

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Friday, January 04, 2019 @3:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
- B. Invocation
- C. Roll Call
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes

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II. OLD BUSINESS

NNFB 2017 goals - Below are the Program Performance Criteria (PPC and Goal Statements for all Farm Boards) The Farm Board elected officials will be assigned 1 or 2 PPC, see below.

- A. Each FB will submit 12 crop inventory reports from their respective Agriculture Land Use Permittees (ALUP).

Goal Statement: Each FB will submit at least 3 respective crop inventory reports quarterly in table format (3CIR x 13 FBs).

1. Crop Inventory

- B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

Goal Statement: Conduct 2 agricultural educational outreach/workshops for farmers per quarter per 13 FBs.

1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Update
- B.

- C. Provide training and assist farmers in updating or developing a conservation plan as required by BIA and the Navajo Nation.

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

1. Training

- D. Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, each FB will implement 1 improvement per quarter according to conservation plan.

1. AIF Proposal

- E. Each FB member shell inventory at least 3 ALUP/Farm Permit within respective FB area.

Goal Statement: With BIA and Farmer participation, reconcile and inventory as to the status of each ALUP or Farm Permit. (3ALUP x each 13 FB member)

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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Report
- B. Joint Meeting
- C. Audit Recommendations

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports
- B. Announcements

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items
- B. Next Meeting
- C. Adjournment

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Minutes

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
Meeting was called to order at 4:00
- B. Invocation
Invocation was given by Emerson Chee
- C. Roll Call
Lorena Eldridge, Emerson Chee, Lucinda Davis – Present
All members of the Water Users Association - Absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda read by Lucinda Davis
Motion to accept the agenda as is by Emerson Chee
Second by: Cindy Davis Votes: 3-0-1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 12/7/2018
Motion to defer to the next meeting motion by: Emerson Chee
Second by: Cindy Davis
Votes: 3-0-1

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1. Crop Inventory

Emerson has not gotten back out there to receive any more crop inventory again.
Lorena reported that the Quarterly report is ready but has not been submitted yet.
Emerson will email more crop inventory forms to Lorena when he collects some more.
For info, Cindy James wants to plan on Lula Chees field.
Motion to accept the report by: Lucinda Davis, Second by: Emerson Chee Vote: 3-0-1

- B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

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1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Status Update

On the Project update, it is a stand still right now due to the weather. Apache County still has access to the yard, they put their grader and the front end loader in the yard. There are two padlocks on the gate, one for Apache County and one for the Water Users Association.

Motion to accept the report by: Emerson Chee and second by Lucinda Davis.

Votes: 3-0-1

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

1. Training

Training is still on going with the Land Grant Office and also the Water Users. There is a schedule that was given out at the last meeting. We would like to know who the new farmers are that joined to be part of the next group to start.

Motion to accept the report by: Emerson Chee, second by: Evelyn Litzin Votes: 4-0-1

C. **Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.**

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, each FB will implement 1 improvement per quarter according to conservation plan.

1. AIF Proposal

There is not report on this so we will ask at the Joint Farm Board Meeting. No Action

D. **Each FB member shell inventory at least 3 ALUP/Farm Permit within respective FB area.**

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1. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Report

No one is here to give updates on the WUA

B. Joint Meeting

We need to schedule a joint meeting to resolve some of the issues on the audit report so we can move forward. Meeting was scheduled but Nelson was not available and he recommended we get someone else to conduct the meeting. Since Division of Natural Resources was the over sight, the Deputy Director, Evangeline Curley-Thomas should conduct the meeting.

Charles Chee recommended that the Farm Board pass a resolution to request a meeting with the Water Users Association and the Farm Board to resolves issues that are ongoing. The four major audit findings need to be addressed before anymore drawdowns and expenditures are incurred. This is the only way we can move forward with this project.

Motion to go this route by Emerson Chee, second by Lucinda Davis. Votes: 5-0-1

C. Audit Recommendations

This will be part of B

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

1. Drawdowns

Lorena reported there is a drawdown that has been done, so Water Users Associations did get the next drawdown.

B. Announcements

1. Chapter Meeting-1/7/19 at 2:00 pm
2. Joint Farm Board Meeting-1/11/19 at 9:00 am
3. Regular Chapter Meeting-1/21/19 at 2pm
4. Permittee Meeting-1/22/19 at 3pm

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before

C. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on January 13, 2019 at 10:00 am

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Emerson Chee, second: Lucinda Davis. 5-0-1

Adjourned at 7:05