



Resolution No. 12-2005-377

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


(Approval of Land Board meeting minutes for November 10, 2005 and to table the Oliver land issue)

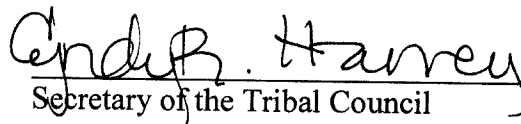
WHEREAS, Raymus Albert, Land Office Director, has come before the Tribal Council this date requesting approval of the Land Board meeting minutes for November 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, after reviewing the Land Board meeting minutes, agrees that the Land Board meeting minutes for November 10, 2005 should be approved as presented but tabled the Oliver land issue.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the Land Board meeting minutes for November 10, 2005 as presented but tabled the Oliver land issue.

The foregoing resolution was on December 14, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of SEVEN for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (i), (s), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe 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).


Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

November 10, 2005

Special meeting for the late Lester Oliver and Hip House program on Nov. 10, 2005.

Land Board member are present Justin Williams, Pedro Johnson, Bernice Caddo and Emily Martine.

Land Board member are asking for copy of Hazel Tortice and the close family and adopted Annie Pinal Oliver. Land Board member advise Tribal Attorney check back ground also check Resolution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Indian Reservatiion Policy update and Northfork Association.

The special meeting of the late Lester Oliver land. The Land Board member talk about who is going to have the land which the know as Old Milk Ranch as prepared by Agriculture Engineer Land Operation Bureau of Indian Affairs located at turnoff from State Highway 73 to the area known as Faught Ridge on Big Spring Road, being located in Section 33; Range 23 East; Meridian. The cattle guard also being approximately 3 miles south of the junction of State Highway 173 and 73.

Raymus stated the minutes on April 1960 Les Baha complained that the North for Directors did not like the idea of having assigned land to Lester Oliver in the North Fork area without their signatures. Mr. Oliver advised that he made a mistake of not obtaining the signatures of these men, but they orally stated they did not object to letting him have the land, now they are complaining.

One of the members advised that Joe Crocker wanted the Council to know that as one of the Board of Directors member, he did not oppose to this assignment in any way, but Nelson Lupe, Sr. had come to him complaining and instructing him to take that land back from Mr. Oliver.

Mrs. Mary V. Riley talked at length that it is a shame for the Apache people to go and take away a piece of land that their own member is willing to improve for a homesite when we have Indian traders and missionaries on our reservation for the last 50 years without paying a penny for the land they are situated on.

Lester Oliver explained that he desired to have an assignment of the Old Milk Ranch containing approximately 19.6 acres of ground located adjacent to State Highway 73 below the cinder pit. The Land Board had unanimously granted him the assignment. The Tribal Council took care of it and Livestock Board said it wasn't right for Lester making his Last Will and Testament to give property to stepchildren Susan Walter Oliver, Wendy Lee Oliver, William R. Knox Oliver and to adopted daughter Annie Oliver Burnette. They are different family Susan Oliver not tribal member. Susan took all her stuff out of the property she agree to give the land back to the association. The land Board member said Hazel Tortice and the people that and she came agree Hazel Tortice to get the land. Late Lester Oliver was her mother brother Land Board member ask how long Annie Oliver Burnette was adopted? Where are the document of the adoption paper. Land Board ask why didn't Minnie Burnette said anything for Annie Oliver Burnette. Late Nellie Adley said that her family had the living there when she was growing up across the road on North of highway and using Milk ranch was in operation. The Land Board member Hazel Tortice should have the land. Mayhome mother raise Late Lester Oliver when his mother died. The Land Board member said Lester Oliver raise Annie P.

Oliver. The Land Board advise get all the stuff and split up the land. Susie recommended letter to have Michelle Martinez have the land but she isn't a tribal member. Annie P. Oliver Burnette needs more information. Is there any other kids out there are adopted. Raymus said the Legal Dept. has document about adoption who is entitled to get the land. The Land Board member ask if there was any document at the Tribal Office the one that burn. Lester Oliver Chairman, also Land Board member are deceased. Board of the Director and don't like the idea by signing by Mr. Oliver also Joe Crocker wanted the Council to know that as one of the Board of Director member he did not oppose to this assignment in any way but Nelson Lupe, Sr. had come to him complaining and instructing him to take that land back from Mr. Oliver.

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Land Board member have respect for elderly also advise all applicant update application. Land Board member advise land owner to update land assignment every 2 years if don't do so its going to be taken away from owner by Land Board member.

Land Board member approved to Hazel Tortice to have the land which was voted 4-0 if anything Legal say will go to the Council also the Land Board member thinking to give he the land back to the Livestock Association also there is no update on Homesite of the Late Lester Oliver.

The following applications were approved:

1. Bettina Tortice Begay – Apache Dawn East of the Casino.
2. David Wayne Massey – Eastfork.
3. Tilfork Gass – Eastfork.

The following relinquishment forms were approved.

1. Dena Massey to David Wayne Massey Eastfork.

The following applications ere denied/tabled.

1. Melinda Judy Altaha – Need location/denied.
2. Cythia Joy Tessay Adgeron – Need location/denied.
3. Gerdenia Williams – Need location/denied.
4. Naomi J. Bonito – Need application/tabled.

The next regularly monthly scheduled Land Board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 22, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.