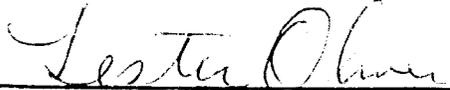


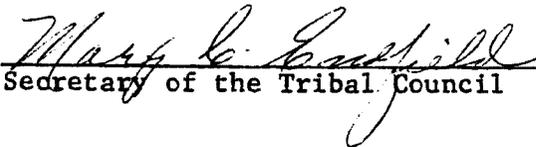
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has prepared a feasibility report on the irrigation potential of the Bear Flats area of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the original report, known as the Whiteriver Irrigation Project, has been revised as of June, 1965, and is now the Whiteriver Extension of the Fort Apache Indian Irrigation Project, and
- WHEREAS, the June, 1965 feasibility report requires some additional changes to wit: (1) There are 739 irrigated tracts on the Fort Apache Indian Irrigation Project, distributed on streams throughout the reservation. Approximately 476 assignees operate these tracts. The tracts average only 3.9 acres each, which is of insufficient size for economic operation. It is difficult to consolidate these tracts into economically operated units because the valleys in which they are situated are so narrow and because the Indian families desire to hold them for their own uses. However, some effort has been made to consolidate tracts and this effort will be continued. These problems and the difficulty of maintaining many small ditches and headings in the streams have caused low usage of the irrigated lands in recent years. These problems will not occur on the Whiteriver Extension. (b) The White Mountain Apache Tribe now operates and maintains the existing irrigation works of the Fort Apache Irrigation Project under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is planned that the Tribe will also assume the operation and maintenance of the Whiteriver Extension, and
- WHEREAS, Page 42 of Chapter VIII of the revised report specifies Settlement and Use of the proposed extension of the Fort Apache Indian Irrigation Project with special emphasis as to minimum size of economic farm unit, and
- WHEREAS, the report indicates that the Extension to the Fort Apache Indian Irrigation Project is in fact a realistic and economically sound proposal.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council endorses and approves all suggested changes and additions specified in the subject feasibility report, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges and requests that the proposed Extension to the Fort Apache Indian Irrigation Project be approved and construction started as rapidly as possible.

The foregoing resolution was on January 13, 1966 duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 0 against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (i) of the Amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council