

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter  
Planning Meeting  
December 2, 2013 @3:00pm

**AGENDA**

**I. Order of Business:**

- a) Call meeting to order
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Invocation
- d) Review and Adopt Agenda
- e) Announcements:
  1. December 3-5, 2013: On-Line View, SUTA & 941 Training in Flagstaff, AZ (Paula & Leanna)
  2. December 7, 2013: 8:00am-4:00pm Youth Workshop at the Chapter House
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  8. December 18-19, 2013: Navajo Land Summit at the Twin Arrows Casino
  9. December 29, 2013: 1:00pm Farm Board Meeting at the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter House

**II. Business Action Items:**

- a) Ratification of **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Ashton Stevens
- b) Requesting to identify a Site and Acreage in Tsaile for Chinle BIA Maintenance Yard to Store Cinder & Equipment
- c) Approving to attend the Navajo Land Summit – “Collaborating for the Future” on December 17-19, 2013 at Twin Arrows Casino Resort
- d) Requesting to allocate \$10,000.00 to purchase firewood for our local elderlies.
- e) Requesting \$250.00 for gift packs and medicine man for the Senior Center Anniversary Celebration.
- f) Adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
- g) Supporting and recommending the approval of one acre Business Site Lease for Lavon T. Thomas.
- h) **Others:**

**III. Reports:**

**IV. Date and Time of Next Regular Chapter Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_**

**V. Adjourn:**

**Thank you for your meeting attendance**

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**MINUTES**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Meeting called at 3:40pm called by Zane James, Chapter President

Pledge of Allegiance by group

Invocation provided by Lorena Eldridge

Review and Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Willis Becenti

Change: Local Senior Advisory Council Meeting date November 12, 2013 change to November 21, 2013 (monthly meeting will be third Thursday of each month)

Add: NHA Housing Resolution to relinquish under other

Votes: 18/00/02

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Motion by Lavon Thomas add to agenda, second by Marie Carroll

Research proposal for CU Boulder and Dine College Collaborative Study in Spring Semester 2014

Votes: 18/00/02

**BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:**

a) Ratification of **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Ashton Stevens

Motion by Marie Carroll, second by Angela Brown

Votes: 17/00/02 Move to the chapter meeting for action.

b) Requesting to identify a Site and Acreage in Tsaile for Chinle BIA Maintenance Yard to Store Cinder & Equipment.

Motion by Angie Brown, second by Lavon Thomas

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

- Has this been discussed by the CLUPC?
- This was a directive when the BIA first addressed this item.
- Directive to Chapter Staff to ensure that all the needs documents be forward to the CLUPC for their review and recommendation and forward to the chapter meeting inform of a resolution.

Votes: 18/01/01

- c) Approving to attend the Navajo Land Summit – “Collaborating for the Future” on December 17-19, 2013 at Twin Arrows Casino Resort  
Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Marie Carroll  
Flyer read as an educational conference –

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

- CLUPC member Lupita is interested in attending.
- We can say to send a number of people and then we forward that to the chapter administration.
- In CLUPC’s discussion to send 2 CLUPC and Grazing.
- Thomas Litson wears two hats, he can attend as a Grazing and CLUPC
- Travel will be Grazing, 1-CLUPC & Chapter Official

Votes: 13/01/06 Move to the chapter meeting for 3 people with identified cost.

- d) Requesting to allocate \$10,000.00 to purchase firewood for our local elderlies.  
Motion by Lavon Thomas, second by Lavon Thomas, Jr.

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

- There is a preselected listing of elderly and cost of sales on load of wood is already predetermined by chapter staff.
- Directive to Mr. Becenti to ensure that he works with the Chapter Administration, CHR and the Senior Coordinator for update listing. In addition to ensure the line item of funds to be recommended is identified.

Votes: 19/00/02 Move to the chapter meeting with complete packet

- e) Requesting \$250.00 for gift packs and medicine man for the Senior Center Anniversary Celebration.  
Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Lupita McClanahan  
Medicine Fee will be at \$50.00 (Michael Bahe) and basket to presenters. Meeting date is not set yet.

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

As Farm Board committee the expectation stressed to us is to submit all documents with resolution and the thought is that other committee were doing the same.

Votes: 15/00/05 Move to the chapter meeting with full documents for action.

- f) Adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)  
Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Marie Carroll

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

- Council Delegate voiced that this chapter has already approved a ICIP plan and what is this?
- This information is coming from LGSC which is under the Division of Community Development
- We will need to gather more clarification from LGSC.
- Besides there is a ICIP training on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and can seek more information at that time. So still move the resolution to the chapter meeting.

Votes: 15/00/03

- g) Supporting and recommending the approval of one acre Business Site Lease for Lavon T. Thomas.

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Willis Becenti

Mr. Lavon Thomas, Jr. presented the supported resolution by CLUPC on a one (1) acre plot for business site lease.

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

Does the Chinle RDBO know what you are doing?

Yes, working with Mr. Harvey from RDBO office.

No one is leasing the plot now and the Thomas' wants to apply.

As a community member we that live here resort to this store and is accommodating for needs.

At one time there was a recommended need for expanding the store what has become of that?

CLUPC supports the request with the resolution but will need to amend to only say general store.

In the past we addressed this store with RDBO, Fish & Wildlife and then the trucking issue.

All that has been addressed and cleared. DOJ said to move out or clean up everything and EPA is a potential to contamination meaning that there is a vehicle that might leak.

Dine College Environmentalist very concern with the lake.

RDBO Mr. Harvey is aware that we are working with EPA and passing everything. The Store is seasonal with shorter hours and the trucking is also seasonal. We are the last of the Mom's and Pop's store around. The leach field is done by the Indian Health Services and the chapter which we have nothing to do with. Again the word "trucking" in resolution was recommended by the RDBO as what we can make a living with.

In the future if anything happens the chapter would be liable for. This will require getting the RDBO back in the chapter.

Votes: 21/00/02 Move the resolution to the chapter meeting and the CLUPC will correct their resolution from general store and trucking to general store only.

h) Research proposal for CU Boulder and Dine College Collaborative Study in Spring Semester 2014

Motion by Lavon Thomas, second by Marie Carroll

Move to the chapter meeting

Votes: 21/00/03 **Lost quorum**

Motion by Dorothea Litson to add Report, second by Thomas Litson

Votes: 16/02/03

**REPORTS:**

Motion by Lavon Thomas, Jr., second by Lettie Nave

Farm Board shared power point presentation with overall work of the Water Master's in the Upper Wheatfields area Dam and the leakage with need work. Tsaille area the piping has been damaged. Alfalfa value has been damaged and exposed.

**Question/Comments/Concerns:**

- Concern regarding the fee payment. In the past I have voiced on the concern and asking for fixture of the main line irrigation line which is not done and of other issues regarding the wild life population, the prairie dog and the animals roaming and damaging the fencing. These items need to be addressed prior to my working he field and paying the maintenance fee.
- Land application operation and maintenance fee. Policy and procedure existing to be implemented. This information was address by letter and send out to the Farmers. Meeting with Lower Wheatfields Farms supported the fee cost. This is taking place in Ganado and San Juan area. This operation and maintenance fee is worked on from

the main value off of the major line. As a farmer it is the responsibility of maintenance in your farm plot. There is NRC but you have to report to IRS. As a group if you make a discussion to authorize the Farm Board to work and fix something then you do not individually pay the IRS.

- This is a statute and already in law. We need to invest in our local plots first then outside.

Votes: 21/00/01

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Dine College had a very well put together Gore Dancing put on by the Kedelty's.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING:**

December 8, 2013 @11:00am with community dinner:

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lettie Nave to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm, second by Lorena Eldridge

Votes: All in favor.