

Hopi Tribal Council Approves Resolution H053-2013, authorizing each Tribal Council Representative to acquire and use a Hopi Tribal Credit Card

On June 4, after a split decision by the Hopi Tribal Council to approve Resolution H053-2013 to authorize each Council Representative to acquire and use a Hopi Tribal Credit Card, Presiding Officer Vice Chairman Herman G. Honanie voted in favor to break the tie vote.

Annette F. Talayumtewa, Mishongnovi Council Representative, authored and introduced Action Item 051-2013 to issue each Council Representative a Hopi Tribal (i.e., corporate) credit card to be used for Council related Travel Expenses. It was also noted that the current tribal Credit Card Policies for credit card use by each representative, needed amending. A draft amended Credit Card Policies was presented along with the Resolution.

In the enacting clause of the Resolution which approved credit cards for Council Representatives, the language reads as follows:
Be It Resolved "the Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes each Representative to acquire and use a Hopi Tribal (i.e., corporate) credit card in accordance with the Credit Card Policies, as amended."

Be it Further Resolved "that the Tribal Council hereby amends the Credit Card Policies adopted pursuant to Resolution H-081-2005 and amended by Resolution H-050-2006 to authorize each Representative to acquire and use a Hopi Tribal credit card."

Be it Further Resolved "that the use of the Hopi Tribal credit cards by the Representatives shall be limited to the payment of reasonable and necessary travel and related business expenses incurred by the Representatives on behalf of the Tribe for official Hopi Tribal business (including, without limitation, airfare, transportation, lodging, meals and other related incidental expenses), in accordance with the Credit Card Policies."

The Resolution also authorized and directed the Office of Financial Management to take the necessary, appropriate or advisable action to implement the Resolution; to implement the accounting and control systems as necessary to implement the Resolution and Credit Card policies; and to ensure that Hopi Tribal actions intended by the Resolution, are carried out in accordance with the Resolution and applicable policies and procedures of the Hopi Tribe.

After discussion and debate by a split Tribal Council, Moenkopi Council Representative Danny Humetewa, Sr. motioned to approve Resolution H053-2013, authorizing each Tribal Council Representative to acquire and use a Hopi Tribal Credit Card. Motion was seconded by Mishongnovi Council Representative Arthur Batala. With Chairman LeRoy Shingoitewa not present, presiding officer Vice Chairman Herman Honanie called for a Vote resulting in 6 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention.

As per formal protocols resulting in a tie Vote, Presiding Officer Vice Chairman Herman Honanie then voted in favor to break the tie, resulting in a 7 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention. Votes cast are as follows:

YES: Representatives Annette Talayumtewa, Arthur Batala, Cedric Kuwaninvaya, George Mase, Rosa Honanie and Lamar Keevama

NO: Representatives Nada Talayumtewa, Norman Honanie, Caleb Johnson, Bruce Fredericks, Leroy Sumatzkuku and Danny Humetewa, Sr (Danny Humetewa earlier motioned to approve the credit cards then voted later against it).

YES Tie Breaker: Vice Chairman Herman Honanie

ABSTAINED: Rep. Davis Pecusa

ABSENT: Chairman LeRoy Shingoitewa, Representatives Leroy Kewanimptewa, Wayne Kuwanhyoima, Mervin Yoyetewa and Marilyn Tewa