

**Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2016 @ 1:00 pm**

MINUTES

I. Order of Business:

- a. Call Meeting to Order at 1:50pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance lead by David Kedelty, Chapter Vice President
- c. Invocation by Zane James, Chapter President

- d. Review/Accept Agenda:
Motion by Orlando
ADD to New Business Items:
Burial Assistance
Audit Report
CLUPC – Status Report
Votes: 22/00/09

- e. Review/Accept Minutes:
November 16, 2016 – Regular Meeting
December 1, 2016 – Planning Meeting
Motion by
Votes:

- f. Announcements:
 1. December 13 @ 4pm – Veterans Organization Meeting @ WF Chapter
 2. December 13 – 14, 2016: 9-4pm Reservation Wide Transportation Meeting
 3. December 13, 2016: 6-8pm Public Hearing on Stimulus Referendum Voting on January 24 2016 NN Museum
 4. December 15 @ 6pm – ABNDN Meeting @ WF Chapter
 5. December 17 @ 10am – Chapter House Rented
 6. December 18 @ 10am – Chapter House Rented
 7. December 18 @ 12pm – Farm Board/WUA Meeting @ Brick Building
 8. December 24 @ 9am - Chapter House Rented
 9. December 25 @ 10am - Chapter House Rented
 10. December 26 – Holiday-Christmas (Office Closed)
 11. December 28 @ 1pm – Dept. of Youth – Movie Day @ Wheatfields Chapter
 12. Chapter Sectary/Treasurer will be leaving at 3:00pm for WUSD Event in Fort Defiance.
 13. Veterans will be meeting in the brick building due to family gathering
 14. Michelle Lay announced her son's passing Saturday

II. Business Items

- a. Ratifications: NONE
- b. Action Items
 1. Requesting to approve wood distribution for upcoming winter.
Motion by Sterlin Kedelty, second by Ray Redhouse
This item came from the last chapter planning meeting.
CSC: informed of process with the wood distribution:
 - Chapter approval
 - Identify the amount by truck load (size of truck –short or long bed) and amount
 - Type of wood
 - Advertise

- If the community will sell wood to the chapter house they have to have a resale permit
- Elderly are identified with a development of listing
- Emergency funds is only used in a situation of Emergency Declaration of Nation called or by the Chapter declaration.
- Audit process elaborated on with the emergency funds
- \$8,000.00 funding available: 80 loads at \$100.00

Concerns:

Angie Brown: Advertisement? I have never seen any advertisement. I don't see any pile of wood here. Where is it at? My mom only got 2 arms full. Elderly forget you need to continuously remind them.

CSC: there are no wood now but in priors time that is how we did the process.

Willis Becenti: about 3 years ago 2013, we asked for funds of 10,000.00 for elderly we were denied by Leonard Chee, DCD. Is this to be done same way? We support the elderly.

CSC: by the chapter services it has to be declared emergency. Is that what you are doing?

Kin: Emergency wood, it has to be declared emergency by the Navajo Nation. I am for this. We can encumber the funds.

Chapter President: by show of hand how many of you do you want elderly wood distribution (almost everyone). We have tried in the pass to declared chapter emergency. Even in the audit we have been told we provided emergency wood without a declared Emergency situation by the Navajo Nation. You should just declare emergency by resolution for this situation.

Ray Redhouse: due to the wood situation, government has process.

4X4X8

Lorraine Sorrell: what is this emergency process?

Adella Begay: This process is taking too long and we need to pass a resolution or a memorandum. Prepare for emergency situation. Just simple the identify cost for short, long or S-10 truck.

Willis Becenti: a core of wood is 4X4X8 or a bundle. We say for the elderly who don't come here and tell you. Next week it will be really cold with freezing temperature.

Stanley Kedelty: make sure we don't violate any process. Policy in some area will hinder. The Emergency Commission do they have to declare emergency first then for assistance. Some are preparing themselves. They we have emergency alert for preparation. Maybe we can pass a resolution for preparation of emergency.

CSC: elaborated more on the resolution so if there is one called we will be prepared for services.

There are elderly out there that say no one will assist them.

To ensure the at risk elderly.

Marie White: we here are probably prepared. But there are others that really need the help. You all don't know who need help and don't know the hardship.

Substitute Motion by Stanley Kedelty, to prepare a resolution base on the current freezing temperature and any unforeseen situation, second by Angie Brown.

Votes: 22/13/02

2. Requesting Division of Community Development for Update on Community Business Development
Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Stanley Kedelty

Votes: 25/12/02

NOTE: 3:15pm – Secretary/Treasurer excused

3. Approving Chapter Scholarship assistance for Spring 2017 Semester
Motion by
 1. Steven Eldridge
 2. Autumn Brown

Votes: 23/00/07

4. Requesting Burial Assistance for the late Zedekiah Thompson
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell and Ken Nata'ani

Votes: 25/00/03

Michelle Lane daughter of the late Willis Lane. We got word from PD that they found her son at rodeo ground wooded area hanging from the tree. I am a single parent and I tried to provide a stable home for him. My Son just wanted to leave. I don't want to put my sons body in a box.

Gilbert John, my grandparents are from here. We received word on Friday. Navajo Nation is out of funding and we just need help.

5. Audit Status:

Motion: Devon Begay and Ken Nata'ani

Ken Nata'ani over a year ago we are were asking for audit. By chance and state it happened. This is allowable to see. In March at a CLUPC it was brought up and it is in my minutes. We have over \$40,000 missing and never went it. We are not generating money for hay and others. I released a letter that in January and will request assistance from Navajo Nation and all appropriate state and federal agencies to look into this. This is an unbiased report. I will be sending this to the White Collar crime and Navajo Police Department and IRS. This has to be a one orchestrated event. I would like to ask the chapter officials to resign. If we are missing \$40,000. There is other areas that still need to be looked at. You are probably wondering why I'm really aggressive about this.

Willis Becenti - \$43,000 of undeposited cash receipts. Once a week the treasurer was suppose to reconcile this. Back in January we asked for a comprehensive audit, this is only of the cash receipts. I asked the auditor generals to look into others with \$40,000 of cash for senior centers. We spent \$10,000 on hay and we should've gotten \$40,000 on that. There is suppose to be \$55,000 on account.

Are we paying you \$55,000 for an audit. The auditor generals office said they do it for free. We can use that money for an audit.

Angie Brown – This is something we knew was wrong a long time ago. When there are meetings, some of you have asked us to talk about the bad stuff and only the good stuff. This is why I am up here saying these things. Whenever I speak about this.

Zane James

Paula Begay – I worked with the Auditor Generals office on this audit. I submitted all documents and records to them. From the Auditor Generals office they told us that this would not be released until the Budget and Finance committee approves it, then it would become public record but it has come in today. For me it is hard for me to say or give a report as my son said. They people that did the evaluation and investigation should have been giving the report. But right now it looks like one incoming official is pushing to put this. It is hard for me to say because it should be the job of the auditor generals office. I also asked to have ITG to give the report as well. For a person without due information it is uncalled for to ask someone to resign. Right now I'm the only one working with the computer, I can't do anything alone due to issues with this audit, I don't want someone to blame me.

Willis Becenti – Paula is under DCD, in February the President took it from under the Chapter Presidents office. I want to understand the budget process, therefore I inquire on this. Robert Begay should also be here since he is with Division of Community Development. There are problems that arise from this. I do this because I don't get answer to my questions. Because I have my own business, I know about this.

Adella Begay – I do agree that if there are \$40,000 missing, you guys have to know. You are not sitting in the dark, you have to know something is going on. You do need to hear from the persons that did the investigation. All the way from Council Delegates, there was a lot of misuse of funds, they only get a slap on the wrist. Its not fair to punish one person. We need a special meeting for this.

Robyn Jackson – this has been going on for some time and this issue needs to be resolved.

Stanley Kedelty – Thank you leaders and all that are here. We need to be adequately aware of things, if you really think about things then we make decisions. So these papers that you have, I have not really looked at it. When there are issues, problems, we ask what is wrong or what went wrong. A high percentage is usually the system, that it is usually the case. These officials that are up here have no clue of funds, they only come here once in a while. Just from a quick glimpse, it mentions segregation of duties. If I give Max money here, I would be given a receipt, and another person would also verify that. That money will then be deposited into an account. That is the case right, point at Lorena Eldridge, she works with accounting. My request is to have the auditor general to present and we ask questions along with the 2nd report.

Devon Begay – We push for the audit for them to ask for the audit. We have been pushing for an audit for over a year and half. From the point we asked for the comprehensive audit, yes I do go to the auditor generals office. In January I will be sitting where David is sitting. I want this to be clear and everyone on the same page, yes it is true that everyone isn't perfect. But people have to be held accountable and this community. Lets have these talks, yes they are long.

VOTE: 17/03/01,

We lost quorum.

6. CLUPC – Status Report

III. Reports:

Motion by

- a. CLUPC:
- b. Farm Board:
- c. Council Delegate:
- d. Chapter Officials: Status of Audit
- e. CSC:
- f. Council Delegate:

Votes:

IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting: January 4, 2017 at 12:00 PM noon am/pm

V. Adjournment: @ 4:08 pm