

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 Cospers-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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ballard to move into executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with Johnson and Jones absent***

***Taylor: Motion by Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cospers-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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bjornn to move out of executive session. Motion passed; unanimous, with Johnson and Jones absent***

***Taylor: Motion by Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Katie Melser, Town Clerk