Tate to represent the White Mountain Apache Tribe. He stressed the importance of having a Tribal representative on the board for more funding, more information and to improve system. The Council was informed that appointment to the board is made by the Governor.
- 12. Victoria Bever, ADOT Project Management, stated that ADOT lacks a system for communication between Tribal Police, Arizona Highway Patrol and ADOT. She also mentioned that ADOT maintains an accident reporting system which reports the milepost of accident, type of accident, time of day and road conditions. She stressed that it would be beneficial to the Tribe and to ADOT to receive accurate accident information as this is a high priority for ADOT when they recognize road needs.
- 13. The meeting recessed at 11 a.m. for the Miss Indian Arizona (Ann Denise Taylor) celebration ceremony and to reconvene at 1 p.m. today.
- 14. The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with a presentation by Gretchen Pierce on traffic signals. Ms. Pierce presented information on the Hondah intersection and FATCO turnoff. She also stressed traffic education for pedestrians. She stated that replacement lamps are now the responsibility of ADOT. Priorities are: A lighting study for all of state route 73 and 260 to determine the darkest areas and the highest use of intersections, to extend the speed limit out near IHS Hospital so that it is included in the lower speed limit, curve signing for Ft. Apache road, the curves near IHS and Over the Rainbow and Elk signing near McNary.
- 15. The consultant provided information regarding the four lane divided highway. He stated that there will be two lanes each way separated by a landscaped median. He also addressed the decorative strip of pavement which will indicate Tribal lands, whether all access points need to be maintained on the roadways that approach highway 260 and a

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- wider corridor for the roadway. Chairman Massey commented on the beauty of our reservation and stated reasons to designate "Indian Land".
- 16. Vicky Bever shared information on the retaining wall at Yucca Flats. ADOT to also improve frontage road and put in lights at intersection if budget allows.
- 17. Council shared concerns regarding handicap facilities, street lights, the need for safety signs, improvement of Higgin Hill road, speed limits, utilization of Tribal members on road projects, Chief Alchesay monument feasibility and community input to develop design for the wall at Yucca Flats.
- 18. It was suggested to have quarterly meetings between the Tribal Council and ADOT. The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for January 1999.
- 19. Resolution No. 10-98-255 adopted for approval of the Modified Drug Elimination Grant. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and seconded by Council Member Tate. Passed with a vote of 8-0. Said resolution was presented by Victor Velasquez, Housing Authority Director.
- 20. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Council Secretary