

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2014 at 1:00pm

**I. Order of Business:**

- a. Call meeting to order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review & Accept Agenda
- e. Announcements:
  1. May 4, 2014 9:00am CLUPC Meeting at the Wheatfields Chapter
  2. May 5, 2014 10:00am Grazing Committee Meeting at the Wheatfields Chapter
  3. May 13, 2014 5:00pm Veterans Meeting at the Wheatfields Chapter House
  4. May 14, 2014 9:00am CSC/AMS Meeting at the Chinle Chapter House
  5. May 15, 2014 10:00am Local Senior Council Meeting at the Tsaile Senior Center

**II. Action Business Items:**

- a. Ratification of monetary donation in the amount of \$50.00 for the Land Grant 2014 Spring Bash Pee Wee Rodeo.  
Motion by Betty Allen, second by Angela Brown  
Votes: 19/00/03 move to chapter for approval

- b. Requesting monetary donation in the amount of \$50.00  
Motion by Max Benally to combine both requests, second by Willis Becenti
  1. Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management Services Annual Emergency Medical Services Week on May 5-9, 2014  
Read the request letter with outlined week long calendar of activities.
  2. Natiana King, Tsaile Elementary Princess for Community clean-up on May 10, 2014  
Read the request letter with outlined location and contact number.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

- Why can't the chapter recognize the Fernando Begay for his services
- Community member voiced the chapter yard needs to be cleaned
- During the first of the month the trash along the road increases
- The number one thing along the roads are bottles and cans

Votes: 20/00/03

c. Resolutions:

1. Requesting the BIA Road Department and the Navajo Division of Transportation to assess and install 3 large culverts for the betterment of Irrigation in Wheatfields.  
Motion by Lupita McClannhan, second by Willis Becenti

Presented by Farm Board-during the N12 road construction by the Kedelty's and the Lee's to install large culverts. The other is in Tsaile by the church turn off and by the Weston Carroll turn off for irrigation services by Farm Board and the CLUPC resolutions. This is an item that we all need to support.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

- The CLUPC discussed this and the District Grazing wants to designate areas with Right of Way for cattle crossing. Will address this on Monday, May 5, 2014 for funding item. Will have something in place by the next meeting.

- The BIA and NDOT will be working on this road...how many areas have they identified for culvert installation? Is the CLUPC working them BIA and NDOT.
- REPLY: off the subject as the CLUPC and Farm Board will be discussing this at their next meeting.
- RECOMMENDING: To have a meeting with BIA and have a public hearing. BIA will only service their designs. They will have plans in hand.

Votes: 20/00/03

2. Supporting the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter Food Policies to be eligible for Grants.  
Motion by Lettie Nave, second by Thomas Litson  
Presented by Farm Board as they have submitted proposal. Two years ago our own from Dine College came and presented, survey and recommend. Some people do not have transportation to get the right type of food. We will submit a proposal in the amount of \$35,000.00 through the Water Users Association to Perdue University with deadline on May 8, 2014. This proposal will cover outlined of August –October 2014 to cover Research. November – January 2015 to cover Development of Policy. February – April 2015 to Implement the Policy. May 2015 Revise the Policy. The policy will cover in example if a person wants to sell to Bashas what policy will cover.

Votes: 16/00/06

3. Requesting the B&F Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to establish two (2) positions; (1) Records Clerk and (1) Maintenance Technician as permanent positions at all 110 chapters in the upcoming FY'2015 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget to increase work productivity and to deliver effective community service.

Motion Dorothea Litson, second by Lupita McClannhan

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Isn't LeAnne the records clerk now?

This is not clear and we should table this.

Votes: 12/06/05

4. Urging the Navajo Nation Council to increase the annual budget allocation commencing FY'2015 to reflect the Chapter actual operation expenses and considering the current economic condition to provide efficiency and accountability to the chapter membership.

Motion by

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Votes: 13/00/07

5. Requesting the Navajo Nation Council B&F Committee to modify the Navajo Nation Sales Tax Revenue Funds "Plan of Operation" to utilize the revenue distribution for Scholarship, Summer Youth, Staff Training Expenses, Utility Payment and Public Employment Program (PEP).

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Thomas Litson

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

Can we add the local senior council elderly needs funds in this resolution?

All legislation has a five (5) day comment period.

Votes: 14/03/04

6. Requesting the Tsaille/Wheatfields chapter Officials and its community people for their support to have the Farm Board implement their development Alternative Plan as mean to revitalized the idling farmlands that exist in estimated 1,700 acres of farmland they oversee.

Motion by Angela Brown, second by Willis Becenti

Presented by Farm Board with the Grazing and the chapter support. With the 10 year plan. Water Users will identify by percentage with yearly base measures. Farmers will work with the Farm Board for education maybe 2 times. The fencing repair will be done by the Farmer. Farmers involvement, irrigation and anything produced on the plot half will be owned by the Farm Board.

**Questions/Comments/Recommendations:**

The people that is not working on the land is subleased and when all is learned will be farm plot be turned back to the owner? YES

What is the plan for the hay that is taken by the Farm Board members?

This plan is only for the idling plots.

Read the newsletter of the First Nations with the Tsaile/Wheatfields Water Users Association.

Where are the monies used that needs to be shared.

Votes: 15/01/05

**III. Reports:** None

**IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

May 18, 2014 at 10:00am

Please know that the LGSC office wants us to move away from holding meetings on weekends.

**V. Adjournment:**

At 3:45pm with all favored.

Thank you for your attendance and have a wonderful day.