

FORT SILL – CHIRICAHUA – WARM SPRING – APACHE TRIBE
COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT
AT APACHE HOMELANDS



#### **Fort Sill Apache Tribe**



#### Welcome

**Indian Affairs Committee** 

September 9-10, 2021

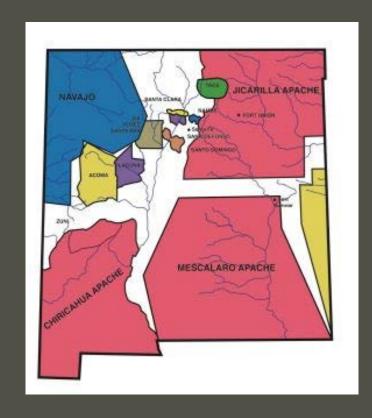
#### Fort Sill Apache Presenters

Pam EagleShield – History & Tribal Leadership

James Dempsey-Present & Future Vision

Brady Jones – Development - Q & A

Joel Davis – Q & A



# Tribal History & Leadership

Pamela EagleShield - Vice Chair Business Committee

















#### Fort Sill Apache

'The Fort Sill Apache Tribe was moved to Oklahoma in 1894 after nearly a decade of imprisonment and exile at U.S. Army installations in Florida and Alabama. Today's tribal members are survivors and descendants of the Chiricahua Apache tribe, whose original territory covered much of what is now the American Southwest including eastern Arizona and western New Mexico, along the United States border with Mexico. The Tribe's current location is the result of direct action by the United States Congress, which passed a special provision enabling the federal government to relocate the Chiricahua prisoners of war to southwestern Oklahoma. The Chiricahua were the last American Indian group to be relocated to Indian Territory.

A land claim was settled in the mid-1970s and the Fort Sill Apache Tribe approved a constitution. The Fort Sill Apache Tribe acquired small bits of land in Oklahoma and also in its home territory within New Mexico and Arizona. A lawsuit claiming that the Fort Sill Apache Tribe was improperly granted rights in Oklahoma was settled with acknowledgement of the rights of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe within the Tribe's home territory in New Mexico. Part of that settlement was a reservation proclamation for the Fort Sill Apache land in New Mexico. After several years delay, this was issued in November of 2011.'

#### FSA Business Committee



Lori Gooday Ware – Chairwoman

Lori Gooday Ware is a descendant of Chief Mangas Colorados and Chief Loco of the Mimbreno and Warm Springs Apache Tribes. Shehas been the Chairwoman since November 20, 2018. Before that she served as Vice-Chairwoman from October 2005 to November 2018 and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Business Committee for 13 additional years. Lori has been an active member of the Tribe her entire life. She is a proponent for revitalizing the tribal language and traditional ways. She also serves as Vice-Chairman on the Southwest Inter-Tribal Health Board where she addresses health care concerns for all Native Americans.



Pamela Eagleshield – Vice-Chairman

Vice Chairwoman Eagleshield is the daughter of Richard Mangas Eagleshield and granddaughter of Etheline Haozous, one of the pisoners of war at Fort Sill as a child. The name Eagleshield is from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, was given to her by her grandmother Etheline's first husband Wallace Eagleshield. She is a descendant of Chief Sitting Bull on her grandfather's side.

She was sent to a government boarding school in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at age 14, and became the first female Vice Chairwoman ofthe Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate at 16. Ms. Eagleshield moved to Apache in 1994, was elected Tribal Secretary in 1995, and then Vice Chairwoman in 1995. She served through the transition from the leadership of Mildred Cleghorn to the leadership of Ruey Darrow. She has worked in many capacities for the tribe and elsewhere over the past 20 years, including 11 years as the Vice Chairwoman of the Election Board. She is currently employed with the tribe as the Community Health Representative Coordinator and was elected the Vice Chairwoman in December of 2020.



James Dempsey – Secretary – Treasurer

James Dempsey has served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe's Business Committee from 2020 to present. He is the son of Tribal Member, Ruby Dempsey and the great-great-grandson of Sam and Blossom Haozous. James served on the Election Committee from 2016 to 2020, as the Election Board Marshall, where he was part of the team who implemented many changes within the election board including the recent ordinance revision approved in 2021. James has been employed at the Apache Casino Hotel since 2012. He began his career as a game technician repairing slot machines. After a four-month hiatus from the casino industry in 2014, he returned to the casino, eventually working his way to a lead technician in 2016. James now manages the slot department of Apache Casino Hotel. James's dedication and commitment to the Apache Casino Hotel is well known amongst his colleagues and gaming industry associates.



Jeanette Mann – Committee Member

Jeanette Mann ("Jeannie") has worked for the Fort Sill Apache Tribe for nearly 25 years, starting in 1995 as a part-time attendant with the Fort Sill Apache Youth Shelter, then in tribal administration in the enrollment/childcare department, and now as Executive Director for the Fort Sill Apache Tribe Jeannie has served on the Fort Sill Apache Tribe Business Committee for 13 years and currently holds the Business Committee #1 seat. She continues to be very active within the Tribe and is also the Secretary for the Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority Board. Jeannie and her husband, Ricky, have two children, Stephanie Whiteshield and Steven Mann and 2 grandchildren, Blake Whiteshield and Hazel Whiteshield. She is the granddaughter of Garnett Mithlo and the great granddaughter of the Lawrence and Dolly Mithlo.

Jennifer Heminokeky – Committee Member



Jennifer Heminokeky is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Economics and a minor in Sociology. She is currently a student at the OU College of Law working on her Masters in Legal Studies for Indigenous Peoples Law.

She has been working with the Fort Sill Apache Tribe as the Environmental Programs Director since October 2010. Within that position, she also maintains a position on the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Region 6 Tribes. She recognizes and respects the role of the environment as it relates to Tribal members' culture and well-being. She has 11 years of successful experience writing grants and providing management and financial oversight of all grant programs under her department.

She served the Tribe as Commissioner on the Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority for 9 years and Fort Sill Apache Election Committee for 2 years. She has also served 10 years on the Fort Sill Apache Gaming Commission as Vice-Chairman. She maintains a dedicated effort to advocate for tribal members on tribal issues and concerns.



Dolly Loretta Buckner – Committee Member

Dolly Loretta Buckner ("Loretta") attended Apache Schools and Cameron University and worked for the Fort Sill Apache Youth Shelter for 23 years, before retiring in 2015. Loretta has served on the Fort Sill Apache Tribe Business Committee since 1982. She currently holds the Business Committee #3 seat. Through her years on the Business Committee she has had the honor of being on the committee with the late Mildred Cleghorn, the late Ruey H. Darrow, Jeff Haozous and the current Chairwoman Lori Gooday Ware. Loretta and her husband, Robert Buckner, have been married 47 years. They have 3 children, James, Steven, and Hilary Buckner and have 8 grandchildren. She is the daughter of Garnett Mithlo and Author Comanche and the granddaughter of Lawrence and Dolly Mithlo.

#### FSA Economic Development Authority (EDA)



Roy Mitchell – Chairman



Lori Gooday Ware – Vice-Chair



Leland Michael Darrow – Secretary-Treasurer



Valerie Devol – Trustee



Greg Raynor - Trustee

# Present & Future Vision

James Dempsey – Secretary – Treasurer















# Current Projects and Looking into the Future

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Ingress/Egress to Reservation

Highway Concept Designs

Chiricahua Plaza

Comprehensive Development





# Thank you State Legislators for your support in our Vision \*

**2019 Capital Outlay**– \$242,000 ingress and egress, Water, Wastewater, Utility, and Concept Design for Highway Infrastructure – Funds Fully Allocated

**2020 Capital Outlay-** \$200,000 Wastewater construction — Funds Fully Allocated







#### **Mountain Management, LLC**

Mountain Management, LLC (MM) is a tribally-owned LLC through the Fort Sill Apache Economic Development Authority. Mountain Management serves as Owner Representative and Construction Management firm for the Fort Sill Apache Tribal Comprehensive Development. MM takes a start to finish approach from research, construction, through operational impacts of new business ventures.

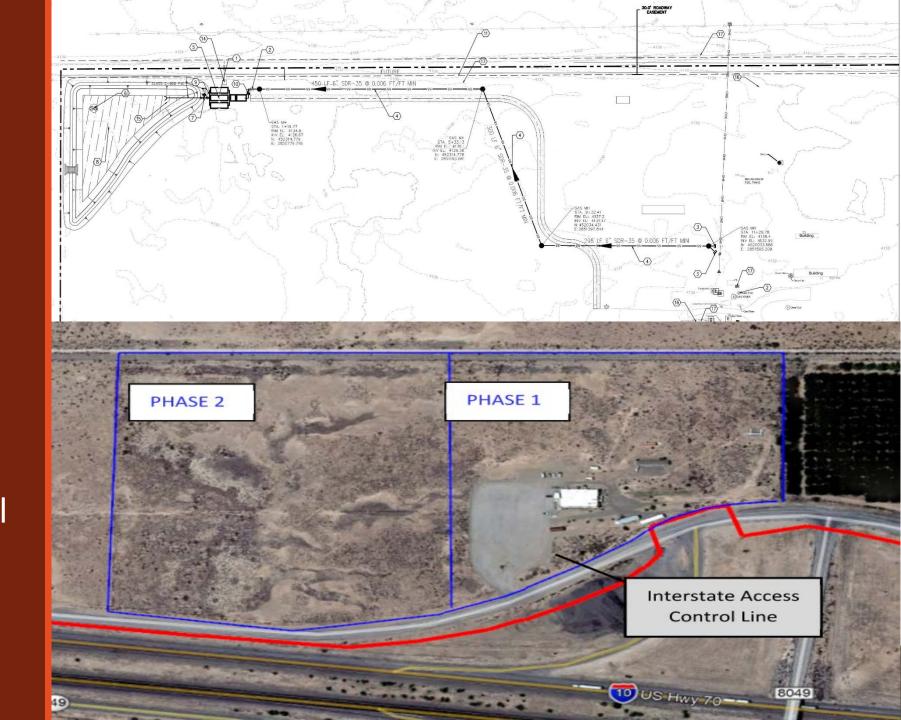
Brady Jones - VP of Design & Development

Brady Jones has been with the Fort Sill Apache Tribe for the last 12 years. He has 20 plus years of experience in the construction industry and 15 years serving as an owner representative-consultant. He has been a part of several large gaming and hospitality environments across the United States with a proven track record of meeting owners construction and development deliverables.

#### Capital Outlay Breakdown

**Phase 1 –** Chiricahua Plaza Project start 2021

Phase 2 – Master plan explored several retail, hotel, restaurant, event center, housing, cultural center, etc..



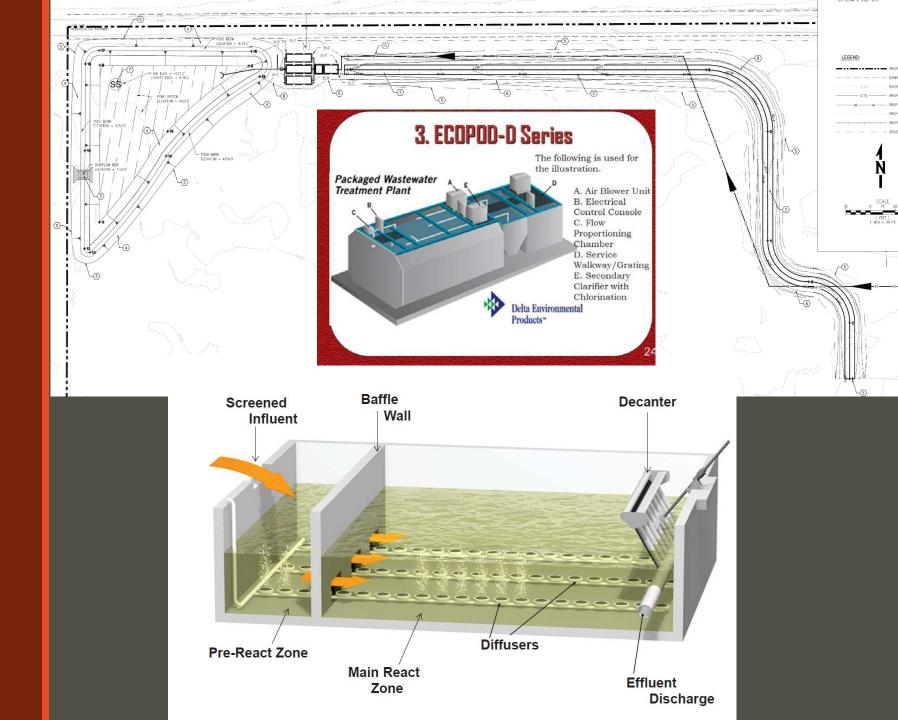
#### Wastewater Treatment Plant

Majority of design was cover by the 2019 Capital Outlay

Approx. 30% of construction cost will be covered by 2020 Capital Outlay

What is our approach?

Maximizing natural resources



## Safeguarding our Resources

#### Critical infrastructure

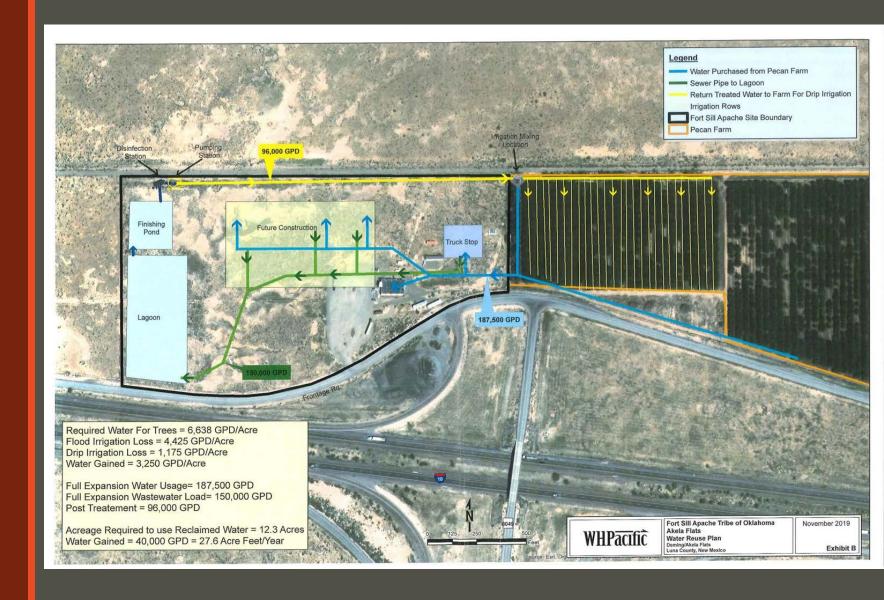
- Water Supply
  - Lifeline for Tribal development and growth

"Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle" our wastewater treatment plant is designed to treat and recycle grey water for irrigation and non-potable water needs.

The design is engineered to expand to accommodate additional treatment methods for agricultural use with our neighbors

Current Design also exceed all State, Federal, and local specifications and establishes the ability to reuse the same resource several times over.

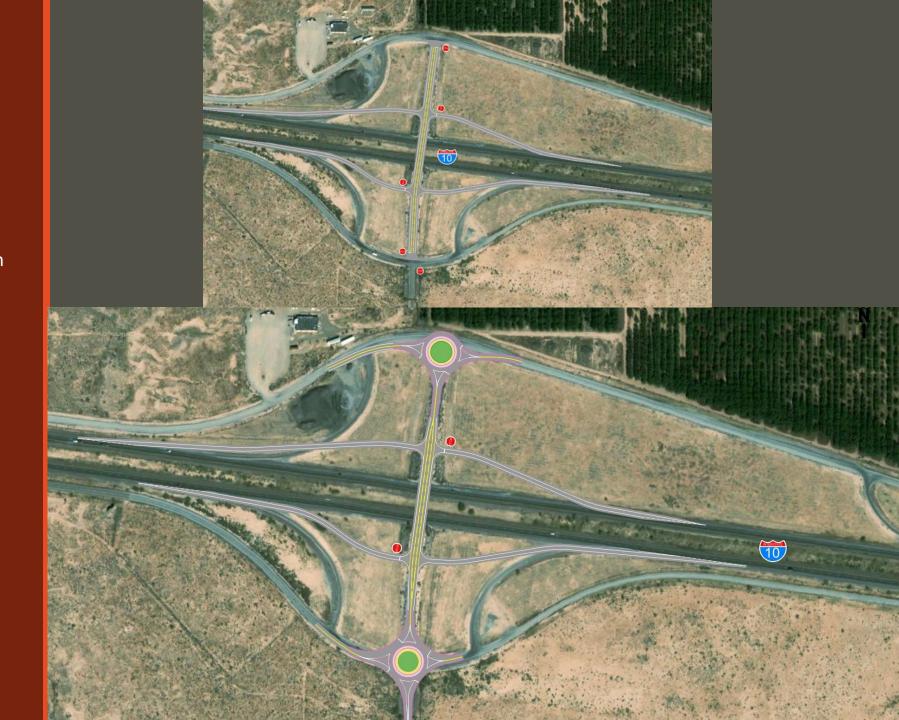
To further enhance our design we are applying for ICIP funding later this month



#### Highway Infrastructure

Traffic impact study concluded that Phase I and well over 90% of phase 2 exploration development does not have an adverse impact to the adjacent transportation system.

2019 Capital Outlay allowed us to collaborate with the Department of Transportation and work with State engineers along with our consultants to established the best overall designs to consider for future State infrastructure budgets

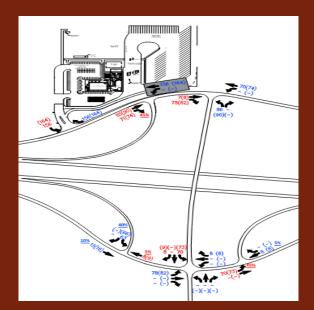


#### Traffic Impact Study (TIS)

#### March 2020

TIS report did expose potential safety concerns.

Our study should be utilized by the state when considering future infrastructure projects.





#### Chiricahua Plaza Development

Indian Community
Development Block Grant
ICDBG \$800,000



Anticipated ground breaking
4th Quarter 2021







### Environmental Importance

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations



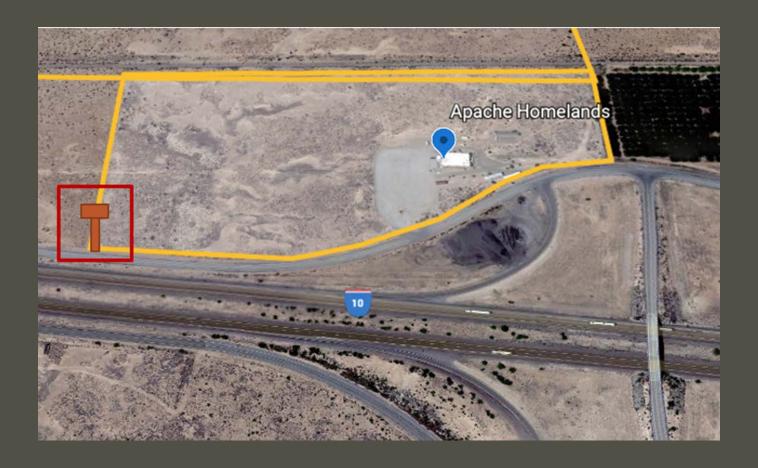






Current & Direct Communication With our Market and Our Guest

This Gives the Tribe Flexibility to React to Changing Times



#### 2.5 Tribal Broadband Spectrum

FCC 2.5 Spectrum application 0009168269 granted 10/21/2020

NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program application submitted September 1, 2021

Currently working with AT&T to bring fiber for deployment







#### 2,100 Acre Land Swap

Acquiring additional land within the original Chiricahua Warm Springs territory remains a vital step for sustaining future generations and preserving our historical presence





