

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

May 1, 2013

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Announcements:
 - May 5, 2013: 3:00pm CLUPC meeting
 - May 6, 2013: 10:00am Grazing Meeting
 - May 7, 2013: 9:00am Lukachukai Community School Board Meeting
 - May 14, 2013: 6:00pm Veterans Organization meeting
 - May 18, 2013: 10:00am Chinle High School Graduation Wild Cat Den
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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

a) Expenditures:

1. Requesting monetary donation of \$50.00:
 - District Grazing Meeting May 6, 2013 to purchase food
2. \$71,058.75 for fencing purchase with the lowest quote of 4 for Tsaile Junction Development (Head Start, Senior Center proposing Elderly Care Unit and Day Care Center).
3. Training cost request to the NMSU Windmill Technology Certification Workshop May 29 – June 1, 2013
4. March 2013 Chapter Financial Budget

b) Resolutions:

1. Supporting Charlene M. Billy for Veteran Housing Assistance to the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs Chinle Agency.
- 2.

c) Others:

III. REPORTS:

- a.
- b.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

May _____, 2013 @ _____am/pmChapterMeeting

V. ADJOURNMENT:

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTERPLANNING MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2013

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:25pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Lettie Nave, Community Member
- d. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Nelson James

ADDED:

Resolution:

- Supporting the Litson family with Gambel oak tree testing
- Requesting Tourism Department with community clean-up
- Federal Lands Program regarding N64/N12 roundabout proposal

Expenditure Cost:

- Requesting assistance with Tsaile Storm baseball team equipment cost

Discussion:

- Farm Board
- Utility connection from Fort Defiance side
- Community Clean up
- Tree thinning along N12

Reports:

- Farm Board Committee

Others:

Can an individual bring trash without cost that is pickup along C270? (was pickup yesterday)

Votes: 14/00/01

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- Farm Board Meeting on May 13, 2012 at 3:00pm
- May 17 & 18, 2013 conservation plan workshop
- May 14, 2013: Herberic treatment workshop sponsor by Land Grant
- May 22, 2013: Cattle shots workshop sponsor by Land Grant
- May 23, 2013: Senior Citizen meeting at 10:00am

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. **Expenditure:**

1. Requesting Monetary Donation of \$50.00:

- District Grazing Meeting May 6, 2013 to purchase food
Motion by Lettie Nave, sponsor by Willis Becenti

Comments/Questions/Recommendation: None

Votes: 13/00/04 to be ratified at the next meeting

2. \$71,058.75 for fencing purchase with the lowest quote of 4 for Tsaile Junction Development (Head Start, Senior Center proposing Elderly Care Unit and Day Care Center).

Motion by Willis Becenti, second Sarah James

Comments/Questions/Recommendation:

Fabricated how is it done?

How are we to pay for this amount/and which line item?

Procurement policy with \$50,000.00 requires 3 quotes and beyond that requires advertisement in the papers.

Are there funds available to cover this amount? Where is the line item to be?

At the beginning it was to get quotes and never spoke of the funding item. Chapter was only directed to obtain quotes. A nice fencing was recommended and that is what is obtained and the discussion can be on it. Recommendation can be to CIP for Delegate to make recommend amend to the Minutes of a year ago Senior Citizen \$30,000.00 to match fund.

Need to discuss this item and come to conclusion for fencing project

In order to do it right we need to develop a scope and possible looking at additional cost.

Mr. Leonard Chee elaborated on the possibility of utilizing the unspent funds at other chapters. The current CIP projects needs to be present and acted by the RDC/B&F/Naby/Council Delegates. Recommends to submit a requesting resolution for the unspent funds throughout the reservation for reallocation of funds to this T/W fencing project needs. In the DCD administratively can be done. Nothing said here is not grantee. Possibility of DCD or Delegate fails what are we to consider as plan B or C?

Recommendations

Create a Scope of Work by resolution option 3 refer to CIP

Options consider:

- 1) Resolution to DCD to reallocate reservation unused funds to the T/W Fencing Project
- 2) Chapter funding with Scope of Work
- 3) Refer to NN CIP as a requesting CIP project

Votes: 21/00/04

3. Training cost request to the NMSU Windmill Technology Certification Workshop May 29 – June 1, 2013
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Lorena Eldridge
Presented by Farm Board 20 windmill in need of repair within our communities. Recommending to train our own people of maybe 5 individuals where to

Comments/Questions/Recommendation:

Farm Board has funding and maybe we could

Supporting the effort of training our own people and not waiting for NN Water Resources

Need dependable and reliable individuals

Farm Board has done a budget and can utilize that funding

We have many registered people and we can train them to accommodate ourselves.

This is an opportunity to advance of

Votes: 10/02/14

4. March 2013 Chapter Financial Budget
Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lucinda Davis
Votes: 14/00/02

Motion by Angie Brown, second by Willis Becenti to amend agenda for addition
\$50.00 monitory donation expended for the Tsaille Trail dedication.

Votes: 14/01/05

Mildred Sliversmith, second by Nelson James

Votes: 14/00/03

b. Resolutions:

1. Supporting Charlene M. Billy for Veteran Housing Assistance to the Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs
Chinle Agency.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Willis Becenti

Comments/Questions/Recommendation:

Votes: 19/00/02

2. Supporting the Litson Family in a Gambel oak tree testing (preparing area for water sources)
Motion by Sarah James, second by Willis Becenti

Comments/Questions/Recommendation:

Does this land belong to

If this testing would be allowed for other requests

Votes: 09/00/11 move to the chapter meeting

Revoted: 15/00/04

3. Tree Thinning of N2
 Motion by Sarah James, second by Kenneth Sorrell
 Navajo DOT will not allow flaggers due to no insurance and the route is BIA. Recommended to Marco Sells, NDOT Planner to coordinate with BIA. We need flaggers and signage.
 Marco Sells- Recommend a resolution to BIA for assistance of signage and to work with BIA Forestry for tree thinning.
 Vote: 18/00/02

4. Requesting the Tourism
 Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Nelson James
 Community Clean up with requesting the Navajo Nation Tourism Department to assist with assistance. N12 is a designated tourist route.
 Recommending dates: May 8, 9 & 10. May 23 & 24. May 13 & 14. May 8 & 9.
 Chapter already has gloves, musk, vest.
 Assign people in certain areas by the Chapter Committees along with local members.
 Recommend to conduct community clean up twice a week. Also purchase signs to have on hand.
 Prior to getting people out on the routes need to go over safety routines. EPA can provide safety tips.
 *Dates: May 8 & 9, 2013
 *Chapter will provide lunch both days
 *To allocate \$1,000.00 at each clean up total \$2,000.00 annually
 Votes: 17/00/04

5. Federal Lands Access Program (N64/N12 Round about)
 History of application submit to the Federal Lands Program. 3 weeks ago 25 proposal from Arizona and over 200 application submit. Did not make the short listing. Additional letter forward with reply that it is a BIA road.
 Requested reconsideration of application on behalf of this chapter.
 Votes: 19/00/02

6. Discussion of Farmland
 Motion by Angie Brown, second by Sarah James
 127 farmland with 90 idling farmland at 1,675 acres.
 Soil investigators – NCRS equip record 8 different types of soil with raking types. Soil erosion is the most.
 Soil base 1-8/1-4 farm land/5-8 range pasture
 Recommended to really care for the soil. We want alfafa but it has to root deeper into the ground.
 How can we work together to work the land. If it gets to the range pasture then not a need for farm land. We need to plan for different crops (winter crop/spring crop).
 Are you really going to sublease is the chapter really going to support. We are going to work with BIA or subleasing.
 Sublease is to anyone with for 5 – 10 years. Farm board and Chapter to have a conservation plan. If you have a grazing permit you need to plan.
 Please attend our workshops schedule.
Questions:
 You are originally collecting cost?
 Farm Equipment is most need and individuals with tractors charge a lot. What is the status of equipment?
 Chapter equipment are there and very old. This discussion has been talk of many times.
 In the survey of Farmers it has been indicated that the biggest problem is funding. What can we plant that is feasible for the soil we have now. The chapter vice present's role is the chapter equipment but that has been broken to date.
 The 90 idling have they been informed?
 You want to with draw land from where when you have 90 idling lands here. There are some lands that has been planted and sustained.
 Maybe the chapter officials can sit down with the Farm Board and probably the Delegate with BIA.
 I will not sublease voiced by one elderly person. Work with people right and give them the advantage of giving time. We have worked the lands when we were young. As elderly we speak to our children on the farm lands but they do work. The equipment are old and maybe to purchase another with only one person to operate.

Recommendations of a public hearing.

To meet with Grazing, Farm Board, Chapter Officials and BIA on May 6, 2013.

Plan of Operation is in place and we can't tolerate as the New Mexico grazing. When are we going to implement this.

Votes: 18/00/02

7. Discussion of Utility Line

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Merrill Kedelty

In the winter months outage has happen and it takes hours to restore. The connection of the mainline between the Chine Agency and Fort Defiance Agency. We need the assistance of the Fort Defiance NTUA year round to ensure the power to keep. Winter months people need to keep their family warm and the summer months people encountering the need to keep food from going to waste. The need for interconnection of power.

Votes: 14/00/03

8. Tsaile Storm Baseball Team requesting \$250.00 for batting equipment

Motion by Mildred Sliversmith, second by Willis Becenti

Letter submitted and was informed of proper procedure of filling out request form with the chapter administration.

Votes: 14/00/01

c. **Others:**

III. **REPORTS:**

Farm Board Committee – refer to chapter meeting

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

May 20, 2013 at 1:00pm Regular Chapter Meeting

V: **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Rita Gishie

Votes: 14/00/01