

PLATFORM SUBMITTED BY DENNIS PATCH

When I was fortunate enough to be elected Chairman I quickly learned how poorly the condition of our government was. Change, reform and leadership were needed.

I wanted accounting of all our tribal finances: grants, enterprises and leases which in turn would help get tribal audits done in a timely manner, so we could be removed from all restrictions regarding our grants programs. This was accomplished!

I wanted to start new tribal enterprises and jobs, to generate new tribal revenue streams which would help sustain the tribal government, its members and critical programs for years to come.

Finally, I pledged to create sustainable infrastructure with procedures and policies in place for the tribal government to continue to move forward. This includes a potential agreement with Arizona to lease our water that others are wrongfully using for free and instead get hundreds of millions of new dollars for our people including a substantial increase in per capita payments.

Right now, so much of our water goes back into the river to be used by others for free. That's wrong and offensive to our people! That's why I have met with Arizona Governor Ducey to put an end to this in a way that can be beneficial to Arizona and the tribes.

If we ever reach a deal with Arizona to lease our water, as many other tribes have already done, I believe this agreement must be put to ALL OUR PEOPLE to approve or reject it via a public vote. And, if approved, should be used to dramatically increase each person's per capita payment.

IMPROVEMENTS IN JUST THE PAST THREE YEARS AS CHAIRMAN

- Moving/Upgrading the Realty Department for convenience /accessibility for our members.
- GPS mapping of all Farm land.
- Moving all tribal members on APS to BIA Power-in progress.
- Emergency Housing Project- Site Development Job #8302010- in progress.
- Completed first gas station/nearing completion of second on Airport Road.
- Purchase of Blue Water Lagoon & Villa Shores Resort/expansion of Water Wheel Resort as enterprises for the Tribe.
- Took over Badenoch's lease for future enterprise expansion.
- All enterprises now have their own assigned accountants for better accountability.
- Began operations on Wheeler Inn, Bermuda Palms and Sandy's Trailer Park in Poston.

- BWR Casino renovations of theater/arcade, casino restrooms + 200 hotel rooms- in progress.
- Working with all law enforcement agencies to combat the drug problem on the reservation.
- Currently in construction of a new \$3.8 million CRIT Fire Station.
- Added two new fire engines + two emergency vehicles to CRIT Fire Departments.
- Massive Valley Road Restoration Project starting this summer.
- Raised tribal distribution from \$700-\$1,000 + raised the min. wage to \$11 per hour.
- In past 4 years, tribal employees have received an increase in the cost of living wages that totals 17%.
- Tribal Council budgeted every year AC/heating units for the elderly & disabled, 40+ units have been installed already.
- New Cat Scan facility is nearing completion in 2018.
- New Headstart building 2018-2019- In progress.
- Transitional Living Recovery Center design /concept- in progress.
- Established the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to protect the tribal footprint on our lands and within our aboriginal territory.
- Intervened /challenged energy projects that destroyed our sacred sites and cultural resources.
- Enforced the Tribe's reburial policy for unearthed cultural resources at energy projects.
- Obtained assurances from the U.S. that they would begin efforts to remove the remaining trespassers on the western boundary. Initial notices to them have been sent.
- Reached a settlement claim against both the BIA and IHS for close to \$2.8 million.
- Reached a settlement resolving our breach of trust claims for \$45 million after ten years of litigation!
- Completed a conservation agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to keep CRIT water in Lake Mead by following 1,591 acres of land for payment of \$1,000 per acre, unlike other tribes' water valued at much less.
- Supported/approved a 2nd water conservation agreement for 2 years that will generate \$4 million beginning in October 2018.

I am proud of the progress on all these fronts. This list could not have been possible without the participation of all Tribal departments, their employees and the Tribal Council working together for the people. I thank them for their dedication and hard work. And now I ask you for your vote one more time to expand on these improvements.

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