

**Tsaile Wheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2015 @ 4 pm**  
**Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ**

AGENDA

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Invocation
- c. Adopt agenda
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2015
- e. Announcements:

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. *Revitalization of Farm Land Project*

**III. NEW BUSSINESS**

- a. Status of Irrigation Project
- b. Outcome of Reservation Wide Farm Board Work Session
- c. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.

**IV. Reports**

- a. Farm Board
- b. Water User
- c. Others

**V. CONCLUSION**

- A. Identify next agenda items
- B. Scheduled next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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Meeting Minutes

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:25pm
- b. Invocation conducted by Lucinda Davis
- c. Adopt agenda  
Dorthea Litson reviewed the agenda. No amendments, questions, or comments.  
*Action: The read agenda accepted as read.*  
*Motioned by Emma Yoe*  
*Seconded by Paul Yoe*  
*Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained* *Motion Carried*
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2015  
Dorthea Litson read the last meeting minutes from October 12, 2015. No amendments, questions, or comments.  
*Action: The last meeting minutes accepted as read.*  
*Motioned by Emerson Chee*  
*Seconded by Paul Yoe*  
*Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained* *Motion Carried*
- e. Announcements:  
The announcements provided:  
Title: Chapter Planning Meeting  
Time: 9am  
Location: Tsaile – Wheatfields Senior Citizen Building, Tsaile, AZ  
Date: Monday, November 2, 2015  
  
Title: District 11 Grazing Meeting  
Time: 9am  
Location: Tsaile – Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ  
Date: Monday, November 2, 2015  
  
Title: Tsaile – Wheatfields CLUPS Meeting  
Time: 10am  
Location: Tsaile – Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ  
Date: Sunday, November 8, 2015

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. *Revitalization of Farm Land Project*  
Lucinda explained the Revitalization of Farm Land Project. There are 30 plus farmers that received letter requesting them to come to the Farm Board meeting. This project is about the Farm Board working closely with farmers to help them with the revitalizing their farmland. The farmer cannot

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work alone in this project. They have to work with their children and/or grandchildren. The major focus of the project is the involve youth so the farming operation can be sustained.

*Action: Defer to the meeting. Hoping to see more farmer at the next meeting that received letter. So far there are two farmers that are willing to be on this project.*

**III. NEW BUSSINESS**

a. Status of Irrigation Project

The Water Masters reported the following status of the irrigation pipe:

- They dug out the irrigation pipe that need repair in Upper Wheatfields.
- They remove the inlet gates and box of the Upper Wheatfields. In process of removing the gate they fractured one of the 24 in gate.
- Tsaile has not been done yet.

Dorthea reported of the following:

- The materials and supplies to build the form structure for the new inlet of the diversion dam has been purchase. (Please note: when the forms are all ready, we will need to search for Cement Company that have truck with cement mixers and we will need to figure out the amount of concrete need for the develop form.)
- She is now in the process of working with the chapter to on finding vendors to purchase the pipe. The goal is to have the checks cut so, she and Aaron can haul in the pipe.
- She is now in the process of working with the chapter to pay for extending the rental for the backhoe rented by the Water User.
- She is now in the process of working with the chapter to rent a dirt compressor too.
- The goal of the project is to have it ready by the end of November 30, 2015.

b. Outcome of Reservation Wide Farm Board Work Session

Lucinda explained the outcome of the Navajo Nation Wide Farm Board Work session scheduled on Friday, October 23, 2015 at Fire Rock Casino, Gallup, New Mexico. The Grazing Members, Farm Board, and Eastern Land Board had their own individual session. The major focus for each was to develop their FORM II. The Form II is used the Tribal Government to help them identify the goal of the funding request. Currently, the Farm Board only receive \$108.13 per monthly Farm Board Meeting. The funding that is deleted are attending Chapter Planning and Meeting; and travel. The reason for deleting funding and reducing stipend to the Farm Board were due to not producing data of farmers with the type of produce or crop grown.

It was also learned that in many areas the Farm Board DOES NOT work with their Chapter.

At report was conduct from BIA Natural Resource Staff indicating that all the Land Use Permit Transfer and Grazing Permit Transfer has been on hold due to the need to do NEPA (National Environment Policy Act).

The goal of the meeting was to develop Form II, so supplemental can be request in January 2016 at the Navajo Nation Council Session.

*Action: To accept the status of the Irrigation Project report and outcome of the Reservation Wide Farm Board meeting report.*

*Motioned by Emma Yoe*

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*Seconded by Paul Yoe*

*Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- c. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
  - None submitted at this time.

**IV. Reports**

- a. Farm Board  
No Report.
- b. Water User  
No Report
- c. Others  
None

**V. CONCLUSION**

- A. Identify next agenda items  
The following are next topic items:  
Revitalization of Farmland Project  
Status of Irrigation Project
- B. Scheduled next meeting date, Sunday, November 8, 2015 @ 1pm Wheatfields Chapter House,  
Wheatfields, AZ.
- C. Adjournment  
*Action: Adjourn meeting at 5:30 pm*  
*Motioned by Paul Yoe*  
*Seconded by Emerson Chee*  
*Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*