

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS/BLACKROCK CHAPTER

Community Land Use Planning (CLUP) Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 14, 2013

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Minutes

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Meeting To Order by Presiding Chair: Meeting called to at 10:40 am by Vice Chair, Johns

B. Roll Call: Chair, Davis not present at this time, but at quorum is established.

P Lucinda Davis P Kathy John P Thomas Litson
P Marjorie Johnson P Lupita McClannahan

C. Invocation: Marjorie Johnson conducted.

D. Adoption of Agenda: Review and adopt, VP give meeting back to Chair, Lucinda Davis at 10:50 am. Motioned by M. Johnson to adopt the reviewed agenda items, seconded by Lupita McClannahan. Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained, motion carries.

E. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2013, Chair Davis recognized, secretary, Thomas Litson to read the minutes of the last meeting. Litson informed the committee, that due to lack of wireless connection at this time and no access to a printer, that he is unable to read the minutes of the last meeting. Johnson motion to defer the minutes of the last meeting to the duly called meeting. Seconded by McClannahan, vote: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, motion carries. Chair moves on to the agenda item.

F. Announcements

1. Chapter Meeting April 21, 2013
2. Food Bank, a church organization is to a produce distribution, \$10.00 for 60 pounds of food at Chinle Community Center on Tuesday, April 16, 2013
3. Monday 4-15-13, Road meeting NDOT at 1:00 pm.
4. Navajo Nation Council in Spring Session begins Monday.
5. Chinle Agency Grazing Committee meeting, Monday, April 15, 2013, in Chinle, BIA
6. Local Farm Broad meets today, here at the Chapter house at 1:00 pm.

REPORTS

G. CLUPC Members; Chair, opens for reports.

1. Lupita McClannahan, reported on Seed Sovereignty Conference hosted by the Dine Policy Institute at Dine college, on April 3,4,and 5, 2013. Lupita informed the committee that the

event was very educational, thought provoking, and people that attended were very grateful for all the efforts made in saving seeds, and the breath of topics presented. Other things talked about were local seed sharing and saving programs, traditional native aspects in all levels of farming. Another concern was the vast gap between commercial agricultural industries versus small scale and or cultural farming, which involves issues such as GMOs, Genetically Modified Organisms, a practice big companies do for big profits without any concerns of public safety. Chair recognized, Mr. Denny John for a question, if NAPI practice this GMO thing, and was told, yes they do, or the companies that contract with, do. The committee and membership present went on further in discussion about the various topics that were presented at this conference. Chair called for order, and recognized a special guest, Hon. Nelson Begay, Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter, to make a report to the committee.

2. Mr. Nelson Begay, NNC, thanked the committee and went on to make a report and get an idea of the committee's current situation. One item was the budget, what is the planning on this. Is the CLUPc apart of funding process? Funds, is it readily available for us? How does the chapter use these allocated monies, and are projects, shovel ready. Chapter ready to spend funds for CLUPc concerns. Some of the concerns brought out in response to Begay's question were, No, budget process is not really put in our hands, CLUPc is only a recommending body, we can't readily say let us fund for studies, clearances, etc. We cannot spend monies to get projects shovel ready. Other issues and work the NNC is doing, as a report by, Begay are Water issues, AZ- Page power plant, Pro and cons of BHP, coal issues. Marjorie Johnson commented that this affects the funds of NN programs, NN does not look forward. Chapter certification to get funding is this secured and why not, are questions that need to be answered, said Begay. He continued on the Nation's current budget, what is secured and which need to be addressed. He concluded that this committee needs to get on with strategic planning work in concert with all of chapter entities. He reminded that the next chapter meeting is to be potluck, and thanked the committee for his time. Chair moves on to the report item.

H. Other:

1. Thomas Litson, District 11 Grazing Committee Member, Wheatfields Chapter, made a report on a meeting, Friday, April 12, 2013, in Fort Defiance with Virgil Hermes, NRCS(Ft. Def. Reps), BIA-BNR (Chinle and Fort Defiance)in which a grant that involves rehab on district fencing 14 and 11, whiskey creek. The recommendation was to just repair the fence, address erosion concerns along the fence area,(this would mean some work on District 11 side of the fencing), and to inform all interested parties of this project and prevent any disputes of this project. Therefore, Litson's only concern is we have no planning for this type of projects and Wheatfields need to know the policies in play at this time. Chair, asks for any other reports at this time, there were none. Motion by Johnson to accept the reports given. Johns seconds the motion. Vote; 5 in favor, 0 oppose, 2 abstains. The motion carries. Chair moves on the agenda.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status of the Data Collection Sheet; Chair, Davis opens this item up for discussion. The committee concludes that this issue is to be address when the weather and roads are suitable for project's completion. Also the next agenda item, 2. B. Road Naming is a part of this, and should take one action. Marjorie Johnson motion to Combine agenda items, 2. Old Business- A. Status of the data Collection Sheet, with B. Road Naming as one action. Second by McClanahan. Vote; 7 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain, the motion carries.
- B. Road Naming: Combined to item A. as discussed a motion to recommend that the Chapter, Paula Begay, CSC, start the process to finish up this project, maintaining the past project workers, Mr. David Tsosie and Ms. Ophelia Benally, Kathy Johns. Second by McClanahan. Vote; 7 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain. The motion carries. Chair moves on the agenda.
- C. Cell-One; Chair, Davis informs the committee and membership present of the past situation of the proposed Cellular-One tower construction in the Wheatfields area. The need for this is very important for obvious reasons. As to identifying the consenters, the Grazing Officers, Litson, informed that the consent documents well be ready for next regular chapter meeting. Four Grazing Permit holders are identified at this time. McClanahan motion to forward a resolution to next chapter meeting, recommending that Cellular-One project to start the next process project completion. Second by Kathy Johns. Vote; 7 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain, the motion carries. Chair moves on the agenda.
- D. Community Cemetery; Chair, Davis recognizes Litson to update this item of the agenda. Litson informs the committee that there is little information on this and whatever is acquired is not concrete in any approved process. The status is vague and needs more ground work. Nothing at this time. Motion by Johnson to refer this back to Grazing for consent identifying and field clearance process. Second by Johns, vote; 6 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain, the motion carries. Chair moves on to next item.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Black Rock Issues; No representative for this item at this time. Johnson motion to defer this item to the meeting, second by Johns, vote; 6 in favor, 0 oppose, 4 abstains, the items is deferred.
- B. Continue Strategic Session; Chair opens for discussion prior to a motion, on this item and the grazing officer, Thomas Litson (CLUPc member), made his update on his findings of what the actual status. His report concluded that there is no concrete curse of active process at this time. Whatever documentation there is, it lacks consent and any studies that indicate actual area of land withdrawal. There is more question than answers. Marjorie Johnson motion to refer this back to the grazing officer to obtain and bring forward the project to a status where the committee can address this and move forward to completion.

Second by K. Johns, vote; 6 in favor, 0 oppose, 4 abstains and the motion carries. Chair moves on the agenda item.

- 4. NEXT MEETING; The date and time were discussed by the committee. Chair; Davis set the next meeting at 3:00 pm on, Sunday, the 5th of May 2013, Wheatfields Chapter House.**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT:** Chair moved to the last item on the agenda. McClanahan motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnson, all in favor as the meeting adjourns at 1:20 pm.

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Minutes compiled and submitted by Thomas Litson