

MINUTES OF JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNS OF SNOWFLAKE AND TAYLOR
HELD 06/20/2024

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL AT 5:00 PM

Town of Snowflake – Kerry Ballard, Greg Brimhall, Byron Lewis, JoAnne Guderian, Joe Bjornn; Cory Johnson and Lora Jones excused; Staff: Brian Richards, Katie Melser

Town of Taylor – Sherry Cosper-Duke, Dustin Hancock, Bill Baldwin, Shawn Palmer, Kris Neff, Jason Brubaker; Lynn DeWitt excused; Staff: Gus Lundberg

Attorneys for Snowflake and Taylor: Dave Brown and Jay Brown

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Snowflake: Motion by Guderian, 2nd by Ballard to move into executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with Johnson and Jones absent

Taylor: Motion by Hancock, 2nd by Cosper-Duke to move into executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with DeWitt absent

- A. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO COUNSEL REGARDING THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER (LCR) ADJUDICATION (APACHE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT – IN RE: THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE (CV 6417, CV 6417-200, CV 6417-201, CV 6417-202, CV 6417-300, CV 6417-400) POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA INDIAN WATER RIGHT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LCR COALITION AND ANY OTHER LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY

Snowflake: Motion by Ballard, 2nd by Bjornn to move out of executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with Johnson and Jones absent

Taylor: Motion by Hancock, 2nd by Neff to move out of executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with DeWitt absent

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION

- B. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE THE NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Snowflake: Motion by Lewis, 2nd by Ballard to approve Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement and to authorize the Mayor, the Clerk, and the Attorney to execute the Agreement upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

1. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that issues related to participation by the United States and the Tribes in the Little Colorado River Adjudication have been resolved.

2. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that any amendments to the Agreement are acceptable.

3. The Exhibits to the Agreement, including the LCR Judgment and Decree, are acceptable to Brown & Brown Law Offices.

4. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that the Congressional Legislation implementing the Agreement is acceptable.

Motion passed; unanimous, with Johnson and Jones absent

Taylor: Motion by Palmer, 2nd by Hancock to approve Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement and to authorize the Mayor, the Clerk, and the Attorney to execute the Agreement upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

1. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that issues related to participation by the United States and the Tribes in the Little Colorado River Adjudication have been resolved.

2. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that any amendments to the Agreement are acceptable.

3. The Exhibits to the Agreement, including the LCR Judgment and Decree, are acceptable to Brown & Brown Law Offices.

4. Brown & Brown Law Offices is satisfied that the Congressional Legislation implementing the Agreement is acceptable.

Motion passed; unanimous, with DeWitt absent

4. ADJOURNMENT 6:05 PM

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Joint Towns of Snowflake and Taylor Council executive session meeting held June 20, 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present for each council from Snowflake and Taylor.

Katie Melser, Town Clerk