

# TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING

March 18, 2013

## PROPOSED AGENDA

### I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Review/Accept Minutes
- f. Announcements:
  - March 19, 2013: 10:00am Food Distribution
  - March 19, 2013: 11:00am Life Preservation Summit Planning Meeting
  - March 21, 2013: 10:00am Navajo DOT Delegate Begay Regional Meeting @ Lukachukai Chapter House
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### II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

#### a) Expenditures:

1. Ratification \$\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Resources Work Session February 20-22, 2013
2. Ratification \$\_\_\_\_\_ NM TIF Coordination Meeting March 8, 2013 Upper Fruitland Chapter House
3. February 2013 Chapter Financial

#### b) Resolutions:

1. Requesting OEH to conduct a feasibility study for waterline extension in Blackrock community
2. Accepting the modification of the Sales Tax line item
3. Requesting to rescind the resolution in supporting and approving the Navajo Division of Transportation Land withdrawal of 10 acres in Tsaile, AZ
4. Respectfully requesting the Navajo Nation Council to approve the name change from the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter to **To'di's'a'/Tse'hi'li'/Tse'zhini** Chapter.
5. Requesting Navajo Nation Minerals Department to conduct a Gravel Pit feasibility study.
6. Reaffirming the Tsaile/Wheatfields Veterans Officers
7. Reaffirming the Tsaile/Wheatfields Veterans Plan of Operation
8. Requesting approval and to accept the Veterans Trust Funds disbursement of \$9,444.04.

#### c) Others:

### III. REPORTS:

- a. Apache County District II
- b. NTUA topic: Operation and Water Freeze.
- c. Council Delegate
- d.

### IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April \_\_, 2013 @ \_\_\_\_pm Chapter Meeting

### V. ADJOURNMENT:

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 18, 2013**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Rosita Tsosie, Community Member
- d. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Beau Badonie, second by Max Benally

Action items to Addition:

- Farm Board requesting to treat the Russian Olives
- Resolution #1 to add study in Blackrock area (it is on the board)

Votes: 33/00/03

- e. Review/Accept Minutes

Motion by Myron Tsosie, second by Rosita Tsosie

- February 17, 2013 Regular Meeting
- March 1, 2013 Planning Meeting

Votes: 34/00/06

- f. Announcements:

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- March 27, 2013: Meeting at Gallup BIA Office to N-12
- Farm Board March 25, 2013 at 4:00pm
- Local Senior Council March 28, 2013 10:00am at Tsaile Senior Center
- CLUPC meeting April 14, 2013 at 10:00am
- Water Users March 25, 2013 at 3:00pm
- Tsaile Public School Conference March 29, 2013 starting at 8:00am
- Budget & Finance Committee meeting March 19, 2013 at 10:00am
- NGS meet in Albuquerque, NM the pass days
- Veterans Organization Meeting April 9, 2013 at 6:00pm as stated in Plan of Operation
- Dine Institute Land Grant April 3, 2013
- Blackrock only working windmill has been damaged and without water for livestock
- Federal Land Access Program proposal regarding N12/N64 notification which we announced not making the application is questopnj.
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**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a. **Expenditures:**

Motion by Sarah James, second by Billie Francis, Jr.

- 1. Ratification **\$11,19.60** Chapter Resources Work Session February 20-22, 2013

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Question:

What about the name change of the Chapter is this the correct spelling?

- 2. Ratification **\$280.40** NM TIF Coordination Meeting March 8, 2013 Upper Fruitland Chapter House

Votes: 42/00/012

- b. **Resolutions:**

- 1. Requesting OEH to conduct a feasibility study for waterline extension in Blackrock community  
Motion by Myron Tsosie, second Beau Badonie

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Additional applications are submitted to OEH to Fort Defiance office and want those included.

RESP: We need copies of the applications.

Daniel Staley and Benjamin Anagal started the project of last year before June 29, 2012 with OEH started their visits. It has been hard for OEH as people work and some application are not complete. Monty Begay is the person they are working with at OEH.

RESP: to coordinate with Chapter Paula Begay, CSC. When follow up is made we don't want to hear there are people not included.

There are people in Blackrock here now that do not know of this. In future we need to consider our kids and are we going to only depend on OEH? What about the chapter.

RESP: Are you asking the source of water to take down to Blackrock.

A flowchart to identify the type of need for requests.

Votes: 44/00/10

2. Accepting the modification of the Sales Tax line item

Motion by Max Benally, second by Nelson James

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

How much is it now? How much does the chapter add as grandma and grandpa do not have the funds as one cent is a lot.

RESP: 2012 Legislation approved which this chapter has opposed.

Need a copy of the modification. Yes they are available.

Votes: 39/00/16

3. Requesting to rescind the resolution in supporting and approving the Navajo Division of Transportation Land withdrawal of 10 acres in Tsaile, AZ

Motion by Nelson James, second by Yolanda Staley.

Votes: 40/00/14

4. Respectfully requesting the Navajo Nation Council to approve the name change from the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter to **To'di's'a'/Tse'hi'li'/Tse'zhini** Chapter.

Motion by Rosita Tsosie, second by Billy Francis, Jr.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

The first original Wheatfields name in accordance of the Navajo elderly.

Support the first original Wheatfields name with many creeks and washes to go back to that and the Tsaile is the same with a little water fall.

Process will be to support by resolution, the Delegate will develop a legislation to the Spring Council Session.

Votes: 44/00/10 The original names of the 3 communities and to be re teach everyone the correct and changing name.

5. Requesting Navajo Nation Minerals Department to conduct a Gravel Pit feasibility study.

Motion by David Tsosie, second by Rosita Tsosie

To direct the Navajo Division of Transportation Senior Planner in Chinle to work on this.

How did the Minerals Department get in this resolution?

Senior Planner cannot conduct feasibility study but can assist.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Borrow pit and gravel pit are different.

Should a pit be feasible will the site only be for this chapter?

RESP: NO it will be for the Navajo people.

Votes: 43/00/09

6. Reaffirming the Tsaile/Wheatifelds Veterans Officers

Motion by Sarah James, second Billy Francis, Jr.

David Tsosie explained and requested to support the Veterans for the Officers, Plan of Operation and the disbursement of the funds. The only way the Veterans would be considered for the disbursement of funds was to reaffirm the Officers and the Plan of Operation. NOTE: the Tsaile/Wheatifelds/Blackrock Veterans.

Votes: 41/00/10

7. Reaffirming the Tsaille/Wheatfields Veterans Plan of Operation  
 Motion by Max Benally, second by Yolanda Staley  
 Changed: Officer were President, Vice, and Secretary to Commandars and added Blackrock  
**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**  
 Are all Members Veterans:  
 NO not Paula but she has volunteered from the beginning as her son is a veteran. Now she wants to quite but she has helped tremendously.  
 Votes: 42/00/11
  
8. Requesting approval and to accept the Veterans Trust Funds disbursement of \$9,444.04.  
 Motion by Lapita McClannhan, second by Benjamin Anagal  
**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**  
 When the Veterans are approved for funds and yet the chapter does not disburse the checks them right away. In example one is approved and check is not given until a couple of days before the next meeting. Veterans need to be treated with respect and appreciated. They are also told that they don't live here. One Veteran came to the Chapter for assist and was turned away by CSC. You need to consider them as priority even though they are registered here. Another person voiced that he takes his father to these meetings and the best way is to go to the Veterans Meeting. Paula is a nice person and has a lot to do. If you have a veteran go the meetings and they help you.  
 Votes: 42/00/11
  
9. Farm Board requesting to treat the Russian Olives  
 Motion by Tyrell Badonie, second by Lapita McClannhan  
 Recommendation to treat the Russian Olives in the Tsaille, Lower Wheatfields and within our area.  
 Requesting the BIA to assist in this effort only needing a supporting resolution by this chapter.  
**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**  
 You can burn it.  
 National Forestry might be able to help you.  
 There are ways to address this.  
 NRCS can help.  
 Did you hear about the workshop in Many Farms? Yes, last Friday.  
 Votes: 43/00/09

NOTE: at 3:58pm Chapter President request to be excused.

c. **Others:**

1. Approving the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter Financial Scholarship \$6,500.00 for 11 students.  
 Motion by Myron Tsosie, second by Max Benally
  - Melissa Begay, presented by Lapita McClannhan
  - Beau Badonie, presented himself – Dine College – Environmental Science
  - Audrey Begay, presented by Aunt -attending Dine College study Social/Behavioral Science
  - Ambert Defoe, presented herself attending Dine College
  - Ferrenda Jack presented herself attending Dine College studying Public Administration
  - Tyrell Badonie, presented himself attending Dine College major in Liberal Arts
  - Sheree Sam presented herself attending Dine College studying Health Occupations
  - Shiloh Tso presented by another student who knows the need
  - Velma Tso presented by spouse who is attending Dine College in Environmental Science
  - Cory Yazzie presented by brother who is attending at San Juan College and majoring in Welding
  - Danielle Yazzie presented by uncle who is attending San Juan College studying Nursing
 Votes: 43/00/011 All students application were supported.

Jamie Henderson motion to amend the agenda to add to the Reports IEC/PAC, second by Billy Francis, Jr.  
 Votes: 14/00/40

### III: REPORTS:

Motion by Sarah James, second by Jamie Henderson

- a. Apache County District II – Lewis Shirley and Cindy Tsosie with hand out and same power point presentation.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

The magnesium chloride I understand is not safe.

RESP: Environmentally Safe

C320 road is the main usage and need improvement please

C270 is the wash board and near the Brown's residence where you fixed it there is a big dump and really rough.

The solution you use is there anything that is applied underneath it?

RESP: No it is safe

Where do I go if I need a culvert as I was told to go down to the Ganado and they didn't know anything about it.

Down the Blackrock near the Wilson Gene we need a culvert we were told to vote and would get a culvert placed.

- b. NTUA topic: Operation and Water Freeze – No Show

- c. Council Delegate, Nelson S. Begaye; Sales Tax 3months NN 4million dollars and divided into Chinle 1million, into Tsaile/Wheatfields \$87,000.00 recent received. It is distributed by registration. Loan of 60million dollars for the Tuba City Jail facility with court system and again in Crownpoint. Chinle finally had its ground breaking which was very traditional.

N12 is not listed on the construction priority of safety project. 2.0 mile with the major area. 9miles of Nazilni they can't even repair. Another meeting the BIA Regional Gallup office on March 27, 2013.

Gaming issues NM agreement in 2001 Indian Gaming Compact and expiring soon. NGS Navajo Times reads it's been approved but it's not. Near Page the power plant is pushing for re contract for additional years.

Many of you are mailing me to oppose re contract with Power Plants. \$680,000.00 was all NGS was paying without taxes. Now it is gone up to 9million with 6 owners. Taxes up to 33million for additional 43 years.

Water basin is free to NGS. \$250,000.00 for scholarship yearly. \$180,000.00 to the effect area this agreement is pose by Salt River Station. 6people were identified by President Shelly without informing the Delegates until recent. This Thursday Salt River Project invited the Delegates for further discussion.

Navajo Housing Authority get 90million yearly and unspent of 400million. Indian Community Block Grant only a few approved there was a proposal submitted on Horseshoe Canyon for power line extension and it was incomplete.

The proposals needs to be done clearly as my Assistant started working on herself for the multipurpose building and she submitted in hopes we will be granted. The chapter staff and everyone just left for Flagstaff for the work session. Many chapters have started to follow our path in the stregtic planning.

72million dollars for the Veterans which is invested with interest earned and disbursed to Agency then to the chapters. The other funding is the Council Supplemental.

- d. Indian Education Committee/Parent Advisory Committee: Johnson O'Mally funding supports the Buses and the Navajo Language cut at \$29,000.00 this will result in school closure. Tsaile Elementary School on spring break this week. A survey will be conducted to see if the schools will be recommended like the Fort Defiance Dine Bi'Olta. March 29, 2013 Tsaile Public School will host a parent conference its 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Votes: 29/00/00

### IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 1, 2013 @ 3:00pm Chapter Planning Meeting

### V: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Max Benally, second by Lorena Eldridge at 5:26pm

Votes: All in favor