

Resolution No. 05-99-112

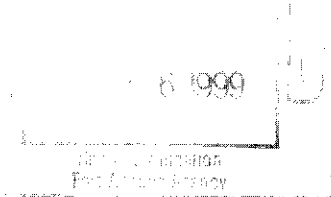
**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

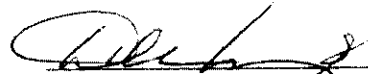
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council Secretary has prepared briefs for Tribal Council meetings for March 3-5, March 8, March 11 and March 22-23, 1999 and has presented them to the Tribal Council this date for approval; and

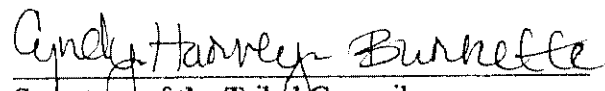
WHEREAS, after reading the briefs to the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council concludes tha the briefs should be approved with changes as clarified.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves Tribal Council meeting briefs for March 3-5, March 8, March 11 and March 22-23, 1999 as presented with noted changes.

The foregoing resolution was on May 20, 1999, duly adopted by a vote of EIGHT 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 (i), (s) and (t) 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).




Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
Wednesday, March 3, 1999

BRIEFS

1. The Council meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Vice Chairman Endfield. The invocation was offered by Pastor Jimanas of the Whiteriver Assembly of God Church. Roll call was taken by the Tribal Council Secretary and all members of the Tribal Council were present, with the exception of Chairman Massey who was on travel.
2. Pastor Jimanas and two members of the Whiteriver Assembly of God Church thanked the Council for their support in their recent trip to Mexico.
3. The Tribal Council Secretary read the briefs for the months of January and February 1999. After discussion, corrections were clarified and Resolution No. 03-99-45 was adopted to approve the Tribal Council briefs for the months of January and February, 1999 with corrections. Council Member Declay made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tate. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-3.
4. Tribal members, Nelson Ethelbah and Priscilla Schroeder, expressed their concerns regarding Mountain Recycling Co. Reference was made to Resolution No. 10-98-232 which was adopted on October 7, 1998 to cease the Mountain Metals Recycling business in Whiteriver. It was suggested that guidelines or procedures should be in place for the protection of Tribal Members so they will not be used by non-tribal members to start businesses.
5. Tribal member, Vanta Cooley, requested payment of annual and sick leave. The Director of Human Resources also reported information regarding payment of leave and eligibility of disability. After discussion, it was recommended that Vice Chairman Endfield meet with all involved and report back to Council tomorrow.
6. Tribal member, Naveen Dazen, shared complaints regarding cattle that are being affected by the Restoration Project in the Limestone area. Al Wyatt, Range Technician, clarified allegations made by Mrs. Dazen. Vice Chairman Endfield advised that the Council and the Planning staff schedule a field trip to this area.
7. Tribal member, William Hawkins, proposed a partnership business with Mountain Metals Recycling. It was recommended to table this item until a further review is conducted.
8. Tribal member, Willis Moody, had a housing request due to high rental payments in the China Town subdivision. He and Council were informed that the 30% income requirement from Housing Authority is still in effect.

9. Tribal member, Ike Kasey, informed Council of problems relating to posts, fencing, horses and the Navopache Electric right-of-way. He was advised to follow up with Chairman Massey and Chief of Police, Ray Burnette.
10. Tribal member, Aubrey Aday, expressed concerns regarding discrimination with his position at Forestry. Ben Nuvamsa and Glorianna Dayaye explained the rating system and the Bureau's requirements of the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA). It was recommended to have the Superintendent follow up on Mr. Aday's concerns. *Special session with Council to be scheduled.*
11. Tribal member, Cecelia Alchesay, had a housing request. She was informed that her previous home may still be in her name, therefore, she may not qualify for HIP housing. The Tribal Council Secretary to locate resolution regarding relinquishment status of her home. Glorianna Dayaye advised a review of HIP policies and will coordinate meeting for the Tribal Council for this purpose.
12. Resolution No. 03-99-46 adopted on behalf of Cecelia Alchesay - that she addressed Council this date to clarify housing situation and to be considered for HIP housing. Council Member Craig made the motion and seconded by Council Member Nez. The resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.
13. Representatives of the White Mountain Montessori Schools presented information on the Montessori program and requested Tribal Council support to operate a Montessori pre-school on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Pearl Casias, Ute Tribal Council Member, informed Council of the successful Montessori program on her reservation.
14. Resolution No. 03-99-47 adopted to approve the operation of a Montessori pre-school, in conjunction with Head Start, on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The motion was made by Council Member Craig and seconded by Council Member Tate. The resolution passed with a vote of 8-0.
15. Tribal member, Viola Pinal, complained that her request to remodel her home was never completed. Council Member Craig to follow up.
16. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Continuation of Tribal Council meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
Thursday, March 4, 1999

BRIEFS

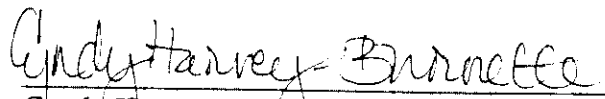
1. The continuation of the Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Massey with a quorum of the Tribal Council present. Pastor Odell offered the invocation.
2. Tribal member, Regina Baca, requested a homesite lease and land approval on behalf of her son, Marcus Baca. The homesite lease is between Marcus and Tina Cromwell. This issue was tabled as her son was not present to clarify his intentions. Marcus to check with Cheryl Minjarez, Realty Specialist, and Cheryl to inform the Tribal Council of outcome.
3. Milfred Cosen, consultant, gave a progress report on the \$22 million refinancing, food service franchise development plan, auto service, laundromat operations and fueling systems. He also presented a retail development plan and financial projections for the Canyon Day C-Store.
4. Pastor Charley Odell requested renewal of church leases for all Assembly of God churches on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. Resolution No. 03-99-48 adopted for a twenty-five year lease for all Assembly of God churches. The motion was made by Council Member Nez and seconded by Council Member Declay. The resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.
5. Faye Bishop of Allstate Insurance offered free education seminars on the different types of insurances and the laws involved. She was given approval and she is to submit to the Council a schedule of these seminars.
6. Vernon Palmer, Phoenix Area Roads, updated the Council on Route 48 and other road related issues. He stressed the need for a priority listing and a transportation plan.
7. Council Member Tate presented the Road Construction Priority listing covering the period from 2000 - 2007 as prioritized by the Roads Committee. Resolution No. 03-99-49 adopted accepting the road construction priority listing as presented. Council Member Declay made the motion and the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Endfield. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-1.
8. Resolution No. 03-99-50 adopted to direct Vernon Palmer to seek more funding for roads maintenance. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and Council Member Craig seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.
9. John Ruegamer, Chief School Administrator, presented an update on Theodore Roosevelt School. He presented amended budget breakdown in support of requested additional contingency funds.

10. Jeff Cheney and David Kitcheyan of Outdoor and Wildlife Recreation, requested approval to submit grant applications to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding to increase the number and community policing skills of Game & Fish Dept. Rangers.
11. Resolution No. 03-99-51 adopted authorizing the Game and Fish Department to submit grant applications to the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and Council Member Tate seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.
12. Carla Alchesay-Nachu, Service Unit Director of the Whiteriver Hospital, requested a renewal of the hospital lease for a period of twenty-five years. Resolution No. 03-99-52 adopted for a lease renewal for Whiteriver IHS. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and the motion was seconded by Council Member Clay. The resolution passed with a vote of 8-0-1 abstention.
13. Mrs. Alchesay-Nachu also presented information on the Whiteriver and Cibecue expansion projects. Resolution No. 03-99-53 adopted to support the expansion of the Cibecue Clinic. Council Member Dehose made the motion and the motion was seconded by Council Member Baha-Walker. The resolution passed with a vote of 7-0.
14. Mrs. Alchesay-Nachu clarified concerns regarding personnel complaints and she urged Council to attend important meetings this month on the reauthorization act and budget hearings/reviews.
15. Jaci Ulmer, Controller and Cathy Tate, Treasurer, reported on the tribe's finances. They expressed the need for cutbacks. A graph indicating the tribe's cash position history and accounts receivable analysis was presented.
16. Resolution No. 03-99-54 adopted for annual and sick leave transfers. The motion was made by Council Member Janeway and seconded by Council Member Nez. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-2.
17. Resolution No. 03-99-55 adopted for emergency cash preservation measures for the WMAT. The motion was made by Council Member Declay and seconded by Council Member Baha-Walker. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-4.
18. Concerns addressed included: payroll deductions, making managers/directors accountable and restricting enterprises that are losing money rather than penalizing enterprises who are making money.
19. Resolution No. 03-99-56 adopted to authorize and endorse the participation in the President's and First Lady's Millennium Council. The motion was made by Council Member Dehose and seconded by Council Member Janeway. The resolution passed with a vote of 10-0.
20. Resolution No. 03-99-57 adopted to authorize and endorse the development of a jointly planned exhibit between the School of American Research (SAR) and the Apache Culture Center to present rarely seen historical objects of Apache material to the local community and encouraging

community involvement in cultural preservation. The motion was made by Council Member Dehose and seconded by Council Member Janeway. The resolution passed with a vote of 9-0.

21. Resolution No. 03-99-58 adopted to enter into a new agreement with the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the National Park Service, by which the tribe will assume additional State Historic Preservation Office functions. Council Member Craig made the motion and Council Member Janeway seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 9-0.
22. Resolution No. 03-99-59 adopted authorizing the participation of the WMAT in the Title III and Title XX programs to provide Non-Medical and Community based services for the elderly and handicapped in the planning. The motion was made by Council Member Tate and seconded by Council Member Craig. The resolution passed with a vote of 10-0.
23. The meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. and to continue tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. for the meeting with the auditors.

Sincerely,


Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Meeting with auditors
Executive Conference Room
Friday, March 5, 1999

BRIEFS

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1. The Council meeting with Rogoff Erickson Diamond & Walker, LLP, Certified Public Accountants was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Massey with all members of the Council present except Vice Chairman Endfield who was on travel. The invocation was offered by Council Member Craig.
2. Glenn Post presented a slide presentation of the Executive Summary 1998 Audit. Findings show a cash balance of \$4,115,000 which does not include \$2,900,000 for checking account overdraft in the General Fund Assets. Accounts receivable decrease of \$2,086,000 is primarily stumpage fees receivable.
3. Cash and cash equivalents increased \$1,113,459 from investment income. Permanent fund contribution receivable for 1998 totals \$1,353,931 which is 80% of the general fund. A total of \$3,905,000 is due to the permanent fund for the periods of 1996-1998.
4. It was explained that per ordinance, funds are to be contributed to the permanent fund but that this has not been done. A question on whether to modify ordinance due to lack of contributions. Another concern regarding the permanent fund is the need to begin contributing to this fund.
5. Revenue and Net Income/Loss statements for all enterprises, along with recommendations, were presented. Federal contract compliance findings were explained.
6. The letter from Rogoff Erickson Diamond & Walker offered suggestions and comments to modify and improve the Tribe's practices and procedures. Of the twenty-three (23) recommendations offered, eleven (11) were repeated from previous years.
7. It was observed that no follow up was conducted regarding recommendations and the need to begin implementation of these recommendations, especially for FATCO as soon as possible. Another item of concern was the accounts receivable balances that are over 90 days old and have been reserved as uncollectible. It was suggested that a comprehensive collection policy is needed.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and to continue Monday, March 8, 1999.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
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Tribal Council Secretary

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Continuation of Council meeting
Executive Conference Room
Monday, March 8, 1999

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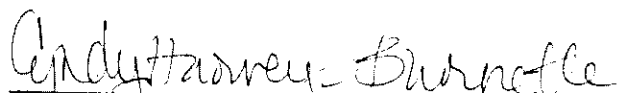
1. The continuation of the Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chairman Massey with a quorum present. Council Member Nez was on sick leave, Council Member Janeway was on travel and Council Member Tate was excused. The invocation was offered by Council Member Cody.
2. Tribal member Gene DeClay, of the group War Party, informed Council of his request to hold a concert at the Memorial Hall on April 10, 1999 and requested a waiver of rental fee for the Memorial Hall. He stated that funds from concert will go towards production of album and is willing to give back to the community in any way possible. Mr. DeClay was advised that April 10th will conflict with Canyon Day community activities and was recommended to seek another date.
3. Resolution No. 03-99-58A adopted for waiver of Memorial Hall rental fee for Gene DeClay to hold a concert. Council Member Clay made the motion and Council Member DeClay seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 5-0-1 abstention.
4. Keith Jones, Environmental Planner and Engineer, gave an update on the community involvement plan and the traffic signal lights at FATCO and Hondah. He recommended a meeting with the Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) staff to review the NRCS agreement.
5. Keith informed Council that Phase I of the 'greater Whiteriver' community mapping project, which includes the ground survey and aerial photography, will cost \$78,000 of which \$38,000 is from Rural Development Agency low interest loan, is already approved. Keith also requested payment of overtime for four employees to assist with this project. The mapping project, which is part of Phase II, involves an aerial photo of Whiteriver for future growth.
6. Resolution No. 03-99-59A adopted for approval to expend \$38,000 which is from Rural Development Agency low interest loan and overtime pay for four employees to work on both Phase I & II projects. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and Council Member Craig seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 5-0.
7. Keith Jones shared problems with mobile home placements. He stressed education to the public. Residential water dripping concerns were addressed by the Council as well as Housing Authority MEPA funds. Keith also presented information on the Proposed Scope for the White Mountain Apache Pilot Project which will provide technical assistance to the tribe in developing a community awareness and involvement plan.
8. Keith provided Homesite Development information. Jimmy Newhall, Environmental Technician, is the contact person to begin the homesite development process. Keith explained the purpose of the Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) checklist is to ensure that land assignments meets all

environmental and cultural requirements of accommodating the development of a homesite.

9. Other issues discussed included the need for adequate wastewater treatment system for Hondah Homesite, upgrade of McNary lagoon system and East Fork sewer system problems. Keith explained the sanitation deficiency system - that all projects scoring 71 and higher were funded.
10. It was suggested to have a Tribal Council meeting in Cibecue this month. The Tribal Council Secretary, Keith Jones and Council Member Dehose to coordinate.
11. Keith's final presentation was the resolution regarding collection of the infrastructure improvement fees. This was tabled until the next meeting for further review by the Tribal Attorney.
12. Tribal member, Alice Quintero, requested to reopen back road leading to her mother's home. She was referred to Herbert Tate, Roads Committee Chairperson.
13. Council Member Craig presented her council business report. She reported on the proposal to establish a "Mediation Center" known as "GozhoDoleel" and a position paper developed by the Southwest Indian Housing Association, utilized as a lobbying tool for Indian housing needs. She reminded Council of meeting on March 23, 1999 with Housing and Board of Commissioners to discuss Tenant's Accounts Receivables (TAR) and update of upcoming construction activities. Council Member Craig also informed Council of ITCA's purchase of an office and donations that are needed for the \$500,000.00 building acquisition and renovation. Concerns from meetings she attended: IHS to move its Water/Sewer systems and Housing responsibility to tribes, to cancel the Davis Bacon wage rates on reservations, reduction of Headstart funds and the need to lobby for more monies and the acquisition of monetary support for construction of buildings for headstart children and staff. She also expressed concerns regarding the local Forestry program where approximately 110 positions will be affected and the need to lobby for funding. Council Member Craig also updated Council on the renovation that was conducted on Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Pinal's home. The last item on her report was on behalf of Leonard and Shirley Cosay's request of donation of hog lumber and use of tribal vehicle for their co-sponsorship of an Apache Ceremonial Sunrise Ceremony in San Carlos, AZ.
14. Resolution No. 03-99-60 adopted approving request for donation of hog lumber and use of a tribal vehicle from Community Services to transport lumber to San Carlos for use at an Apache Ceremonial Sunrise Dance co-sponsored by Leonard and Shirley Cosay. Vice Chairman Endfield made the motion and Council Member Craig seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 5-0.
15. Chairman Massey commended Council Member Craig for her informative reports and he stated that he would like to see such reports from all Council Members.
16. Resolution No. 03-99-61 adopted for nonacceptance of grant due to conditions in the grant for the Gooseberry Creek, Lofer Creek and Cibecue Creek Restoration. Council Member Baha-Walker made the motion and Council Member Clay seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-0.

17. The Tribal Attorney informed Council of Senator Enzi's intentions to introduce an amendment pertaining to Class III regulation of Indian gaming. Resolution No. 03-99-62 adopted to oppose the introduction and passage of the Enzi amendment pertaining to Class II regulation of Indian gaming. The motion was made by Council Member Baha-Walker and seconded by Vice Chairman Endfield. The resolution passed with a vote of 6-0.
18. Ben Nuvamsa, BIA Superintendent, recommended a meeting with the Water Rights Attorneys for update on Minor Flat Dam. The Tribal Attorney stated that the new U. S. Attorney would like to meet with the Council in April to address issues on law enforcement.
19. Vice Chairman Endfield reminded Council of meeting with Mr. Wells on the evening of March 16, 1999 during the Tri-Area Forestry Conference.
20. The Tribal Attorney gave an update on concerns of the National Indian Gaming Association has regarding how the federal legislature will impact Indian gaming. Important issues include the rights of non-tribal member employees of casinos and taxation on tribal enterprises. George also presented an update on the pension plan. He informed Council of the proposed amendment to put a loan feature in the pension plan. The loan feature to have limitations on amounts borrowed. He believes that with proper education, training and counseling, this may be beneficial to tribal members. George also advised Council of the tribe taking over the daily operations of the pension plan eventually due to the tribe being charged high amounts for insufficient amount of services.
21. The Tribal Attorney gave an update on the Branch law firm regarding the tobacco litigation. He revised the contract with regard to fees and is waiting for a response from the Branch law firm.
22. The Tribal Attorney provided a history on Horseshoe Pizza and on the lease. Mr. & Mrs. Watts and Glenda Massey would like to improve the business and bring in new equipment but cannot move on that until they are assured of a time frame in order to recover their costs. The lease expired in 1996 and the Watts are paying rent to Rose Waters. Chairman Massey and George recommend that rent funds should go to the tribe rather than to Rose. It was decided that the Watts and Ms. Massey to continue their pizza business monthly until legal issues are resolved.
23. Resolution No. 03-99-63 adopted to allow Mr. & Mrs. Watts and Ms. Glenda Massey to operate their pizza business on a monthly basis until legal issues are resolved. Council Member Declay made the motion and Council Member Tate seconded the motion. The resolution passed with a vote of 8-0.
24. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Sincerely,


Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
Tribal Council Secretary

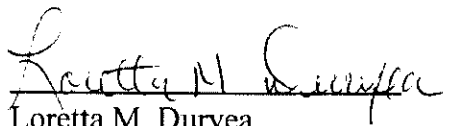
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Special Council meeting
Executive Conference Room
Thursday, March 11, 1999

BRIEFS

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m., by the Tribal Chairman Massey. Council Member Tate offered the invocation. Council Members, Declay, Clay, Craig, Nez were excused. ^{Council member} Janeway was in travel. The Tribal Council Secretary Cyndy Harvey-Burnette was on sick leave.
2. Chairman Massey explain how the ratio royalty affects FATCO and the tribe financially. He then introduced Robert Lacapa, the new Tribal Forester.
3. Dave Reinhold, BIA Forester, presented information on stumpage, resale of forest products, selling prices, forest products generated on the reservation and appraisal of the timber on the market. He defined Ratio Royalty and stated that the profits are based on percentage. Dave advised yearly meetings with Council to update on timber values, stumpage appraisals and related issues. Per Chairman Massey's request, the stumpage appraisal was conducted by the end of February, 1999.
3. Tom Johnson, Presale Officer, presented a slide presentation on how much lumber used to determine the transaction, appraisal bulletin, average selling, quality or the grade. He explained how appraisals are done, how values are averaged and comparison of FATCO sales by actual products.
4. Wilkie Gregg, Timber Operations Manager, explained the weights of lumber and percentages. Mr. Gregg recommends selling by the pound as opposed to selling by the ton due to affects on profits.
5. Chairman Massey expressed concerns regarding lowering the ratio royalty rate. He advised to involve the Finance and Budget Committee and to address the ratio royalty resolution when all members of the Tribal Council are present.
6. Council member, Tate and Baha-Walker stressed the need to invest in new equipment for FATCO. Per Vice Chairman Endfield, FATCO Board Member Marilyn Lovato also expressed concerns for new equipment to realize profits. The Council to tour FATCO for the purpose of viewing equipment.
7. Omar Villa, FATCO General Manager, stated that the lumber quality is poor due to old equipment.

8. Raymond Endfield Jr., Director of Enterprises, discussed his concerns and feels that the Finance and Budget Committee should make an appraisal for this issue. On Monday, a 20% cut will be proposed to the Tribe and he directed the Cibecue Commercial Center Manager to stop payroll deductions. BIA has trust responsibility to the tribe as well as the responsibility to ensure FATCO is secured financially.
9. Chairman Massey stated that 29% deduction from 6% is reducing 4.7 million dollars. and that direction should come from the FATCO Board of Directors and the General Manager. Stumpage and Ratio Royalty will affect the elimination of programs under Central Tribe.
10. Dave Reinhold stated that it is the Tribal Council's decision as to how much they want to charge. He stated that 6% is the base rate- the bottom line and that market price changes every week.
11. Chairman Massey thanked the Council, FATCO employees, and BIA staff for coming to the meeting. Finance Committee to review this and the tribe will cut accordingly.
12. The Council decided to table this resolution and will have another meeting on this matter.
13. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Sincerely,


Loretta M. Duryea
Legislative Assistant

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Whiteriver, Arizona
Tribal Council meeting
Executive Conference Room
Monday, March 22, 1999

BRIEFS

1. The Arizona Interagency Smoke Management meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m. by Chairman Massey with a quorum of the Tribal Council present. Council Member Clay was excused. The invocation was offered by Vice Chairman Endfield.
2. Chairman Massey offered opening remarks as to purpose of today's meeting. He informed Council that there is no agreement regarding burning and that the tribe will make their own decisions as to what occurs on the reservation. Chairman Massey also explained that there is control in place regarding burning and that there is benefit for the livestock associations but expressed concerns for the elderly and other tribal members who have health problems affected by the smoke.
3. Keith Jones introduced three U.S. Forest employees from the Tonto National Forest. Chuck thanked the Council for the opportunity to meet today. He stated that the state of Arizona has an aggressive burning and smoke management program. The smoke created by the burns has a negative effect, not only locally, but in the Phoenix area. It is important to consider the health and visibility issues. He stated that their program is the second best in the U.S.
4. Pete Lahm presented information on the current Arizona prescribed fire activity, current BIA and FTA activity, future interagency prescribed fire trends and the Arizona Interagency Smoke Management coordination. Mr. Lahm also briefed Council on Arizona laws relating to environmental quality - forest and range management burns as well as the WMAT Interagency Smoke Management Program involvement. Mr. Lahm presented graphs which indicated acres requested/approved/burned, annual prescribed fire emissions and 1998 prescribed fire program activity by vegetation type.
5. Council expressed concerns over areas beginning from Rainbow City to Jurassic Park and north Whiteriver due to dry season. It was recommended seeking prevention and monitoring this area. The Mt. Baldy area was another concern due to its location in the wilderness area. Burn plans and the hiring of monitor personnel was stressed.
6. Robert Lacapa, Tribal Forester, commented that short and long term plans regarding North Whiteriver areas will be addressed at the April 1st meeting. Ben Nuvamsa stressed cooperation from the schools, Fire Department, IHS, Safety, Public Works, etc. for the protection of lives and property. Ben also recommended a review of the state burn implementation plan and to consider increasing burn activity.

7. Robert Lacapa brought up the position of John Pacheco. A discussion followed and it was recommended that Mr. Lacapa restructure the Tribal Forestry program first. The Council to discuss this issue and inform Robert.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Harvey-Burnette
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Tribal Council Secretary

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WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE
Fort Apache Indian Reservation
Tribal Council Special Meeting with Housing Authority
Hon-Dah Convention Center
March 23, 1999

BRIEFS

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following members of the Tribal Council present: Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr., Vice-Chairman Frank Endfield, Jr., Council Members Herbert Tate, Noland Clay, Margaret Baha-Walker, Phoebe Nez, Harley Janeway, Lynn Cody, and Mariddie J. Craig.
2. Community Liaison Andrew Kinney, Jr. gave the invocation, roll call was taken by (Acting) Tribal Council Secretary Heather Bacon.
3. Resolution 03-99-64, Proclaiming April as Child Prevention Month. Council Member Herbert Tate made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mariddie J. Craig. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
4. Resolution 03-99-65, Grant Schools Audit/Review. Council Member Herbert Tate made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Lynn Cody. Passed with a vote of 7-0.
5. Introduction of new Community Development Corporation Director, Melissa Davis was given by Ruby Altaha. A brief report was given on this program.
6. Resolution 03-99-66, Lease Approval for Carla Baha-Alchesay Nachu. Council Member Phoebe Nez made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mariddie J. Craig. Passed with a vote of 7-0-1.
7. Housing Authority Director Victor Velasquez gave the welcoming and introductory remarks, and the purpose for calling this meeting with the Tribal Council. He introduced the next speaker John Weideman, WMAHA Attorney.
8. Mr. Weideman gave a report on the statutory requirements along with a handout which covers this topic.
9. Gladys Bencomo, Collection Officer for the WMAHA, spoke about the Tenants Accounts Receivable report for 1999. She thanked all department heads for attending this meeting. A listing of participants in the housing program and the place of employment along with the TAR reports were distributed for review.

10. An indepth discussion on the solutions to this delinquent problem with housing authority took place at this time.
11. The meeting recessed at 12:10 pm and will reconvene at 2:00 p.m.
12. The meeting reconvene at 2:15 p.m. with a quorum present and in a closed session.
13. Gladys Bencomo distributed a list of families delinquent and the amount owed on their unit.
14. Informed that 20 civil cases have been filed in the Tribal Court. Information on these cases filed should be available, should the tenant wish to visit the council members regarding this situation with housing.
15. Victor Velasquez reported an issue of the Tribal Judge ordering emergency housing for Tribal Members. So far two orders have been received, one of the orders were honored. The second order was received not too long ago but has not been placed due to no emergency housing available.
16. Further discussion occurred on the judicial system and the three different branches and their responsibilities in relation to this issue on orders received from the Tribal court.
17. In-depth discussion continued on the delinquent accounts and the what would be the best solution to this problem. A suggestion was made that payroll deduction be enforced on employees working for the Tribe, and maybe other agencies.
18. Victor Velasquez is to prepare a draft resolution regarding the duties of each department. Will also draft a resolution regarding the controlling party. These to be presented at the next meeting.
19. At this time the Drug Elimination grant topic was discussed and what the program is doing to eliminate drug use/purchases within the housing areas.
20. With no further discussion/questions, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Bacon
(Acting) Tribal Council Secretary