

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS/BLACKROCK CHAPTER

Community Land Use Planning (CLUP) Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2013

Meeting Minutes

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Call to Order; Meeting called to order at, 11:00 am, by CLUPc Chair Ms. Lucinda Davis

Roll Call: Attending the meeting for the day.

P Lucinda Davis P Kathy Johns P Thomas Litson
A Marjorie Johnson P Lupita McClannahan

B. Invocation: Conducted by; Ms. Kathy Johns, CLUPc member.

C. Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Thomas Litson, CLUPc Secretary, read the proposed agenda for review and adoption. No addition or correction was made. Litson motion to adopt the agenda as read and keep open for any additional items during the course of the meeting. Seconded by K. Johns. Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. The agenda is adopted.

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2013. Sec. Litson read the minutes of the last meeting. There were no questions or corrections. K. Johns motioned to accept the minutes read. Second by Litson. Vote: 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Minutes are approved.

E. Announcements

- a. Veterans meeting, 6:pm, November 12, 2013, T/W Chapter
- b. Chapter Strategic Work Session, November 16, 2013 @ 9:am, T/W Chapter
- c. Chapter meeting, Sunday, November 17, 2013, @ 10:am
- d. Farm Board, mtg. today @ 1:pm, T/W Chapter House
- e. Senior Council mtg. Sr., November 21, 2013, Tsaile Sr. Center
- f. Dist-11 Grazing Com mtg. December 2, 2013, Round Rock Chapter, @ 10:am
- g. Chapter/Dine College/Collaboration mtg. @1 :pm, Pres. Conf. Rm., Tsaile
- h. Navajo/Federal Agri. Reps. Meet Nov. 25, 2013, Quality Inn, Window Rock, AZ

2. Old Business:

A. Lakeside Store, LeVon Thomas; Mr. Thomas, family members, Mr. Anslem Harvey, Chinle, RBDO, represented this matter. Mr. Thomas introduced himself, and family, then went on to inform the committee that they are back today for an update and action on their proposed

resolution, attached to the 10/7/2013 CLUPc meeting. He is seeking status on his request. Litson responds, that he found not home site lease current on file, but the home was said to have been there prior to 1988. The mobile home there was pulled in around 1983. Litson said that if Mr. Thomas can verify the dates a grandfather clause may help your request. No other current or new updates were available at this time. Mr. Ernie Yazzie asked who or what government office or official is pushing for total eviction. Litson responded that proper process of administrative remedies should have been exhausted, and there should be a paper trail. He could not find any. Mr. Harvey, RBDO, was recognized and he stated that the issue at hand is the one acre the proposed resolution is requesting and that should be addressed. The proposed resolution under the CLUPc heading, titled: **Supporting and Recommending the Approval of Business Site for LeVon T. Thomas on one (1) Acre of Land at the Former Bessie Yazzie Business Site in Wheatfields , Navajo Nation(Arizona)**. Some more comments were made on options such as move across the highway (#12), or to the Watson business site, but there a newly constructed restroom facility has been built and no party was acknowledging the activity. RBDO had no approval records of this. Litson questioned Thomas his efforts in the cleanup and if has complied with the orders. Thomas said yes and still moving and the home within the one acre and is needed there for security reasons. A full time security is needed in most reservation establishments. Harvey said on site residents, is needed for this remote area. K. Johns said that a convenience store is needed there for the local residents as well as the recreational visitors. McClanahan also pointed out that this topic has been going on for a number of years and some action is called for. More off topic comments were made. At this time Chair-Davis, said we need to support any economical ventures, we seem to let outside companies come in without scrutiny. We should support Navajo business. We should make our recommendation today. Litson agreed to this and stated that we need to know what the community thinks and feels about this, it is their decision to make this proper we are here daily living with the community are going to support this request or not. He also pointed out that this for the one, (1), acre stated in the proposed to support by recommendation for the Chapter address at a duly called meeting. **Litson motion to accept the proposed supporting resolution and recommend that the Chapter membership make their support or not, for Mr. LeVon T. Thomas Business Site only. Second by Ms. Kathy Johns. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. The motion carries.**

3. New BUSINESS

- A. Regional Water Supply Plan**; sponsoring this item Chair-Davis gave an introduction on this. She informed the committee that the Navajo Nation President had earmark fund and made available for Regional Water Supply Plans on the reservation. The NN Dept. of Water Resources is the lead and hired Brown/Caldwell to do a water study. On November 4, 2013, Local officials and stakeholders are invited to attend this meeting in Lukachukai, AZ, Lukachukai Chapter House. Our Chapter, Wheatfield Chapter was represented, Paula, Kathy Johns, and I, Lucinda Davis. The meeting was to prepare interested parties the breath of our water concerns, needs, dreams, etc. The water use, its availability and management is needed to develop a water plan. Off reservation communities are growing and want our water. Without a water plan Navajo has no leverage to negotiate on these matters. Our

Chapter and its committees need to get involve. The study group wants to meet with our Chapter, and also attend all their schedule meetings. We need to provide any and all updated information on all aspects of water, domestic, agriculture, water quality, etc. A lot of discussions and comments were made on this. Chair-Davis pointed that this committee needs to compile and update all water issues and work with this group. \$8.6 million is funded for the region study and of that \$350,000.00 is for Wheatfield Chapter area, and their findings, and complete plan would greatly benefit our community. **McClanahan motion to have CLUPc get involve with this project. Second by K. Johns. Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion carried.**

4. Reports

- A. Litson; NHA/HMO: Litson, CLUPc Sec. made an update on this item. Litson said that during the last CLUPc meeting 10/7/2013, the committee set a date to meet with Mr. Darrell Williams to give a detailed presentation on Oct. 17, 2013 in Navajo, NM at 3:pm. Litson said he was the only one that attended the meeting. Williams presentation was very good, and it focused on the process of how a, (Navajo), individual can obtain a home, and the three programs available for various income levels. The services that NHA/HMO provides needs to made available to the community. The chapter needs to know other programs that a governing body can benefit for community or organization as well. **Litson suggested that we invite Mr. William of NHA/HMO to the next meeting and make a presentation to the committee and have interested community members attend as well. Ms. Kathy Johns motion on this suggestion. Seconded by Litson. Vote; 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion carries.**
- B. Cemetery: Litson made an update on this topic. He informed the committee and membership present that he is still waiting on NN Forestry, Mr. Michael Yazzie to conduct the field clearance. As the local grazing rep., Litson said that he has some home site applications ready for clearing as well. Litson pointed out, again that, NN Forestry has their GPS system in place and Wheatfield needs to acquire their system to expedite projects such as this. Chair-Davis agreed, and made a point that she would contact Mr. Yazzie and get a set date for clearances. **This was a directive, no action taken.**
- C. Port-A-Johns/Restrooms Wheatfield Lake: Chair-Davis reporting, she informed the CLUPc that some concerns about the newly constructed restrooms facility arise during her research and update of the Watson Business Site Lease, West of Wheatfield Lake and Highway 12. The facility is built on the Watson site, and Tribal departments, Navajo, Parks & Rec. /Fish & Wildlife, are not coming forth on what Dept. or party funded this project. According to Chinle RBDO, they have proposal for that site and still consider that lease area under their jurisdiction. More over Mr. Jeff Cole, Fish & Wildlife, informed That Ms. Lucinda Davis, CLUPc Chairperson, is in conflict of her prying into this issue since she is an employee of the Division Of Natural Resources. This sound like intimidation, the view is the departments and programs of Navajo government should question and oversee government activities without retaliation. The committee needs to find how this project come about and if the process was proper. CLUPc, is to, continue to look into this matter. **Motion by K. Johns to**

accept the report. Second by McClanahan. Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstains, as the report gets accepted.

5. **NEXT MEETING: Set for, Sunday, December 8, 2013, at 10:00 am Wheatfield Chapter House**
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** Litson motion to adjourn. Second by McClanahan, and are in favor to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm. **Safe Journey.**

Minutes compiled by CLUPc Sec., Thomas P. Litson
Submitted electronically