

Tsaile – Wheatfields Farm Board and Water Users Joint Meeting
Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ
Sunday, March 29, 2015

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Invocation
- d. Adopt agenda
- e. Announcements:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Conservation Plan

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land User Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
 - 1.

IV. Reports

- A. Farm Board
- B. Water User

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
- B. Schedule next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:55 am

- b. Roll call
Farm Board: Lorena Eldridge and Dorthea Litson present. Lucinda Davis absent.

- c. Invocation conducted by Lorena Eldridge

- d. Adopt agenda
Dorthea reviewed the agenda. One item requested to add to the agenda under Land Use Permit – Don Jones requesting for home site lease with his farmland structure in Upper Wheatfields, AZ.

Action: Accepted the agenda with one addition.

Motioned by Dorthea Litson

Seconded by Lori S

Voting 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained

Motion Carried

- e. Announcements:
One announcement as follow:
 - Title: Chapter Planning Meeting
 - Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015
 - Time: 3pm
 - Location: Wheatfields Chapter House

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Conservation Plan
Lorena explained the meeting in January 2015 with BIA Chinle Natural Resource Department and NRCS – USDA it was advised by BIA to create one Conservation Plan for the entire Irrigateable Farmlands that the Farm Board oversees, so that it can help the farmers with an easier transition when it comes time for them to relinquish their Land Use Permit.

As result, Lorena and Dorthea read through Navajo Nation Dept. of Agriculture, BIA, and NRCS- USDA conservation plan. They were able to compare where all the components of merged which is visible in Table One. We used NRCS – USDA Conservation Process tool to develop the structure of the Tsaile / Wheatfeilds Conservation Plan. The process tool used from NRCS were; **Collect & Analyze, Support & Decision; and Implement & Evaluate.** Within these process are the 9 steps.

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Table One. Comparison of Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Conservation Plan Template and BIE Conservation Plan Template.

	Navajo Nation Conservation Plan		BIA Conservation
1	As an LUP holder		ii. section A, B, D
2	Goals/ Objective		i. Section B
3	Plot History		i. Section A
4	Soil Map		ii. Section E
5	Irrigation		i. Section B
6	Nutrient Mgmt		III. Section D, IV. Section A, B, C, V. Section A, B
7	Cropping Plan		iii. Section A
8	Erosion Prevention		IV. Section B
9	Production Reports		III. Section A
10	Noxious Weed Control		iii. Section F
			III. Marketing Plan

Table TWO. The structure that Tsaile / Wheatfields Farm Board will use for their Conservation Plan.

Structure of Tsaile / Wheatfield Conservation Plan	Assigned person
iv. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Farm Description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Location 2. Climate and Elevation b. History of Farm Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Description of how these farmlands came to being 2. Irrigation Farming c. Goals d. Objectives 	Lorena

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v. Collection of Data and Analysis of Data 1. Collection of Data a. Type of Soil include soil map b. Farming Methods and Control 1. Crop plan a. What are planted b. How they are planted c. How it harvest 2. Irrigation Method 3. Nutrient management	Dorthea
c. Resource Inventory 1. Water 2. Soil 3. Air 4. Plants 5. Weeds 6. Wildlife 7. Woodland 8. Drought	Lucinda
2. Analysis of Data Write a narrative about the observation of the data	ALL
3. Identify the Problems Examples. Delivery of irrigation water; soil erosion; soil types;	All
vi. Support and Decisions a. Support 1. Request USDA technical assistance for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulating alternatives • Evaluating the alternatives 2. Request BIA Technical Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Share • Pest control for weeds b. Decision 1. Approve the Plan 2. Implement the Plan	All

Action: After reviewing the Conservation Plan templates from BIE, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, and NRCS –USDA, we have developed an outline one that the Tsaile/ Wheatfields Farm Board can use which is mention above. The structure created has all the necessary components that each entities, affiliations or programs requested; however, it DOES NOT follow any of the programs specific outline. The above graph indicates who will be responsible for which component. Please complete the assigned portion.

Motioned by Dorthea Litson

Seconded by Lorena Eldridge

Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained

Motion Carried

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IV. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land User Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
 2. Don Jones requested for home site lease with farmland structure

Action: Deferred this item to next meeting. Don Jones granddaughter needed to leave.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
 - Region Water Plan
 - Conservation Plan
 - LUP – Request for home site lease.
- B. Scheduled next meeting date to Thursday, April 9th, 2015 @ 5 pm
- C. Adjournment

Action: Accepted meeting adjournment at 2:15pm

Motioned by Dortha Litson

Seconded by Rachel Eldridge

Voting: 3 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained

Motion Carried