

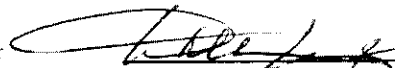
**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council Secretary, Cyndy Harvey-Burnette, has prepared briefs of the Tribal Council meetings for June 5 & 6, June 21, June 24 and June 28, 2002 and has presented them to the Tribal Council this date for approval; and

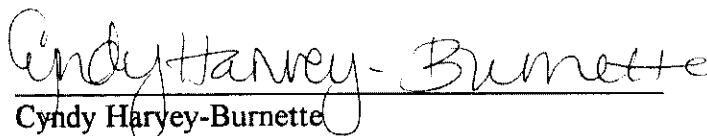
**WHEREAS,** after reading the briefs to the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council concludes that the briefs for June 5 & 6, June 21, June 24 and June 28, 2002, should be approved as presented.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Tribal Council meeting briefs for June 5 & 6, June 21, June 24 and June 28, 2002.

The foregoing resolution was on August 21, 2002, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and ZERO 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 Council meeting/Chambers  
Wednesday, June 5, 2002

### COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

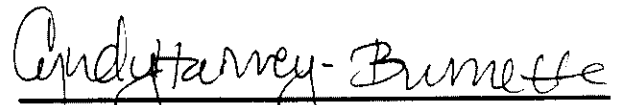
Chairman Massey called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. with a quorum present. Council Member Lupe offered the invocation. Council Member Nez left for travel shortly after the meeting began. Council Member Clay was on travel.

1. Chairman Massey announced that before the Tribal Attorney reports, the Cibecue students will address the Tribal Council. The student's chaperones Judy Dehose and Hedy Kelewood reported on their trip to Korea and thanked Council for their support. They offered souvenirs to Council and gave a short demonstration of Taekwondo. Resolution No. 06-2002-101 adopted to endorse and welcome the planned August visit by the delegation from South Korea to Cibecue, and to the Cibecue school, to promote international understanding and provide additional cultural resources for the Cibecue youth. Motion: Council Member Nez, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
2. Tribal Enrollment was presented in executive session from 9:48 to 10:06 a.m. Resolution No. 06-2002-102 adopted to approve WMAT membership for thirty-three applicants. Motion: Council Member Burnette, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Cody. Vote: 7-0.
3. Resolution No. 06-2002-103 adopted to approve Poppy Loring's tribal relinquishment from the WMAT. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Cruz. Vote: 7-0.
4. Resolution No. 06-2002-104 adopted for the enrollment of Erica Machuse with the WMAT. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Henry. Vote: 7-0.
5. Resolution No. 06-2002-105 adopted to approve relinquishments requests for: Dallas Manuel, Nick Shaw, Darcy Loring, Roxanne Begay, Andrew Begay and Dexter Loring. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Burnette. Vote: 7-0.
6. Paul Declay of Tribal Forestry briefed Council on the SCF Forest Certification Contract assessment. The assessment team will be here tomorrow to present further information to Council. Resolution No. 06-2002-106 adopted to authorize the forest assessment and approves of the selection of Scientific Certification Systems to conduct the assessment. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 7-0.
7. Jim Pitts, Tribal Forestry, provided brief information on the fire wise program and encouraged attendance at June 29, 2002 meeting in Hondah. He also informed Council of upcoming national convention regarding the fire wise program across Indian Country for which the BIA will pay all travel costs.
8. The Tribal Attorney reported in executive session from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
9. The meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m. with Chairman Massey introducing Derrick Watchman, a candidate for U. S. Congress District 1. Chairman Massey explained reasons for no longer endorsing candidates. Mr. Watchman provided an update on the race. He spoke at length on his plans and asked approval to post his campaign signs. Approval was granted.

10. The Tribal Attorney's report continued in executive session from 2:58 to 4:55 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., a break was taken to view the new Police vehicle.
11. Resolution No. 06-2002-107 adopted for approval of the KNAA/KNAU lease agreement. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 2-1-1.
12. Resolution No. 06-2002-108 adopted to submit a proposal to the BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Resources for funding to complete a mineral assessment study of the Apache iron ore deposit. Motion: Council Member Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Lupe. Vote: 8-0.
13. Resolution No. 06-2002-109 adopted to agree to the terms and agreements of the software licensing agreement with J.D. Edwards. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 3-0-2.
14. Resolution No. 06-2002-110 adopted for approval of a 25-year residential lease for Neilsen Ethelbah. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
15. Resolution No. 06-2002-111 adopted for approval of a 25-year residential lease for Ferry and Matthew Carroll. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
16. Resolution No. 06-2002-112 adopted for approval of an additional lease term of 25 years for the Cibecue Health Center. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
17. Resolution No. 06-2002-113 adopted to approve a five-year lease with the Arizona Department of Economic Security for the Whiteriver DES office. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 7-0.
18. Resolution No. 06-2002-114 adopted for approval to purchase fifteen Dodge Intrepid vehicles for the Whiteriver Police Department. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 5-0.
19. Director of the Diabetes Program Alethia Velasquez, along with Jarrett Donahue, Fitness Educator, presented an update on the fitness center. Resolution No. 06-2002-115 adopted to endorse the re-assignment of the Apache Diabetes Wellness Program / N'dee Fitness Center from Alchesay Hall to the Whiteriver Theater and granted permission to take responsibility of pool facility. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 8-0.
20. Jim Youtz, BIA Forestry, covered key issues associated with the Turkey Creek West Timber Sale. Resolution No. 06-2002-116 adopted for approval of the Turkey Creek West Timber Sale. Motion: Council Member Cruz, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 7-0.
21. Council Member Henry reported on the Cibecue community activities scheduled for July 3- July 6, 2002. Resolution No. 06-2002-117 adopted to recognize and endorse the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities to be held by the community of Cibecue. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cody. Vote: 7-0.
22. Council Member Henry provided copies of blue prints for a house to Council and requested their support to have the Planning Department seek funding to build these homes. Mr. Henry requested approval to hold local training similar to one provided by Glenn Post to assist with public relations and staff morale. Jacob also provided brief information on landscaping business for the 100 rental units in Cibecue which will provide employment for 15 to 50 people. Resolution No. 06-2002-118 adopted for

- approval of the three projects as presented by Council Member Henry. Motion: Council Member Cody, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 7-0.
23. Mr. Henry further requested to donate tribal vehicle to Judy Dehose. Resolution No. 06-2002-119 adopted to convey to Ms. Dehose as a gift from the Council to Ms. Dehose, the Ford pick-up truck and camper shell issued to Ms. Dehose for her use as a Tribal Council Member. Motion: Council Member Lupe, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 6-0.
24. BIA Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa invited Council to their annual picnic at Cyclone Lake tomorrow.
25. The meeting recessed at 5:54 p.m.

Sincerely,



Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Council Secretary

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White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Fort Apache Indian Reservation  
Tribal Council meeting  
Executive Conference Room  
Thursday, June 6, 2002

### COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

Chairman Massey called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with a quorum present. Council Members Henry, Cody, Nez and Clay were on travel. The invocation was offered by Council Member Burnette.

1. Chairman Massey stated that the Suicide Task Force is scheduled to report today in executive session per their request. Nineteen (19) personnel from various entities were present. The task force reported from 9:40 to 11:05 a.m.
2. Resolution No. 06-2002-120 adopted to approve the Suicide Task Force recommendations which are to close the liquor store on Sundays, to approve the suicide registry and to direct I H S and tribal programs to secure funding in the amount of \$10,000 to send patients, parents and task force members to related training and conferences. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
3. Resolution No. 06-2002-121 adopted to authorize the Tribal Attorney to draft the Mental Health code for review within ninety (90) days. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 6-0.
4. Paul Declay introduced Dennis Becker and Steve Smith from Scientific Certification Systems, who presented information on the forest certification. They were advised to include cultural aspects with involvement of the cultural advisory committee.
5. Byron McNeil, Grants & Loan Manager, provided information on the following two resolutions and Resolution No. 06-2002-122 adopted for the construction of a court house, police station, building renovations and pavement of parking lots, with \$2.5M to be provided from HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant and \$1.5 in Tribal in-kind including \$1.0M in land. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 6-0.
6. Resolution No. 06-2002-123 adopted to authorize the Whiteriver Police Department to submit grant application to the US Dept. of Justice, Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Demonstration Program in the amount of \$350,000. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman. Vote: 6-0.
7. Manuel Cruz of BIA Forestry presented information on the Hawley Lake fuels project whereby no herbicides will be utilized. This lead to discussion on the CDC homes at Hawley Lake and on the need to remove them as they pose a fire hazard. Resolution No. 06-2002-124 adopted for approval of the Hawley Lake fuels project and to include the removal of CDC homes. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 5-0.
8. Paul Declay of Tribal Forestry presented the following three resolutions: Resolution No. 06-2002-125 adopted to request and authorize a P. L. 93-638 Contract between the Tribe and the BIA, to operate the Wildland Fire Prevention function and that all program support funding tied to this function shall be made available to the Tribe pursuant to this 638 grant. Motion: Council Member Burnette, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cruz. Vote: 5-0.

9. Resolution No. 06-2002-126 adopted to request and authorize a P.L. 93-638 Contract between the Tribe and the BIA for operation of SWFF Coordination function and that all available program support funding tied to this function shall be made available to the Tribe pursuant to this 638 Contract. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 5-0.
10. Resolution No. 06-2002-127 adopted to authorize Legal Department to draft and negotiate an access and use agreement with NAU and UCLA to enter the F.A.I.R. to conduct a ponderosa pine crown fire study. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
11. Tribal Engineer John Bereman provided a summary of Rural Development Grant/Loan for Phase 1 of the Hon-Dah Regional Water Improvement Project. Resolution No. 06-2002-128 adopted for the Tribe to obtain financing and to apply for financing for Phase 2 of the Hon-Dah Regional Water Improvement Project. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 5-0. Mr. Bereman announced that shortly Rural Development will present the tribe with a symbolic check for \$2.4M. Date to be set.
12. Rick DiValentino informed Council about the opportunity to participate in a Grant-In-Aid Participant Agreement wherein it will receive \$53,620 in Arizona Heritage Fund grant to initiate the Poker Gap Pronghorn Habitat Enhancement Project. He then went over the grant application. Resolution No. 06-2002-129 adopted for the tribe to enter the Grant-In-Aid Participant Agreement for development of the Poker Gap Pronghorn Habitat Enhancement Project. Motion Council Member Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Craig. Vote: 5-0.
13. Resolution No. 06-2002-130 adopted for the tribe to enter the Grant-In-Aid Participant Agreement for development of the Cradleboard Elementary School Interpretive Trail. Motion: Council Member Cruz, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Clay. Vote: 5-0.
14. Raymus Albert presented land board meeting minutes for December 2001. Council Member Craig to follow up on costs to condemn the Diamond Creek Community building. Resolution No. 06-2002-131 adopted for approval of the Land Board meeting minutes for December 27, 2001. Motion: Council Member Burnette, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Cruz. Vote: 6-0.
15. Resolution No. 06-2002-132 adopted to approve the Land Board meeting minutes for January 31, 2002. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Clay. Vote: 5-0.
16. Resolution No. 06-2002-133 adopted to approve the Land Board meeting minutes for February 28, 2002. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 6-0.
17. Resolution No. 06-2002-134 adopted for approval of the Land Board meeting minutes for March 28, 2002. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 5-0.
18. Raymus Albert advised Council of the need to review Ordinance #29 for possible update. Tribal Council, Land Board and livestock personnel to meet for this purpose. Mr. Albert informed Council on status of staff member McDaniel DeClay, boundary line problems, the need for more surveyors, the lack of new equipment and requested that Council Members attend land board meetings.
19. Discussion followed on road leading to Bobby Bones residence. Council Member Baha-Walker informed Council that this road is part of Consolidated Fair 25 and per Vernon Palmer, PAO, the entire road has to be built or the project will not be done at all. It was advised to meet with all involved on Monday, June 10, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. to resolve this issue.
20. Jesse Palmer of W&ORD covered the 2001-2002 Tribal Member Hunting regulation changes summary sheet, which was followed by adoption of Resolution No. 06-2002-135 for approval of the 2001-2002 Tribal Member Hunting regulations. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Vice Chairman Endfield. Vote: 6-0.

21. John Welch, Historic Preservation Officer, reported announcements and updates related to the Historic Preservation Office. A request was made for a special council session to review and discuss the Heritage Program. Date was set for July 15, 2002. Resolution No. 06-2002-136 adopted to submit names for the Salt River Rapids to the US Board of Geographical Place Names, Tonto National Forest, and Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Place Names. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Craig. Vote: 6-0.
22. Dr. Welch requested \$30,000 for budget due to reduced federal funds. He will present this to the Budget committee.
23. Candy Lupe with the Watershed Program presented the next two resolutions: Resolution No. 06-2002-137 adopted for approval of four (4) restoration projects-22-H Archives, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Phase EQIP Fencing, Black River and Cedar Creek. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 7-0.
24. Resolution No. 06-2002-138 adopted to approve the Permanent Land Restoration Budget in the amount of \$160,000 for FY 2002-2003. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 7-0.
25. Council Member Craig presented the following resolution: Resolution No. 06-2002-139 adopted for the Tribal Treasurer to authorize the disbursement of \$500 to Stephanie Stover so that she may participate in the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Trip June 13 through June 20, 2002. Motion: Council Member Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 7-0. Native Vision update and information on the meeting scheduled for June 21, 2002 was also provided.
26. Joe Harvey of I.D. Herd presented a resolution regarding removal of hazardous materials but it was tabled until proper environmental and BIA staff meets.
27. Kathleen Norton of the Whiteriver Animal Initiative requested resolution to support the initiative. She is to work with the Legal department to formulate draft resolution. The initiative's area of concern was provided and it was advised to review tribal code for animal control and safety.
28. Tribal member Racqueline Rivers, who lives in Phoenix, requested financial assistance from Council to pay her rent in the amount of \$445.00. Setting precedence was a concern, however, it was decided that Council Members can contribute individually.
29. Tribal member Cindy Burnett shared her concern regarding scholarship incentives from Higher Education which she was denied. Resolution No. 06-2002-140 adopted to direct Council Member Baha-Walker to follow up with the scholarship review committee on this issue for Ms. Burnett. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 6-0.
30. Assistant Tribal Attorney Amanda Wilbur presented this resolution: Resolution No. 06-2002-141 adopted to accept the proposed grant amendment in the amount of \$349,500.00 for the Whiteriver Airport Improvement Grant. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Burnette. Vote: 6-0.
31. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Cyndy Harvey - Burnette*  
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Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Council Secretary

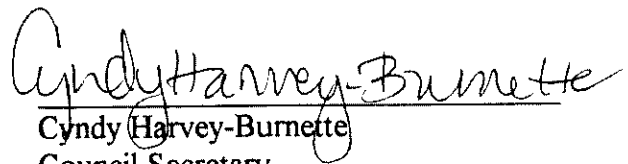
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Fort Apache Indian Reservation  
Tribal Council meeting  
Executive Conference Room  
Monday, June 17, 2002

**COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chairman Massey. The invocation was offered by Council Member Cruz. Council Member Lupe was on sick leave.

1. Indian Education Committee member Colleen Faden and Education Director Linda DeClay shared comments on the 20% budget cuts affects on student assistance and employment. They advised to increase the budget.
2. Chairman Massey explained the seriousness of the proposed 20% budget cuts. He referenced the overall cuts and advised seeking grants.
3. College students Leland Begay, Norberta Quintero and Sue Leslie spoke about education being their priority and how their college work study jobs assists them.
4. Council expressed supporting comments on behalf of the Education Department so that all students involved may benefit.
5. Resolution No. 06-2002-142 adopted to accept the Education Department's recommendation which is to increase their budget to \$735,690.00. Motion: Council Member Nez, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
6. June Quintero offered supporting comments and offered a prayer.
7. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

  
Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Council Secretary

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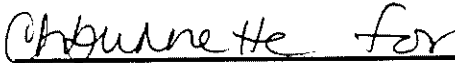
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Fort Apache Indian Reservation  
Tribal Council information meeting  
Executive Conference Room  
Friday, June 21, 2002

**COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS**

Chairman Massey called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. following the informational meeting on the status of the Rodeo-Chediski Fires. Vice Chairman Endfield and Council Member Clay were absent. Council Member Burnette offered the invocation.

1. Resolution No. 06-2002-143 adopted for the Executive Fire Prevention and Closure Order. Motion: Council Member Baha-Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Henry. Vote: 8-0.
2. The above order to include only one campfire at Sunrise Dance camps, wakes, weddings, birthday and memorial dinners. The designated open campgrounds and fishing lakes to include Horseshoe Lake, Bog Tank and A-1 Lake.
3. The Assistant Tribal Attorney David Osterfeld presented the following resolution: Resolution No. 06-2002-144 adopted for the appointment of the Local Emergency Response Commission, charged with the responsibility of planning and orchestrating the Tribe's response to emergencies within or affecting the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Motion: Council Member Burnette, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 8-0.
4. LERC members also to include Jonathan Baylish, Rainbow City Community President, Mr. Hall, McNary School Principal and Milfred Cosen, Executive Director of Enterprises.
5. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

  
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Flora Jensen  
Administrative Assistant

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White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Fort Apache Indian Reservation  
Tribal Council meeting  
Hondah Board room  
Monday, June 24, 2002

### **COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS**

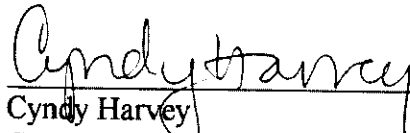
Chairman Massey called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The invocation was offered by Council Member Nez. Roll call was taken with all members of the Council present. BIA, Tribal Forestry, I H S personnel were also present.

1. Chairman Massey informed Council that Mr. Wayne Nordwell, Director of Western Regional Office and Steve Griles, Deputy Secretary are present today to listen to Council. Both Mr. Nordwell and Mr. Griles shared personal and professional information on themselves.
2. The opportunity was given to Council to share their concerns. Mr. Nordwell and Mr. Griles were advised to inform people from their areas of the losses the tribe has incurred and that many people do benefit from the tribe. Another comment made was to include the reservation as part of the national emergency and not just the northern boundaries.
3. It was explained that FEMA assistance was denied to the tribe for the Rainbow Fire. Discrimination towards tribal members from businesses was another concern.
4. The Secretary of the Interior was urged to visit this area. Financial support is needed as many tribal members are affected. The prosecution of perpetrators was also stressed.
5. Resolution No. 06-2002-145 adopted declaring the general region of the Chediski and Rodeo fires, and all areas within the Reservation impacted from the fires, as a disaster area and the tribe requests all appropriate emergency aid to recover and restore its land and property. Motion: Council Member Clay, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Baha-Walker. Vote: 10-0.
6. BIA Superintendent Ben Nuvamsa advised forest closures and to conduct salvage sales as soon as possible. Other recommendations include an assessment of losses and plan for east side. Initiate protection measures from wild fires and to begin the rehab process soon. The impacts of the fires on forest certification, annual allowable cut, stumpage, payroll, socio-economics and race relations were some concerns. Mr. Nuvamsa advised a strategy plan as there are severe impacts to all.
7. Robert Lacapa, BIA Forest Manager, stated that the lack of internet services is hindering his program as well as the program being severely under-funded. Funding is required for IRMP. All arson cases being returned from D.C. is another frustration.
8. Chairman Massey introduced Scott Moore, who is with the National Guard. Mr. Moore stated that the National Guard members are here to serve as liaisons between all agencies and are here to assist local authorities. Comments followed on deputizing the National Guard members, however, the general agreement

among Council was to have them assist the Police Department with no arresting authority.

9. Some concerns were shared regarding Chief of Police and the Fire Management Officer.
10. Chairman Massey announced that he and Governor Hull will be meeting briefly with President Bush tomorrow. He advised Council to provide comments to him so he can relay this information.
11. Dan Roggenbuck, FBI Flagstaff, stated that he is working with the local BIA Law Enforcement on the fire investigation and information will be forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's office. He stressed training as arson cases are the most difficult to prove.
12. A meeting after the fires settle was advised as there are many other questions and concerns that need to be addressed.
13. Information on scheduled meetings/briefings was provided.
14. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Sincerely,

  
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Cyndy Harvey  
Council Secretary

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White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Fort Apache Indian Reservation  
Tribal Council meeting  
Executive Conference Room  
Friday, June 28, 2002

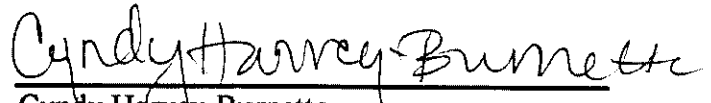
### COUNCIL MEETING BRIEFS

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman Massey. The invocation was offered by Council Member Baha-Walker. Others present: Cathy Tate, John Clark, Milfred Cosen, Ruby Altaha, Robert Lacapa, Paul Declay, David Kitcheyan, John Philbin, Wendel Peacock and Robin Wennberg.

1. Chairman Massey informed Council items to be covered in today's meeting includes a fire update from BIA, update of tribal finances and a resolution from the Planning Director.
2. Robert Lacapa, Forest Manager with the BIA, provided a fire update with information from the Incident Intelligence Summary form 209. He advised Council to consider forest closure measures and enforce fire restrictions.
3. One concern was to recruit tribal members as volunteers for use in the hot spot areas, however, the importance of fire training and safety was a factor.
4. Comments were shared on the losses tribal members are coping with due to the fires.
5. Chairman Massey introduced all members of Council to ABC Nightline media crew, who are here covering the fire.
6. Wendell Peacock with the Bureau of Land Management informed Council of his role in the fire and a brief update on the current fire conditions.
7. Robin Wennberg, BAER team member, remarked on the severity of the burn and how widespread it is especially in Carrizo and Cibecue watersheds. These communities need to prepare for potential flooding problems.
8. Tribal Attorney George Hesse advised that the tribe utilize the BAER team to the fullest and to stress the huge recovery costs that will be incurred by the tribe for rehabilitation purposes. The value of archaeological and cultural sites was pointed out and the need to protect them. More accurate media coverage on the impacts to the tribe was advised.
9. Mr. Peacock gave a status summary from the ICS-209 report which lists current conditions related to the Rodeo/Chedeski fire.
10. John Philbin, Regional Forester for Western Region and Incident Commander of the Type II team, reported on the progression of fire on west end. Mr. Philbin was informed of the lack of organizational progression of staff.
11. Discussion followed on plans for protection of eastern side of reservation. A complete report on donations was requested. This was followed by comments on the local shelter and the LERC.
12. David Kitcheyan of W&ORD informed Council of their recommendation to close all recreational lands. This lead to discussion on pros and cons of this proposed action. Council Member Baha-Walker made motion to support W&ORD's

- recommendation to close all recreational lands with a second from Council Member Cruz, however, after further discussion Mr. Cruz withdrew his motion due to his concern that donations to the tribe may cease if closure is initiated.
13. Tribal Treasurer Cathy Tate presented the daily bank cash report and informed Council of the establishment of the disaster relief fund account.
  14. FATCO's General Manager Maria Classay gave a status update of FATCO.
  15. Chairman Massey advised that due to the financial impacts to the tribe from the fires, to consider implementing the empowerment zone. Milfred Cosen, Planning Director, provided proposed membership and benefits of the empowerment zone as well as the preliminary economic impact report. Hon-Dah Casino's actual and current financial status was also covered. The lack of Cibecue representation on the committee was a concern, however, Mr. Cosen explained that prior Cibecue representatives did not show up at meetings nor participated.
  16. Resolution No. 06-2002-146 adopted for approval of the Empowerment Zone committee as recommended. Motion: Vice Chairman Endfield, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Council Member Clay. Vote: 4-1-1 abstention.
  17. Assistant Tribal Attorney Amanda Wilbur provided brief update on NCAI Mid-Year session and the DOI Western Region Trust Reform Consultation scheduled for July 1, 2002 in Las Vegas. Regarding the free FEMA training, Collette Altaha was recommended to attend.
  18. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

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Cyndy Harvey-Burnette  
Council Secretary

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