

**Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**  
**Minutes**

- I. Order of Business
  - a. Call meeting to order @ 1:40
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance – David Kedelty
  - c. Invocation – Max Benally
  - d. Review/Accept Agenda
    - i. Motion: David Tsosie, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Betty / Vote passes 16 in favor, 0 abstained and 4 abstained
    - ii. Announcements March 3, 2016 – 10:00 am – Grazing Committee @ Round Rock
    - iii. Navajo Route 12 – Tech Review – Wednesday and Thursday of this week 90% complete
- II. Business Items
  - i. Ratifications Motion by David Tsosie 2<sup>nd</sup> Willis Becenti / Vote: 18, 0 against and 5 abstained.
    - 1. \$50.00 Monetary Donation for Kerrill Spencer, Iwo Jima Flag Raising
    - 2. \$100.00 Burial Assistance: Leann Thompson, AMS
  - ii. Resolutions
    - 1. Requesting donations for Appreciation Event for Chinle Police Department. Motion by Max Benally, 2<sup>nd</sup> Betty Allen / Vote: 17 in favor, 0 against, 7 abstained.
      - a. Dempsey Harvey – next month on April 20, 2016 construction will be completed for the new judicial facility. 5 areas of department and grand opening on August 19, 2016.
        - i. Blessing, guest speakers and food for the community.
        - ii. All Navajo Nation funds for the facility was used. Funding for the medicine men will be at the discretion of chinle PD.
        - iii. Basket – Courts/Correction facility
        - iv. Celebration – thousands of dollars to feed 1,000 to 2,000 people average about \$9,000.00.
          - 1. All spread out by the areas of departments
        - v. Awards and plaques for the facility will be requested of the 16 chapters within the Chinle Agency.
          - 1. Either buy a blanket or plaque in the amount of \$200.00 for Arcadius, Dyron Murphy, or Construction Company. The individual or chapter that buys the award will be recognized at the presentation of the award.
      - b. David Kedelty – There are some blankets in the office that was purchased
      - c. Kathy Johns –
      - d. Winnie Shirley – blankets wear and tear and I recommend we give plaque.
      - e. Willis Becenti – how many blankets and plaques are we talking about.

- iii. Requesting police officer to be stationed at Wheatfields Chapter House. VOTE: 23 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstained.
1. Zane James – community
  2. Dempsey Harvey – The police officer that is currently stationed there when the agreement was in place was intended to assist the community. Currently the individual is limited and put on light duty. Currently the police department has recruited 4 new officers and 1 will be placed in Tsaille.
  3. Paula Begay – Previously we had Sargent Hadley was there and there was an agreement in place. The expense lies with the individual in reference to utilities, propane, water, etc. The whole purpose at that time was that they would assist with accidents, police assistance where needed. Before Hadley was here, our chapter was broken into 3 times and that is why we brought him here. The initial agreement with the person was good but since she was on light duty it hasn't been effective.
  4. Zane James – my recommendation would be to draft a formal agreement that spells out the persons duties.
  5. Pearl White – is that person there now? During Leann gathering
  6. Kathy Johns – I think that would be a great idea and an asset to the community.
  7. Charles Kee – In early winter there were 2 accidents within the community, I tried going to the house and she never opened the door. The previous person in that house would come into the chapter house and give reports. I think it is best that we put someone in there that is willing to work.
  8. Lorena Eldridge – in the past there was a police substation. We should forward this to the chapter meeting and a new agreement should be drafted.
  9. Marie White – This discussion of the police, they should be observing. I live near by, we try looking out for the person but we never see anyone here. They should be visual and we never see the presence, we don't even know the persons name. The reason they are there was to assist the community, I'm sure they asked to be there to assist and live rent free.
  10. Stanley Kedelty – the agreement written and between the chapter and the head person in Chinle, that would be more effective. Not an agreement between the individual and the chapter.
  11. Lieutenant Harvey – The recommendation from Mr. Kedelty is the best option. Right now I can't say anything because the agreement is between the person and the chapter. If the agreement is between the chapter and Chinle PD, then I have the leverage to direct that person to respond to chapter meetings and calls.

### III. Others

- a. \$5,612.77 Report of Veterans Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade / Motion by Angie Becenti and Max Benally / VOTE: 20 in favor, 0 against and 4 abstained.
  - i. David Tsosie – this was the 71<sup>st</sup> annual of the event and we just want to say thank you for the chapter. This year has been a rather specials parade, Mr. Russell Begay, Navajo Nation President joined us in the parade. He shook our hands before the parade and spoke to us, then he did the same again after the parade.

At noon he then spoke to all the veterans in attendance and the general audience. I was very appreciative of that.

- ii. Willis Becenti – Thank you for supporting us, this year we had all 16 chapters in the parade. I will put together a collage of photos. Sophie Yazzie, she is 102 and she was the center of the parade as well. I had a long talk with the President and this year we got money from NHA. This is probably one of 3 chapters that helps their veterans. We are trying to bring the nation together.
  - iii. Charles Kee – chapter meeting we would like to have all the veterans that went to be here and report.
  - iv. Stanley Kedelty – The reason for the trip we were informed, in WWII on the land of Iwo Jima is where it took place. Additionally, many veterans probably lost their lives, some their limbs. On a piece of land, they marched upon a hill where they raised their flag in victory. We don't really realize the intent, like a parade, in big fairs. Veterans usually carry the flags at the front of those parades and events, the US flags and other flags. When a flag is brought before you, you are supposed to stand in respect for the flag, we don't do that. We have to be told to stand, so I'm glad our veterans
- b. Gravel Pit Development Presentation – Mr. Ray Russell, Navajo DOT / MOTION: Devon Begay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stanley Kedelty / VOTE: 20 in favor, 0 against, 4 abstained.
- i. I work for Navajo DOT Department of Roads. Several different areas of work under Navajo DOT, Project Management, Planning, Highway safety, FET and others. We come in at the tail end, when all the preliminaries are done. Last year we had a person named Paulson Chaco, he was planning on gravel pits. With that, Wilson and Company from Albuquerque to assist with consulting services. After their initial studies, we would narrow the field down to 5 areas. There would be gravel pits. There have been previous attempts in the past in various chapters. This all happened under the Department of Transportation then we went to Division of Transportation. After compiling the studies, there were over 30 sites identified and we visited the sites with Marlinda Littlemen and Wilson and narrowed that list down to 20 sites. We then went to the chapter and requested their input, along with land users as well. The 5 that were identified then were:
    1. Klagetoh
    2. Tolani Lake
    3. Greasewood Springs
    4. Wheatfields/Tsaile
    5. Kinlichee
    6. Shiprock
  - ii. We then asked to narrow those to possibly the top two. Due to costs and work load. Surface sampling, 5 buckets of 5 gallons with a shovel. Minerals Department provided the permits for the 5 sites for surface sampling, of those only 1 was identified, and that was Greasewood Springs. So the meeting on January 25 did take place and I did not attend. At that time, we had not heard the final results of the sampling. We were hoping for Wheatfields to be within the site, however Wheatfields was not an adequate site. Several weeks ago we did a field work assessment, based off of that assessment we have the capacity of 114 miles of road pavement. If this area was good, it would have been good for over 300 miles of pavement. The next step is to do subsurface investigation, geological investigation. Based off of this investigation, it might be a little more than the

surface investigation estimate. If we just use it for gravel, it will be more than 114 miles. After the subsurface investigation then a contractor will be selected and we would like to have a contractor by the end of the year. When new administration came in, priorities changed a little. Our new division director said we will operate it, we will hire someone to come in and teach Navajo DOT to operate it. Navajo DOJ and Minerals said that Navajo DOT cannot be in the gravel business due to the Plan of Operation, so we put a wait on it. So our division director said we will stay with the original plan of outsourcing to a company to operate for 3 years. Navajo Nation Office of the President and RDC are very supportive. We contacted tribal departments to assist and identify sites, abandoned, that cut it down to 20 sites.

- iii. Stanley Kedelty – I guess its good in one sense and not so good in another. It could have provided jobs for us. I have 2 questions, maybe someone from here remembers. When I was young, I think there use to be a gravel pit at So Sila' on the North side of the mountain. What about that site? My 2<sup>nd</sup> question is there was an assessment on the land, was that site overlooked?
- iv. Ray Russell – I don't remember but maybe Marco remembers.

1. Marco – to my understanding

IV. Reports Motion by Devon Begay and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Tsosie / VOTE:

- a. Senior Center Supervisor
- b. Indian Education Policy Representative
- c. CHR
- d. Health Board Representative
- e. CLUPC
- f. Farm Board
  - i. March 19 from 8:00 to 5:00 there will be a meeting. We are asking why people do not come to our farm board meeting. In Navajo there are season and planting, gish and planting in relation to starts is the approach we are taking. We have secure several people that are familiar with those stories, James Peshlakai, will present here on that day. We will talk about that on Sunday again. There are so many plans for land use permit and grazing, but on the 19<sup>th</sup> it will be from a Navajo perspective.
- g. Council Delegate
- h. Chapter Officials
- i. CSC
- j. Apache County – Tim Begay

V. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a. March 15, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

VI. Adjournment