

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING**  
**February 19, 2012**

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call meeting to order/Invocation
- b. Review/Accept Agenda
- c. Review/Accept Minutes
- d. Announcements:
  - February 20-24, 2012: Aging Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico
  - February 29, 2012: at 10:00am Local Senior Council
  - February 29, 2012: 10:00am-3:00pm Special Diabetes wellness at T/W Chapter

**II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **RATIFICATIONS:**

1. \$100.00 for Burial Assistance of the late Chee John Benally
2. \$50.00 monetary donation to Jeremiah Allen
3. \$10,281.26 paid to NTUA for Tsaile Senior Citizen Facility
4. \$324.34 work session attendance for Charles Chee Albuq. NM Dept.of Agriculture.
5. \$377.37 travel for Paula Begay to the CDBG/NUTA meeting Flagstaff, AZ.
6. \$\_\_\_\_\_Zane James travel to the New Mexico Legislative Day Santa Fe, NM
7. \$1,080.00 NM Organic Farmers conference attendance for 2-Farm Board members

b. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolutions to the New Mexico Legislators:
  - a. 5million dollars for planning, design, of Wheatfields Lake
  - b. \$300,000.00 to purchase a Road Grader and/or a heavy equipment (tractor).

c. **OTHERS:**

1. Chapter Financial Budget
2. \$\_\_\_\_\_ travel cost for 5 Veterans request to Sacaton, AZ 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Event
3. \$50.00 monetary donation for \_\_\_\_\_
4. Chapter Financial Scholarship assistance request of the 2012 Spring Semester
5. \$50.00 monetary donation for Tonya Charley for medical travel expense to Phoenix, AZ

**III. REPORTS:**

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**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

March \_\_\_\_, 2012 at \_\_\_\_PM

**1. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING MINTUTES**  
**February 19, 2012**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Meeting called to order at 10:34am by David Kedelty, Vice-President with invocation

Review/Accept Agenda: Agenda reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Joanne Benally

- Business Items Ratification to be combined for approval
- Housing Assistance for Phillip Benally, Sr. request to be added under Others. (response that any housing renovation request is done through the Chapter Administration with the CSC).
- Chapter house parking any plans for improvement
- Requesting residential road improvement
- Under reports to add Public Hearing status of the Indian Health Services
- Under reports to add Council Delegate to reports
- Under reports to add Police Department
- Requesting Apache County for road improvement of Branding corral road
- Master planning of the Chapter tract
- Requesting resolution to the Navajo Nation President and the Budget & Finance Committee to allocate funds for the Wheatfields Lake development.
- Resolution

Votes: 39/00/03

Review/Accept Minutes:

Motion by David Tsosie, second by Orlanda Charley

January 15, 2012 – Regular Chapter Meeting

February 1, 2012 – Chapter Planning Meeting

Votes: 43/00/02

Announcements:

- February 20-24, 2012: Aging Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico
- February 29, 2012: 10:00am-3:00pm Special Diabetes wellness at T/W Chapter
- March 1, 2012: at 10:00am Local Senior Council
- February 28, 2012: Farm Board Meeting
- February 28, 2012: Meeting with the Land Grant office same office at 9:00am
- March 1, 2012: CLUPC Meeting at 4:00pm
- Veterans Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month with the next meeting on March 6, 2012 at 6:00pm
- March 8, 2012: Chinle Agency Roads Committee Meeting
- February 28, 2012: Update on the Tsaille Senior Citizen facility meeting
- Council Delegate has meeting Lukachukai at 1:00pm and will be yield floor to him for his report.
- Yeng Jon from Chi High China student at the Dine College Field Experience and observing the Dine life with 10 hours a week.

**BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:**

a. **RATIFICATIONS:**

Motion by Orlando Charley to combine all the ratification for approval, second by David Tsosie

1. \$100.00 for Burial Assistance of the late Chee John Benally
2. \$50.00 monetary donation to Jeremiah Allen

3. \$10,281.26 paid to NTUA for Tsaile Senior Citizen Facility
  4. \$324.34 work session travel expenses for Charles Chee Albuquerque, NM Dept. of Agriculture. (travel report by Charles Chee of his attendance to the work session same of the 02/01/12-planning meeting recorded).
  5. \$377.37 travel for Paula Begay to the CDBG/NUTA meeting Flagstaff, AZ. (meeting on quarterly)
  6. \$557.90 Zane James travel expenses to the New Mexico Legislative Day Santa Fe, NM. (Brief report made request to Senator Pinto and the T/W in Az but we extend into NM).
  7. \$1,080.00 NM Organic Farmers conference attendance for 2-Farm Board members. (travel for Lorena Eldridge and Lea Begay and will hold a work session soon at the chapter house).
- Votes: 52/00/03 - Note: Farm Board travel report cost will differ upon submission of reports.

**b. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolutions to the New Mexico Legislators:  
Motion by Marjorie Johnson, second by Ray Redhouse
    - a. 5million dollars for planning, design, of Wheatfields Lake
    - b. \$300,000.00 to purchase a Road Grader and/or a heavy equipment (tractor).
- Votes: 53/00/02 for both resolutions.

**REPORTS:**

Motion by Marjorie Johnson, second by David Tsosie

- a. Council Delegate: Nelson S. Begaye extend his appreciation for Chapter meeting attendance and always be involved.
  - What is Navajo Nation Government with 3 Branches. Legislative Branch policy making with collaboration of the Navajo Nation President Executive Branch who implements and the Judicial who review the law. Our Chapter Officials and elected position are the government. We as the chapter speak of things and to devise the budget so we don't have to question it. Community Development and Resources Committee view budget for the chapters and approved by the NN Budget and Finance Committee. Are you now working on the budget for the next fiscal year?
  - Tuba City Chapter got approved as Certified Chapter and now at closed due to miss use of funds. This is why the chapter needs to utilize its policy.
  - Rough Rock Chapter for the past 3 years has been sanctioned with check books at Window Rock.
  - Chapter Election again with primary votes this year.
  - Legislative bill by Witterspoon for increase of sales tax at .1 for ½ be applied to scholarship assistance and the other ½ to energy development. (Now we have i.e. .3cents return to the Chapters and .1 goes to the Nation). I am against this legislation. Enterprises does not contribute to the Nation of revenues (NTUA, Oil & Gas, NECA). Our people rather go to the border town to purchase items. When again are the border towns to contribute to the Navajo Nation.
  - Snow bowl for skiing in Flagstaff (reclaim water for snow) Now, the proposal is Ground water to be used. I am against this.
  - Uranium Act against the bill
  - Navajo Nation Council disapproved only to serve as a Delegate and not be a member of other board/commission/supervisors. This I had support but lost.
  - Navajo Nation Council Assistance position approved this is what I was against. I had hoped this would be an over right but the President supported. Already the assistances were orientated

expect for me. (I am against this because I am a Legislator and be have an assistant do my work just does not apply). Already I have many request by people with interest for the job.

- 42million dollars available and this is where we need a master plan. 1.1Billion from 1985 savings and this is why to get these projects ready (shovel ready). The Wheatfields Lake we want to see as the Camp Azsya.
- The other is Nations building and set aside funds for Farm Board and Grazing.
- Business site lease at Tsaile Junction are being met on soon.

**Questions/Comments:**

Ray Redhouse: the 3 branch government has split and complicated the services. Navajo Nation government was studied with finding that it will only take very little to complete an item but the funds needs exceed. All we need is a business funds for our people. I appreciate input for discussion.

There are so many negative activities out there and reflects the rest of the Navajo Nation. We need to focus on positive things (ie. Senior Citizen facility slowly but it's focusing).

Katherine John: Sales Tax legislation how can we stop that Chapter President your focus is only on grandma what about the rest of the people. Set aside funds for land board, grazing and veterans.

Rosita Tsosie: Support resolution to oppose the sales tax resolution would like to motion that and encourage the students to attend the chapter meeting.

Marjorie Johnson: Scholarship funds that Nelson said the Executive Branch did nothing about is not true why does it need to go to Naybi? This went 3months without action. No one monitors the Legislative branch and Judicial. Government forum need to be committed.

RESP: Sales Tax you can oppose legislative #5 .

b. Navajo Police Department: Officer Dempsey Harvey

- Working with the Chinle District from Whiskey Creek to Hopi line. 33 Officers within this area covers is very slow is voiced by people. 68,968 calls a year. Lack of manpower is there.
- I appreciate the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter for starting the meeting on time and does not require a wait time with many people in attendance with great weather.
- Budget salary is under the BIA with no operation cost that is by the Navajo Nation. Police unit is only 7500 a month. Supplement funds increase with mileage. 3,518 miles a month is need. We have unmet needs and hope they get approved.
- Personnel say reports are not made right but to give detail reporting. We need detail reporting when a call is made. Get to know your area with milepost with a good description instead of going house to house. In finding the reported call people will not assist with location of people.
- Court decree allowed jailer to be release without hearing. Now this is causing complaints by people. We have our elderly and others passing out on cement at Bashas. Jails are filling up with jailers closing the doors. The only way is for people to un-sue us. You have people saling in your area.
- Public Safety building will start construction within 2 months if it does not hinder anything. We could have been priority then Tuba City but its land.
- Substations lacking in the area is also hinderous. Blue Gap is running with this and land withdrawn.
- Chapter ALERT has to be with your chapter and we can only be a support. (i.e. missing lady in Many Farms we only assisted).
- Vehicle crashes is a big thing from Whiskey Creek to near the Ram Pasture is due to animals. Tsaile to Mummy cave needs weed cutting you can't see beyond the area you are driving. In one month we had 14 deer hits. Now there is a huge cow laying beside the Tsaile housing area again.

- Bog lugging is big from here. You will see within the next 2-3 weeks for arrest. Don't be another person that just allows. Your kids are your love ones are going there. Next time we the police will put a sign at their turn off saying "Do not come here we are out and in jail". Every month we get a big traffic up to the north side of the chapter yet there is a church up there.
- Policemen are suppose to be feared but now people are bring their children for consultation. We say they are your children not ours where are the parents.
- We will need a resolution to support the illegal sales.

Votes: 46/00/03

c. **OTHERS:**

1. Chapter Financial Budget: Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay with hard copy as handout.  
Motion by Mr. John, second by Jennie Henderson  
Budget line item presented no questions asked.

Votes: 48/00/06

2. \$3,385.20 travel cost for 5 Veterans request to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Iwo Jima Flag Raising in Sacaton, AZ.

Motion by Orlando Charley, second by LeAnne Thompson

Presented by David Tsosie on travel arrangement and provided information of previous year and is allowed by the policy for participation.

Votes: 51/00/01

3. \$50.00 monetary donation for Tammi Tso.  
Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Sharon Yoe

Votes: 45/00/03

4. Chapter Financial Scholarship assistance request of the 2012 Spring Semester  
Motion by Marjorie Johnson, second by Lorena Eldridge  
24 students name forward for financial assistance either presented by oneself or by parent representative (listing of names attached).

**No show:**

1. *Michael Tsosie*

2. *Cordel Nez*

3. *Ferinda Jake*

Margie R.S. Begay spoke for the three with no representation don't know their situation however the three met the deadline application this pass Friday. Strongly requested the motioned party for support.

Votes: 28/00/18

5. \$50.00 monetary donation for Tonya Charley for medical travel expense to Phoenix, AZ  
Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Lorena Elridge

Presented herself for need of travel request to seek medical follow up.

Votes: 38/00/04

6. \$173.22 powerline extension for Darreld Benally at 50% of total estimated cost of \$346.44  
Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Jennie Henderson

Presented by Darreld Benally regarding his medical referral needs.

Votes: 36/00/06

7. Residential road blading of Kathy Blackhorse for road improvement near south/east of Wheatfields Lake.

Motion by Sharon Yoe, second by Lambert

Mud situation to the resident has really impacted medical needs. Requested chapter officials to assist with a referral to the Transportation Department for need of road improvement.

Votes: 32/00/03

8. Requesting NN President and the Budget and Financial Committee for allocation of planning money for the development of the Wheatfields Lake \$400,000.00.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Marjorie Johnson

Votes: 41/00/00

9. Requesting Apache County for road improvement of the barding corral road County Road.

Motion by Lambert, second by Orlando Charley

This road lays at the washway and still has not been improved yet. Last summer Tom White reported a need for water permit to install a culvert. A resolution will be again forward to support this item.

Votes: 37/00/00

10. Requesting funds for master planning for the Wheatfield Chapter tract.

Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Daniel Haskie

Votes: 32/00/03

### **Back to REPORTS:**

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by David Tsosie

- a. Status of the Public Hearing on the Indian Health Services – Rosita Tsosie, Representative **LEFT**.

Marie White- attend the Lukachukai chapter public hearing and we need one here for our own people. The main issue there was the wait time.

What will it mean to go 638 of the Indian Health Services?

In brief talk with Rosita Tsosie she indicated that a public hearing is being scheduled here in March.

We don't know the process and policy of the 638. Many of our elderly do not understand the insurance covers and etc. This is only one area of question that will require answers. At the community level there are certain things that does not apply and not equal. We want best for our children and the public hearing is a need. In a presentation it sounds as plans look good however things might be different once the process is taken place.

Votes: 45/00/00-**Request to have the Representative provide update at the March Planning Meeting and Chapter meeting.**

### **Kathy to amend agenda to add IE/PAC, second by Joanne Benally**

**Votes: 35/00/06**

- c. Indian Education/Parent Advisory Committee: Jennie Henderson

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Lambert

Chinle Unified School District meeting monthly with IEC under Title 7 funding: CIB required and base on the funding at 7school sites of 3,065.00 with CIB at 30 lacking CIB. Parents to make follow up on your child's application to see if they CIB is attached. Personal thought of spiritual

mind as a need to use daily. PAC we did not have a meeting due to lacked quorum. Our kids are really getting educated. Keep our kids warm at all times. Second Tuesday of each month the IEC meet in Chinle. Come attend our meetings.

Votes: 32/00/00

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

March 1, 2012 at 3:00PM

**Yeng extend his appreciation for chapter meeting attendance.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lorena Eldridge at 3:19pm, second by David Tsosie

Votes: 32/0/00