

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

**WHEREAS,** Land Office Director, Raymus Albert has come before the Tribal Council requesting approval of land board meeting minutes of January 12, 1996; February 09, 1996; February 21, 1996 and March 08, 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council has reviewed the land board meeting minutes and is in agreement that the minutes should be approved without change.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the land board meeting minutes of January 12, 1996; February 09, 1996; February 21, 1996 and March 08, 1996 as presented.

The foregoing resolution was on April 11, 1996, duly adopted by a vote of nine 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 (h), (i), (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).

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Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

she was told that the land she wants belongs to the TRS School, even through it is not fenced in, it still belongs to TRS. McDanile said he would show Christina land sites that are available in 7-Mile whenever she has time. Christina took a Homesite Application with her.

5. Finly Goklish wanted to know how he could go about getting his father's farm land back in the bear canyon area. Raymus advised him that he needs to go to the Livestock office and get approval from the livestock members for that area and bring it back to the Land Office along with the Farmland Application that was given to him.

7. Fern James advised the board members that Eva Pinal had put a Trailer House on her land, Fern said she never said anything about it because she didn't want any trouble, but she wanted to let the board members to know about it. Also Fern said she has been told by Dorothy and Thelene that they wanted to have the old road open which Chief Baha-Alchesay use to use. Raymus advised Fern that the road plans that are in and those that will be going in are already set and plans were made along time ago for those roads to go in, Land Office has nothing to do with what Dorothy and Thelene are talking about.

THE FOLLOWING HOMESITE APPLICATIONS WERE THEN APPROVED:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Adley, Debra R.           | Hondah # 25              | By. Kathleen Whitehair. |
| 2. Altaha, Phyllis           | Dairy Barn Sub.          | By. Laverne Kitcheyan.  |
| 3. Bennett, Andy             | Another World Sub.       | Div.                    |
| 4. Brooks, John              | Rainbow City             | By. Annie Ethelbah      |
| 5. Carroll, Jessie           | Hondah #21               | By. Nancy Rimirez       |
| 6. Denny, Carolene           | 7-Mile                   | By. Agnes Holden        |
| 7. Endfield, Alosa           | Hondah #19               | By. Kelly Hasting's     |
| 8. Hill, Gary                | Hondah #43               | By. Gilbert Tessay      |
| 9. Johnson, Victor           | 6-Pack Sub.              | By. Truax.              |
| 10. Lee, Evelena             | McNary                   | By. Church.             |
| 11. Thomas, Peter & Samantha | Hondah #46.              |                         |
| 12. Quintero, Edmund         | Lot #14 Post. Ofc.       | Canyon Sub. Div.        |
| 13. Walker, Lucinda          | North Fork               | By. Paul Ethelbah       |
| 14. White, Paul              | Whiskey Flats (Addition) |                         |

THE FOLLOWING FARMLAND APPLICATION WAS THEN APPROVED:

1. Murray F. Leslie, Jr. Forestdale 30.0+ Acres.

THE FOLLOWING RELINQUISHMENTS WERE THEN APPROVED:

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|-------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| 1. John Brooks    | To | W.M.A.T. Below Ghost Town Sub. Div.   |
| 2. Annie Ethelbah | To | John Brooks Rainbow City              |
| 3. Gay Hill       | To | W.M.A.T. Over the Rainbow.            |
| 4. Lucinda Walker | To | Edmund Quintero Post Ofc. Canyon Sub. |

THE FOLLOWING HOMESITE APPLICATION WERE PUT ON HOLD OR DENIED:

1. Zahgotah, Leon Canyon Day hold until relinquishment is returned to Land Office.
2. George, Ronald 7-Mile land already assigned-Denied.
3. Billy, Gwendolyn Whiteriver. Needs signature on last pg.
4. Benally, Maryetta North Fork Need to relinquish current homesite.

Land Board Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

This relinquishment is conditioned upon the sale, from Melvin L. Amos to Jeff and Kathy Samletzka, of the house located on the land assignment. If such sale is not completed within 90 days of the date of this relinquishment, this relinquishment shall be null and void, unless additional time to complete the sale is agreed to by the parties and the WMAT Land Board.

Land Board Meeting  
March 08, 1996

A monthly Land Board Meeting was held on March 08, 1996 at the Tribal Council Chambers. Members present were: Slim Quay, Lula Ivins, Esther T. Lupe and Rimson Ethelbah. Meeting opened at 9:29 a.m.

1. Leon Zahgotah requested for a homesite in Canyon Day by his late brother's house Preston Bonito. Leon advised the board members that the land he is requesting had belong to his mother and so it all belongs to him and his other brother's and sisters. The Land Board Members asked Leon who was now staying in the HIP house which belong to his late brother? Leon said one of his sister's was staying there taken care of Preston's kids whom are still in school and none of them is old enough to have the land assigned over to them. McDaniel stated that Preston had only fenced in half of his lot that was assigned to him, and the other half which is not fenced in Leon is applying for. Leon also advised the board that he will be getting a HIP house built and he needed a place to have the house built and with his last land assignment which he relinquished was not approved by the home builders because there were to many rocks in that area which is by Violet Antonio in Canyon Day.

The Land Board advised Leon to have his brother's and sisters say it's ok for him to receive the land he is requesting by signing a Relinquishment Form for him, since his brother's and sister's all have land assignments, and he's the only one with no land and to bring the relinquishment back to the Land Office. Leon's application was put on hold.

2. John Brooks came to relinquish his homesite assignment just below the Ghost Town Sub. Div. and he is applying for a homesite by Annie Ethelbah and she also sign a relinquishment form for him to have his HIP house built there. John's homesite and relinquishment form were approved.

3. Lillie Truax wanted to put in an application for a farmland out in Carrizo. Raymus advised the board members that this was also a land dispute, and he had advised the two family members to come to the next land board meeting to settle the dispute, but they did not respond by not coming to the meeting.

Slim advised Lillie that the Land Board will set up a Special Land Board meeting to settle this land dispute and they will be contacted. (Special Meet has been scheduled for March 18, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at upper Corrizo).

4. Christina Declay requested for an acre of land, she said this was what she was offered when she agreed to give the land she owned over to Hazels's children, the Land Board advised her that the land went to Colleen. Christina requested for a homesite in the Ft. Apache area where they have the Sun Rise Ceremonies's,

2. Lupe, Harvey Cibecue

**HOMESITE APPLICATION APPROVED:**

|     |                     |                |                             |                   |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Atene, Mildred      | North Fork     | by.                         | Alvin Crocker     |
| 2.  | Goklish, Wayne      | Hondah Lot #50 |                             |                   |
| 3.  | James, Janet        | N. Whiteriver  | by.                         | David Truax       |
| 4.  | Johnson, Breezy Sr. | Canyon Day     |                             |                   |
| 5.  | Maxwell, Patricia   | Hondah Lot #78 |                             |                   |
| 6.  | McCreery, Roselinda | 7-Mile         | by.                         | Caroline Bennette |
| 7.  | Narcisco, William   | Cibecue        | by.                         | Brenda Narcisco   |
| 8.  | Paxson, Evan Jr.    | N. Whiteriver  | by.                         | Bourke            |
| 9.  | Quintero, Brian K.  | East Fork      | by.                         | Pauline Platt     |
| 10. | Riley, Gordon       | Turkey Creek   | by.                         | Rodeo Ground      |
| 11. | Skidmore, Dianne    |                |                             |                   |
| 12. | LDS Church          | Ft. Apache 42' | addition for a parking lot. |                   |

**HOMESITE APPLICATIONS DENIED:**

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| 1. | Anderson, Hayden | Cedar Creek        | Land already assigned.       |
| 2. | Carroll, Jessie  | Hondah Lot #9 & 11 | already assigned.            |
| 3. | Danford, Viola   | Cibecue            | Hold-Probate hearing.        |
| 4. | Pinal, Floria    | Whiteriver         | Land already assigned.       |
| 5. | Zahgotah, Leon   | Another World      | Has land assignment already. |

**RELINQUISHMENTS APPROVED:**

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|----|-------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Emery G. Hume Sr. | To     | Harvey Lupe        | Cibecue             |
| 2. | Pearl M. Fox      | To     | Corina Bogart      | McNary              |
| 3. | Ursula Banashley  | To     | Roselinda McCreery | 7-Mile              |
| 4. | Talbert & Sherry  | Altaha | To                 | W.M.A.T. Ft. Apache |

**RELINQUISHMENT DENIED:**

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|----|------------------------|----|---------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Bonito, Leroy & Helena | To | Leon Zahgotah | Leon has land assignment. |
| 2. | Zahgotah, Leroy        | To | Twila Swift   |                           |

Land being relinquished by Leroy is already assigned.

**BUSINESS SITE DENIED:**

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| 1. | Wildlife & Outdoor Recreation Div. | Land requesting belongs to Housing. |
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Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Next Land Board Meeting scheduled for March 08, 1996.

Special Land Board Meeting  
February 21, 1996

A Special meeting was called by the Board Chairman Slim Quay in regards to a Relinquishment Form from Melvin Amos to Jeff Samletzka. This document was requested by the Bank One Branch where Jeff applied for a Home Loan.

Members present: Slim Quay and Lula Ivins. Absent: Rimson Ethlebah and Esther T. Lupe.

Slim Quay advised Lula what Jeff told him about the Bank Loan and what he need. Jeff said he needed the Relinquishment Approved as soon as possible, that it could not wait until the March 08. meeting.

On the Relinquishment form Melvin stated that the Relinquishment would be VOID if the Bank Loan was not approved for the house. After Slim and Lula discussed that issue. Slim call George Hess from Legal Dept. and asked him for his advise and George stated that he would rewrite the statement to a more detail form. Also the Relinquishment Form would be void after 90 days from which the Relinquishment is approved, this only applies if Jeff did not get the home loan.

Slim Quay will hold the Relinquishment Form until Rimson Ethelbah comes and sign the form today. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

February 09, 1996  
Land Board Meeting.

A regularly Land Board Meeting was held on February 09, 1996 in the Executive Conference Room. Members present were: Slim Quay, Lula Ann Ivins, Esther T. Lupe and Rimson Ethelbah. The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

Mollie Colelay along with her family members came to settle the farmland dispute between Mollie and Thelane Albert. Thelane was not present at the meeting so one of Mollie's family members went to get Thelane, so the Board told Mollie the discussion will continue when Thelane arrives.

John Brooks wanted to know if his land application was approved, which it was on April 11, 1995. John needed his application for approval for a HIP home.

Ronald Larzelere requested for an addition at his residence in Fort Apache. McDaniel went out to survey his land on 2/8/96 and McDaniel resurveyed the whole lot along with the Church and centered the church on it's original lot to give Ronald the addition he requested. The Land Board advised Ronald to speak with Rev. Guenther and see if he will ok the changes that were made regarding the church. Ronald's application was put on hold until next month's land board meeting.

Patricia Endfield Maxwell requested a homesite in the Hondah area lot #78, her homesite application was approved.

Dianne Fall Skidmore wanted to know why her Homesite Application was not approved while her Relinquishment from her father was approved. She was told that the Land Board received her fathers Relinquishment paper before they received her Homesite application. Dianne's homesite application was approved.

Lucinda Cohoe wanted to know if the land out in Round Top was still her's ,McDaniel told Lucinda that her Renewal application was approved and the land is still under her name.

Myrtle Bragg requested for a Business to move her Saw Shop since the area by the H-Market is getting to crowded. Mrs. Bragg business site application was approved across from Alchesay High School next to Glenda Hernandez Business site.

Mildred Quay Atene requested for a homesite in West North Fork, her application was approved.

Caroline Tracey requested for a Homesite in the Diamond Creek area, she was told the area she is requesting for has already been assigned out to Caroline's sister. Caroline took a relinquishment form with her to have her sister Dona Vigal



relinquish her land in Diamond Creek over to her.

Pearl Fox relinquished her land in McNary over to Corina Bogart, Corina's homesite application was denied due to no signature on the last page of the application.

William Narcisco requested for a Homesite in Cibecue by Brenda Narcisco. William's application was approved.

Nayda Tessay wanted to know how she could go about getting the whole land her mother had left her and her sisters in Cibecue. Nayda advised the board that her sister's and brother's have their own land assignments, and that she (Nayda) had a house built on the land recently. The Board told her to have her brother and sister's file a relinquishment form and return it to Land Office, in this way they are relinquishing there rights to the land and given it to her.

Harvey Lupe requested a business site in Cibecue, his business site and relinquishment were both approved.

After the board members approved Harvey Lupe's application the Land Board had a close meeting between Thelene Albert and Mollie Colelay, Zuni Alekay, Ted Bourke Sr., Nannie Case, Jerome Kasey Sr., Mable Kasey, Anthony James and Jonathan Baylish.

This close meeting was in regards to the Farm Land dispute in Corrizo of the late Annie Bourke.

The floor was then open to Thelene Albert, she advised the board members that the land belong to her late mother Annie Bourke. Annie had left the land to her two daughter's whom are Annette Chee and Ophelia Woody whom were not present at the meeting. Thelene also advised the Board Members that there is a Probate hearing for Annie's Estate in Court but at this time there is no date and time set for the Probate.

Mollie Colelay told the Board Members that the farmland belong to her father and therefore the land belongs to the surviving brother's and sister's.

Slim Quay and Lula Ann both advised Mollie that the Land Board could not do anything regarding the farmland because the Court has to make a decision on who get's the farmland.

Anthony James told the board members Mollie and her family do not have a chance in getting the land if the Court decides on who get's the land out in Carrizo. Slim advised Anthony that Mollie and the family members should go to Court when the Probate hearing is held to tell the Judge that they want the Farm Land.

Once again both family's were told that the Land Board could not do anything, but wait on the Court's decision on this dispute.

#### **BUSINESS SITE APPLICATION:**

1. Bragg, Myrtle                      Across AHS    by. Glenda Hernandez

January 12, 1996

Land Board Meeting

A monthly Land Board Meeting was held on January 12, 1996 in the Tribal Council Chambers. Members present were: Slim Quay, Lula Ann Ivins, Esther T. Lupe. Absent: Rimsom Ethelbah. The Meeting opened at 9:20 a.m.

1. Roselinda McCreery and Linda McCreery came asking why Carolyn Bennette is getting her house built on Roselinda's land. The Board asked Roselinda if she had any documents stating that she owns the land mentioned. Roselinda said her mother gave her the land, but she did not have any documents saying the land is hers. Carolyn is getting a house built on the land because she had told McDaniel - Land Office Surveyor that Roselinda had given her the ok to have the land. As of now Linda McCreery has no land assignment saying she owns the land. The board advised Linda to check with Ursula Banashley and the rest of the family members and find out who owns the land. From there if Roselinda still wants the land, then she can request it from her family members.
2. Emerson Tate request for a lot off of Homestead Road in Lakeside. Emerson said he will be moving his trailer there soon if he gets the land. Land Board Approved his application.

THE FOLLOWING HOMESITE APPLICATIONS WERE THEN APPROVED:

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| 1. Burnette, Paulena | North Fork    | By. Aaron Declay     |
| 2. Declay, Vance     | N. Whiteriver | By. Wynella Suttle   |
| 3. Ethelbah, John    | Whiteriver    | By. Rulah Dosela     |
| 4. Johnson, Novalita | Whiteriver    | By. Ira Sanchez      |
| 5. Mason, Stanley    | Whiteriver    | By. Kevin Griggs     |
| 6. Morton, Lucinda   | Hondah #53    | By. Novalene Alsenay |
| 7. Tate, Emerson     | Lakeside      | By. Beach Res.       |

THE FOLLOWING RELINQUISHMENTS WERE THEN APPROVED:

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|----------------------|----|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Billy Kahn Sr.    | To | WMAT North Fork  | By. Cornella Hoffman  |
| 2.                   | To | John Ethelbah    | By. Priscilla Seymour |
| 3. Isabelle Mason    | To | WMAT Whiteriver  | By. Rulah Dosela      |
| 4. Lucinda Morton    | To | WMAT RoundTop    |                       |
| 5. Christine Sanchez | To | Novelita Johnson | By. Ira Sanchez       |

THE FOLLOWING HOMESITE APPLICATIONS WERE THEN DENIED OR TABLED:

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|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1. Kahn, Billy Sr.   | Canyon Day | Area already assigned. |
| 2. Carroll, Jessie M | Hondah     | Need signature.        |
| 3. Tessay, Sylvia    | Cibecue    | Land dispute.          |

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| 4. | Tessay, Juanita  | Cibecue   | Land dispute.          |
| 5. | Nosie, Roe Reese | East Fork | Land already assigned. |

THE FOLLOWING RELINQUISHMENT WERE THEN DENIED:

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| 1. | Carl Nagle To | Valencia Cheney | Whiteriver |
| 2. | Carl Nagle To | Delphina Nagle  | Whiteriver |

The meeting adjourned at 10.40 a.m.