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

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Secretary, Cyndy Harvey-Burnette, has prepared briefs of the Tribal Council meetings for June 4-7, June 19 and June 20, 2001, and has presented them to the Tribal Council this date for approval; and
- WHEREAS, after reading the briefs to the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council concludes that the briefs for June 4-7, June 12, June 19 and June 20, 2001, should be approved as presented.
- **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Tribal Council meeting briefs for June 4-7, June 12, June 19 and June 20, 2001.

The foregoing resolution was on November 14, 2001, duly adopted by a vote of <u>SEVEN</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (s), (t) and (u) 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).

Dallas Massey Sr.

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
Secretary of the Tribal Council

White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Budget presentations Hondah Convention Center Monday, June 4, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

Chairman Massey called the budget presentation meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present. Council Member Craig joined the meeting later in the afternoon. The invocation was offered by Council Member Clay. The Finance and Budget Committee members, John Clark-Admin. Manager, Roger Leslie and Brent Curth of Hondah and Mark Heberer, Sunrise were also present.

- 1. Finance Committee Chairperson, Ermon Colelay, introduced committee members. Ray Endfield advised to invest in enterprises as they are the money-makers for the tribe.
- 2. Mark Heberer presented Sunrise's budget with plans to increase revenue, replace old equipment, staff salary increases and capital request.
- 3. Discussion on Lift #6 followed. Safety and liability concerns were expressed on the Ski patrol building with a suggestion that Tribal EMS be utilized as some are Paramedics. It was advised to hire consultant now to review all Sunrise issues.
- 4. Mr. Heberer prioritized rental equipment and snow cat on the capital request. It was recommended to lease snow cat.
- 5. Hon-Dah General Manager Roger Leslie introduced Assistant Manager Brent Curth and Controller Kevin Hansen. Hondah's actual, forecast and budgeted figures was presented. Capital total request was \$4.7M-New positions and wage increases also were requested. It was advised that specialized training for Tribal Members be prioritized with salary comparisons to industry norms.
- 6. In the afternoon session, Roger provided a graph that detailed 1997 to 2015 Hon-Dah Projection for slots, profit and total revenue. Future expansion plans were shared via a large map. Status of thirteen (13) family homes, Forestdale land issue and natural gas was briefly discussed. The high employee turn over rate and high investments on training was shared.
- 7. Paul Declay, Tribal Forest Manager, introduced two guests from British Columbia-Ruth Tibbets and her son-in-law Scott Miller. The two are on a mission to renew trade ties with southern nations and wanted to know whether the WMAT is interested in renewing ties with northern nations.
- 8. W&ORD Director Jon Cooley covered actual operating expenses and revenues. He explained increases. The capital request priority is the backhoe, followed by boats and toilet pumper truck.
- 9. Ray Endfield advised closure of Cibecue Variety Store and to convert it into a convenience store. \$60,000 was requested in capital for this purpose.
- 10. Darius Murphy, Cibecue Commercial Center Manager, shared information on c-store and covered revenue losses to the commercial center. Yvette Larzelere, Staff Accountant, explained the accounts receivable problem at Cibecue Commercial Center.
- 11. Tribal Attorney George Hesse briefed Council on Apache Coalition meeting tomorrow and on Tribal Leader's meeting on Friday. Detail update tomorrow.
- 12. The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Council meeting Hondah Convention Center Tuesday, June 5, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

Chairman Massey called the Apache Coalition meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with all members of the Tribal Council present. Representatives were present from the San Carlos, Yavapai and Tonto Apache Tribes. Vice Chairman Endfield offered the invocation

- 1. After introductions, Tio Tachias of Arizona Redistricting, provided an update on redistricting as two seats were gained in the congressional district. Establishment of a rural district will result in tribes' staying together allowing them more input. Steve Titla, SCAT's Attorney commented on redistricting meetings where tribes can provide testimonies. Outcome may result in the placement of a Native American in congress. He also cautioned non-violation of section 5 which is reviewed by Department of Justice.
- 2. Discussion followed on gaming in executive session from 10:20 a.m. 12:45 p.m.
- 3. Tribal leaders were urged to attend meeting AIGA Leadership Meeting in Phoenix on Friday, June 8, 2001.
- 4. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.
- 5. The afternoon session began with presentation of Apache Enterprise budget by Gerald Alsenay, General Manager. He advised to delete request for maintenance truck from his capital request. Raises are not across the board. Enterprise being triple taxed was Mr. Alsenay's concern.
- 6. Discussion was held on convenience store in North Fork. Improvements needed in McNary were brought up. Information was shared on McDonald's status.
- 7. Sylvia Endfield, Whiteriver Commercial Center Manager, presented budget. Capital request with priority being the new 3000-gallon truck. Restaurant and Doxol problems were discussed, along with hazardous pay for Doxol drivers. Budget committee to review and provide recommendation for the pay issue.
- 8. Cellular One Manager, Margaret Cook, provided information on staff, commissions, services and plans available. More towers needed to add stronger cell power and to reach areas that lack cell services. Ms. Cook requested salary increases for staff and to change their titles.
- 9. Al Bloomfield of Hondah Home Center requested security system upgrade as priority under capital request. Mr. Bloomfield explained reasons for lower revenues. The center is currently short staffed and requested raises have not been approved for last three years. He was advised to carry and sell only items that will sell
- 10. Tribal Treasurer, Cathy Tate, shared with the Council the request for financial assistance from Gerdenia Nosie. The other request from Roger Griggs in the amount of \$2,500 was also brought up.
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13. The meeting recessed at 6:30 p.m.

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Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

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White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation **Tribal Budget Presentations** Hondah Convention Center Wednesday, June 6, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Massey with a quorum present. Council Member Dehose was absent and Council Member Burnette was on annual leave. The invocation was offered by Council Member Nez.

- 1. John Clark, Administrative Manager, presented the Agriculture Enterprise budget. Information on planted crops and potential future crops for water rights purposes was provided. Vandalism to equipment was discussed. Mr. Clark expressed the need for gator and twine bailer. He was advised to check with Housing, BIA and GSA for vehicles.
- 2. Discussion followed on I.D. Herd personnel and problems, followed by recommendation to separate I.D. Herd from Agriculture Enterprise. It was advised that Ray Endfield, John Clark, Joe Harvey and Gary Alchesay meet to discuss the budget and to re-present this information to Council.
- 3. Central Tribe budget includes no raises and no capital as recommended by the Finance and Budget Committee. Discussion followed on cell phone and gas credit card usage with warning issued to control costs in both areas. Many suggestions were shared regarding Tribal vehicles. Discussion and questions followed on emergency assistance.
- 4. In reviewing Public Works budget, hazardous pay was recommended for Utility and Solid Waste personnel due to the nature of their work.
- 5. Tribal Attorney George Hesse explained that the substantial increase in Legal Department's budget is related to water rights.
- 6. Hondah General Manager Roger Leslie covered auditing portion of operation. The limited staff in gaming was referenced. It was advised to re-evaluate gaming budget once new Gaming Officer hired
- 7. The meeting recessed at 5:25 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary

White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Council meeting Executive Conference Room Thursday, June 7, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 a.m. by Chairman Massey with all members of the Council present. Land Office Director Raymus Albert offered the invocation.

- Christine Smith, Tribal Member, shared her termination status from the Whiteriver Police Department. She was advised to return when the Human Resources Director, Chief of Police and Captain Kessay will be present.
- Margie Alo requested Lot A-34 at Hondah Homesites. She will negotiate with Mae Burnette for Lots A-35 & A36. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-139</u> adopted granting approval to Margie Alo for Lot A-34. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 9-0.
- 3. Karen Adley-Way, shared her comments in support of the new school in Seven Mile.
- 4. Eileen Pike, on behalf of the Youth Council, requested financial assistance for seven students to travel to UNITY conference in Grand Rapids, MI to continue WMAT representation and for the students' benefit. Resolution No. 06-2001-140 adopted to approve the expenditure of \$2,400.00 to cover airfare for seven students to attend UNITY conference. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Nez. Vote: 6-0. Ms. Pike stated that the Youth Council is in the process of being revived.
- 5. Abby Griggs, for Roger Griggs, requested an advance of scholarship in the amount of \$2,400. After a lengthy discussion, Resolution No. <u>06-2001-141</u> was adopted approving an advance of \$1,250.00 to Roger Griggs with other half to be received in the fall. <u>Motion</u>: Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Clay. Vote: 8-0.
- 6. A financial assistance in the amount of \$600.00 was requested by Gerdenia Nosie for ten (10) high school students to participate in the Junior Native Basketball Championship tournament. The Executive Offices and several Council Members donated totaling \$400.00.
- 7. Stanley and Robyn Parker referenced prior resolution requesting for sponsorship totaling \$1,700 but had only received \$300. Due to misunderstanding, Resolution No. 06-2001-142 adopted to rescind resolution no. 05-2001-117 and to approve \$1,400.00 financial assistance to Robyn Parker to participate in the Junior Nationals. Motion: Council Member Lupe, second: Council Member Nez. Vote: 10-0.
- 8. A request was made for a beef donation from Etheline Cosen for the family fun day as part of the festivities planned for the 30-year anniversary of the Day Care Center. Resolution No. 06-2001-143 adopted for approval of beef donation for purpose stated. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 9-0.

- 9. Dr. Kim Randall, Whiteriver Unified School Dist. Supt. and Dennis Railer, Project Manager, provided an update on WUSD No. 20 Master Construction Plan which includes: Cradleboard and Seven Mile Elementary Schools, Teacher Housing Phase I and District Offices. High security fencing and appropriate lighting was advised for schools and quarters. School personnel and board were thanked for considering community input for the Seven Mile School. Terry Quest, Business Manager, presented funding information. Resolution No. 06-2001-144 adopted for approval of proposed expansion for Cradleboard Elementary School, the new Seven Mile Elementary School and teacher's quarters. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 10-0.
- 10. The meeting went into Executive Session from 3:10 to 4:24 p.m. to hear from Christine Truax-Smith. Ray Burnette, Chief of Police, Reuben Kessay, Captain and Gwendena Real Bird, Human Resources Director were present.
- 11. The Council heard from Karol Armstrong in Executive Session from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. with Reuben Kessay and Gwendena Real Bird present.
- 12. The Tribal Attorney reported in Executive Session from 5:00 to 5:23 p.m.
- 13. Resolution No. 06-2001-145 adopted to authorize and direct the Tribe's legal counsel to request a continuation of the June 13, 2001, Administrative Hearing on the State of Arizona's timber sales severance tax claim. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 7-0.
- 14. GIS Coordinator, Faith Beatty-Johnson, provided an update on GIS via a power point presentation. Faith is willing to train Land Office staff; however, specialized hardware and software is needed to archive land records. More funds are required to complete street signs and so will seek other grants. She is available to assist community with work orders for all mapping products.
- 15. Sylviana Girardi-Stebbins, Director, and Diane Soroka, Curriculum Director, of Northern Arizona Academy provided information on the academy and requested to use the Youth Center as there are problems with the Skill Center. A concern was that alternative schools could result in children not wanting to attend regular schools. Resolution No. 06-2001-146 adopted to allow Northern Arizona Academy to lease the Youth Center for two years with lease terms to be negotiated. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 7-0-1 abstention.
- 16. NAU student Shannon Sparks presented information on The Informal Child Care Project: "An Ethnographic Study of Informal Child Caregiving in White Mountain Apache Communities" and requested permission to conduct this research for her dissertation. Pros and cons of request was discussed. Council to review before publication. Resolution No. 06-2001-147 adopted to authorize Shannon Sparks and the Tribal Education Department and/or Child Care to initiate the Informal Child Care Project. Motion: Council Member Cody, second: Council Member Craig. Vote: 7-1.
- 17. Pathways Coordinator, Becky Ethelbah, presented the following five resolutions: Resolution No. 06-2001-148 adopted to approve publication of Pathways Manuscript, "How Closely do School Menus and Recipes Reflect Nutrient Intakes of Children at School Lunch? Results from the Pathways Study." Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.

- 18. Resolution No. 06-2001-149 adopted to approve for publication of Pathways Manuscript, "Pathways Process Evaluation Results: A School-Based Prevention Trail to Promote Healthful Diet and Physical Activity in American Indian Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Students." Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
- Resolution No. <u>06-2001-150</u> adopted to approve for publication of Pathways Manuscript, "Impact of the Pathways Intervention on Psychosocial Variables Related to Diet and Physical Activity in American Indian School Children." Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
- 20. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-151</u> adopted to approve for publication of Pathways Manuscript, "Obesity in American Indian Children: Prevalence, Consequences & Prevention." Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
- 21. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-152</u> adopted to approve for publication of Pathways Manuscript, "Validity of Self Reported Dietary Intake by American Indian Children: The Pathways Study." Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
- 22. Dr. Ray Reid presented information on proposed study on hepatitis AB vaccine which was approved by the Health Board. Resolution No. 06-2001-153 adopted to grant approval to the Johns Hopkins University to conduct the study to collect safety information about the recently licensed new combination of hepatitis AB vaccine (Twinrix) among adult tribal members. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
- 23. Paul Declay and Jim Pitts of Tribal Forestry provided information on proposed position. It was advised to include cultural concerns in the resolution. Resolution No. 06-2001-153 adopted to request and authorize a P.L. 96-638 contract between the Tribe and the BIA, Fort Apache Agency for the position of Prescribed Fuel/Fire Management Specialist. Motion: Council Member Dehose, second: Council Member Clay. Vote: 8-0.
- 24. Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. John Welch, reported the addition of Doreen Gatewood to his staff. An ANA grant was received for conservation and revitalization of the Apache Language. The other grant was for repatriation. Resolution No. 06-2001-155 adopted to approve the installation of a security gate at Geronimo's Cave. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Craig. Vote: 8-0.
- 25. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-156</u> adopted to authorize the Heritage Program to secure National Science Foundation REU grant support focused on the involvement of tribal member undergraduates in the University of Arizona summer school field. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Clay. Vote: 7-0-1 abstention.
- 26. Dr. Welch shared information on vet clinic and Resolution No. 06-2001-157 adopted for approval for the veterinary clinic to operate in all communities. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Burnette. Vote: 8-0.

27. The meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Council meeting Hondah Convention Center Tuesday, June 12, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

Chairman Massey called the Budget meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. A quorum of the Council Members was present. Council Member Dehose was absent, Council Member Cruz was on travel status and Council Member Burnette was on annual leave. The invocation was offered by Council Member Nez.

- 1. Chairman Massey commented that due to meeting this morning with Forestry personnel regarding the fire problem on the West End, today's meeting is getting a late start.
- 2. Due to questions and concerns from the Council, Public Works staff were present to answer questions and provide information on the budget.
- 3. Al Brooks, Herbert Tate and Tom Francis shared information on materials, equipment and the current and future construction projects. Discrepancies in pay were clarified and it was stated that staff deserve raises. However, if raises are approved, Council needs to consider increasing utility rates within Public Works.
- 4. In discussing hazardous pay, the department was advised to plan for projects along with a wage adjustment plan. The department's achievements were commented on.
- 5. Frankie Williams and Jimmy Brownfeather of Utility provided work information, requested hazardous pay and covered capital request. Supporting comments were offered for salary increases as long as it is reasonable.
- 6. Ray Endfield remarked on the increased audit expense. As a result of additional Controller department staff, audit findings are lower. The positions are part of the gaming compact requirements. Discussion and questions followed on Michelle Austin and John Clark's positions with the recommendation to have Michelle present to Council her plans for the department.
- 7. Community Service many concerns on this department. A request was made to obtain department policies from the manager.
- 8. Purchasing income increase.
- 9. Computer increase in operating expense was noted.
- 10. Engineering and Personnel the slight increase in expenses was noted.
- 11. Maintenance under capital two vehicles were requested. The income is reflected in 01.
- 12. Planning decrease of \$17K noted with discussion on Franklin Quintero's position/functions. It was suggested to have Franklin and Milfred Cosen present to clarify questions on the department.
- 13. Police Department Cops grant discussed and it was advised to continue presentation of Police Department budget when Ray Burnette, Reuben Kessay, Milfred Cosen and Michelle Austin are present.

- 14. The Budget meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. followed by continuation of agenda items.
- 15. Ruby Altaha, Revolving Credit Director, presented the following four resolutions: Resolution No. 06-2001-158 adopted for approval of residential lease for Evangeline (Aday) Natan. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Council Member Cody. Vote: 3-0-2 abstentions.
- Resolution No. 06-2001-159 adopted for approval of homesite lease for Emer and Colleen (Zahgotah) Skidmore. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2nd-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
- 17. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-160</u> adopted approving Tommy Joe Francis to lease Lots A-84 and A-85 at Hondah Homesites. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2nd-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
- 18. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-161</u> adopted to approve Meiinda (Palmer) Gardner to lease Lots A-25 and A-26 at Hondah Homesites. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2nd-Council Member Cody. Vote: 5-0.
- 19. Candy Lupe, Watershed Program Director, presented the following four resolutions, along with information on each: Resolution No. 06-2001-162 adopted to approve the Agreements between the Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Upper Firebox Creek Culvert Removal and Repair Project, the Blue Springs and Hughey Creek Restoration Project, and the Squaw and Flash Creek Barrier Project. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2nd-Council Member Craig. Vote: 5-0.
- Resolution No. 06-2001-163 adopted for the appointment of Mr. Levi Dehose to fill the District I representative board seat for the Land Restoration Board.
 Motion: Council Member Cody, 2nd-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
- 21. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-164</u> adopted for approval of the Permanent Land Restoration Budget for FY 2001-2002. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2nd-Council Member Clay. Vote: 5-0.
- 22. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-165</u> adopted for the following restoration projects: Cedar Creek Range Improvement Project, Z-19 Restoration Proposal, Fisheries Monitoring Proposal, and Maverick Road Rehabilitation Project. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2nd-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
- 23. The Tribal Attorney and the Tribal Hydrologist provided comments on the following resolution which ties in with the fish farm proposal. They were advised to inform the residents of Forestdale. Resolution No. 06-2001-166 adopted to direct the Tribal Hydrologist to initiate development of an exploratory/production well north of Forestdale for the purpose of evaluating and better utilization of water supply in that area. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2nd-Council Member Craig. Vote: 5-0.
- 24. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-167</u> adopted to support the development of congressional districts in Arizona which will represent the character and needs of Arizona's rural areas, and in particular, the needs of the Indian tribes in Eastern and Northern Arizona, so that the tribal concerns and voting power are unified rather than fragmented, for purposes of assuring better representation and effective legislation in congressional matters. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2nd-Council Member Clay. Vote: 5-0.

- 25. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-168</u> adopted to approve sponsorship of the "3rd Annual Sports Camp for Persons with Disabilities" on July 14, 2001 at Blue Ridge High School. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2nd-Council Member Cody. Vote: 5-0.
- 26. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-169</u> adopted to approve a grant application to the US Department of Education for the development of a "Model Demonstration Project". Motion: Council Member Craig, 2nd-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 5-0.
- 27. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-170</u> adopted to rescind resolution no. 04-2001-115 regarding Native Vision. Further, to include \$5,000 for the appreciation barbecue in the resolution. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2nd-Council Member Cody. Vote: 5-0.
- 28. The Tribal Attorney reported in Executive Session from 5:42 to 6:15 p.m.
- 29. The meeting recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

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Council Secretary

White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Council meeting Executive Conference Room Tuesday, June 19, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Massey. Council Members Nez and Burnette were on annual leave. Vice Chairman Endfield, Council Members Baha-Walker and Craig were on travel status.

- 1. Rick DiValentino of W&ORD provided brief information on the 2001-2002 Tribal Member Hunting regulations but he was advised to return tomorrow to present this important information before a full Council.
- 2. John Welch, Historic Preservation Officer, introduced Paul Babbitt, a new board member for the Heritage Foundation Board.
- 3. The meeting went into Executive Session from 2:15 to 3:41 p.m. for presentation of electric utility issues by Leonard Gold of L.S. Gold and Associates, Inc. and Amy Mignella, Special Counsel.
- 4. BIA Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa recommended a postponement of BIA Education meeting scheduled on June 25, 2001 due to the absence of many of the school board members. He further advised that the Tribal Council needs more internal discussion regarding education transfers.
- 5. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette Tribal Council Secretary

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White Mountain Apache Tribe Fort Apache Indian Reservation Tribal Council meeting Hon-Dah Convention Center Wednesday, June 20, 2001

COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Massey at 9:34 a.m. Vice Chairman Endfield was on travel, Council Member Burnette was on annual leave and Council Member Cruz was excused. Raymus Albert, Land Office Director, offered the invocation.

- John Bereman, Tribal Engineer, informed Council that final approval of the Hondah master plan is scheduled for presentation on July 6, 2001; however, the I H S land exchange for housing requires 120 acres which is not part of the master plan. He also informed Council of the proposed alternative lagoon sites. Fred Hubbard, LTC Facility Administrator, provided an update on the nursing home initiative and stated that the Hondah area has greater accessibility with the land situation being a vital component of the nursing home effort.
- 2. Joe Harvey of ID Herd commented that the North Fork Livestock Association is willing to assist the tribe and will not hinder its progress. Discussion followed on the Hon-Dah expansion with input from Roger Leslie-Hondah General Manager. Tribal and BIA Forestry personnel advised including Forestry in future planning for wildfire protection.
- 3. Dr. Yost of Whiteriver I H S commented that they are willing to look at other sites but that I H S housing location delays will affect funding.
- 4. The group was advised to review alternative sites and to keep Council informed.
- 5. Housing Authority Executive Director Victor Velasquez stated he and staff are here to present the housing budget. The Indian Housing Plan will be submitted which covers funding from 1998 to 2001. He stated that the Housing Authority has addressed audit findings and information on the new office building was shared.
- 6. Julie Thompson, consultant, presented financial report on investments and AJ Yazzie, consultant, provided an overview of program resources which total \$20.2M and allocations of these funds. MEPA funds and reauthorization of NAHASDA were some concerns from Council.
- 7. The afternoon session began with the Transportation Coordinator Richard Palmer presenting the following three resolutions: Resolution No. 06-2001-171 adopted to authorize an IGA between the Tribe, the town of Pinetop-Lakeside, and the Navajo County government to apply for an Arizona TEA-21 grant for a multipurpose trail. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Craig. Vote: 6-0.
- 8. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-172</u> adopted to request that the BIA provide the additional \$608,930 required for completion of the Whiteriver Airport

- improvements. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 6-0.
- Resolution No. <u>06-2001-173</u> adopted to amend Resolution No. 03-99-49 to include granting of Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement for project (FAIR Consolidated No. 25). Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, second: Council Member Craig. Vote: 5-0.
- 10. Mr. Palmer gave a brief update on transportation and construction projects. It was brought up that tribal members Fannie Cruz, Jones Adley and Julia Burnette need assistance with tree removal on their properties.
- 11. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-174</u> adopted to request that the National Inter-Agency Fire Center base its regional operation for fire suppression within the F.A.I.R. and adjoining lands at the Whiteriver Airport, upon airport completion on or about August 15, 2001. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Council Member Nez. Vote: 6-0.
- 12. W&ORD personnel Rick DiValentino and Jesse Palmer presented the proposed changes for Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002. As there were concerns regarding the upgrading of management hunt, W&ORD Director to provide clarification letter. Resolution No. 06-2001-175 adopted for approval of the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for 2001-2002. Motion: Council Member Nez, second: Council Member Craig. Vote: 6-0.
- 13. George Hesse, Tribal Attorney, presented his report in Executive Session from 3:11 to 4:30 p.m. Resolution No. 06-2001-176 adopted for the WMAT support for the Tonto Apache Tribe in their efforts to reacquire their ancestral land. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Nez. Vote: 6-0.
- 14. Resolution No. 06-2001-177 adopted to authorize and direct the Tribe's legal counsel to request a continuation of the June 13, 2001, Administrative Hearing on the State of Arizona's timber sales severance tax claim for the purpose of facilitating earnest settlement discussions with the State Department of Revenue and to achieve, if possible, settlement of said claims on terms mutually agreeable to the Tribe and the State of Arizona. Motion: Council Member Craig, second: Council Member Dehose. Vote: 5-0.
- 15. Resolution No. 06-2001-178 adopted to approve a MOU between the USDA, Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forests, WMAT and BIA to establish areas of mutual interest and concern that can be addressed jointly to maintain cordial relationship, and also establish a framework for cooperative planning and coordinated development of natural resource conservation and management designed to maintain, restore and enhance our cultural, economic and environmental quality of life. Motion: Council Member Clay, second: Council Member Dehose. Vote: 5-0.
- 16. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-179</u> adopted for approval of the proposed land lease with the Cibecue Community Education Board, Inc., for the Cibecue Community School site. Motion: Council Member Lupe, second: Council Member Dehose. Vote: 5-0.
- 17. Resolution No. <u>06-2001-180</u> adopted to approve the form and content of the Memorandum of Understanding for the dissemination of national criminal history record information between the WMAT and the Arizona Department of Gaming.

Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, second: Council Member Clay. Vote: 5-0.

18. The meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette

Tribal Council Secretary