

TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER
Planning Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 3, 2017
1:30 PM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Invocation:
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:
- E. Review/Accept Minutes:
- F. Announcements:
 - 1. 4/8/17 CLUPC Work Session @ 10 AM – Wheatfields Chapter
 - 2. 4/8/17 Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ 9 AM – Hard Rock Chapter
 - 3. 4/9/17 CLUPC Meeting @ 1 PM – Wheatfields Chapter
 - 4. 4/11/17 SPECIAL ELECTION (Office Closed) Farm Board Position
 - 5. 4/11/17 Veterans Meeting, @ 5:00 PM – Wheatfields Chapter
 - 6. 4/15/17 Community Trash Clean-Up Day, @ 9 AM – Wheatfields
 - 7. 4/24/17 NN Sovereignty Day – Holiday (Office Closed)
 - 8. 4/25/17 Chuska Regional Council Meeting @ 9 AM – Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Ratifications:
- B. Action Items:
 - 1. Accepting and Approving Chinle Unified School District – Indian Education Committee Member Selection
 - 2. Community Concern – Police jurisdiction
 - 3. Navajo Generating Station Presentation
 - 4. Accepting and Approving Navajo Control Legislation
 - 5. Accepting and Approving Home-site Lease Training/Travel
 - 6. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports March 2017
 - 7. Accepting and Approving 50% of the total cost in the amount of \$ 1,281.68 to NTUA for Powerline Extension for Della Davis in Tsaille

III. REPORTS

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

V. ADJOURNMENT

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:37 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge lead by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Lead by David Tsosie
- D. Review/Accept Agenda: Read by Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani

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Chapter BY: PSB

Motion to Accept) Adella Begay Second) David Tsosie Vote: 8-0-1

- 1. Action items: Water Rights

E. Review/Accept Minutes:

Motion to Accept) Sarah James Second) Max Benally Vote: 9-0-2

F. Announcements:

- 1. 4/03/17 Gathering for the late Ronnie Tso, Wheatfields Chapter
- 2. 4/07/17 Dine' College Presidential Inauguration, Tsaile Campus
- 3. 4/08/17 CLUPc Worksession @ 10 AM – Wheatfields Chapter
- 4. 4/08/17 Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ 9 AM – Hard Rock Chapter
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- 9. 4/17-21/17 Navajo Nation Council Spring Session, Window Rock
- 10. 4/24/17 NN Sovereignty Day – Holiday (Office Closed)
- 11. 4/25/17 Chuska Regional Council Meeting @ 9 AM – Wheatfields Chapter

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B. Action Items:

- 1. Accepting and Approving Chinle Unified School District – Indian Education Committee Member Selection

Motion) Adella Begay Second) Nelson BeGaye Vote: 10-0-1

President James: Continue to advocate for a community member be selected.
Forward to the next chapter meeting.

Sarah James: Concern for quorum requirement, where we are not able meet quorums during chapter meetings

Delegate BeGaye: In regards to the Planning Meeting, the chapter officials are able to conduct their meeting. Regular Chapter meetings, at the current moment, requirements for quorum minimum.

Motion to Amend Agenda) Sarah James, add one more business item – Change the Quorum Requirement, Second) David Tsosie. Vote: 9-1-7

Delegate BeGaye: A change in quorum requirement requires a Referendum Vote for the entire chapter, that must be paid for by the Chapter. Possibly, the Referendum Vote can be added onto the ballot during the overall Navajo Nation wide elections.

President James: There is concern for the entire chapter voter membership to participate in the decision to reduce the quorum

Adella Begaye: Are there other ways of attracting more members to the chapter meetings?

Paula Begay: The first step is to rescind a prior resolution. The Resolution strongly supported a minimum requirement for 25 constituents.

Delegate BeGaye: There are two paths for a possible quorum change: 1) reference a rescind on the prior resolution, and the current resolution can supersede the past resolution; 2) the Chapter Referendum vote on quorum reduction.

Marie White: The entire chapter community should be able to participate as a comprehensive whole on the decision to change the quorum minimum.

2. Community Concern – Police jurisdiction

Motion) David Tsosie Second) Adella Begaye Vote: 17-0-2

President James: Explanation for the community concern presented by Mr. Alfred James; the violent traffic of inebriated individuals near his home.

Delegate BeGaye: Explanation of current Navajo Nation Criminal Code is strongly dependent on the judge's discretion, which can be viewed as strongly lenient.

To-date, Navajo Nation judicial complexes to house incarcerated individuals are now available, where the judge is able to enforce stronger sentences.

Per my work to up-date the Navajo nation Criminal Code, and in conjunction with a massive effort by all federal, state, and Navajo Nation public safety departments to create a reservation-wide "clean-up" for illegal establishments on the Navajo Nation.

Alta Begay: Alfred James went to the chapter house earlier this week, and on Sunday night, that local individuals were into an altercation that almost started a house fire. The local "bootleggers" are exacerbating the social ills.

President James: We will reconvene with the Department of Public Safety.

Max Benally: There are many complications for safety reasons – involving family members participating in illegal activities. Mr. Alfred James is in a dilemma of asking for enforcement on family members, and is turning to official processes to engage in his dilemma.

Adella Begaye: If the Navajo Nation Criminal Code is navigating towards stricter enforcement, there needs to be rehabilitation processes for individuals to reintegrate into society after incarceration.

Delegate BeGaye: There will be further additions to the Navajo Nation Criminal Code for enforcement and rehabilitation processes.

Mr. Claw: In my residence of Lukachukai there are many complications that surround our substance abuse epidemic. There are complications that can often lead to a stalemate for enforcement processes.

President James: There are multiple perspectives of thought on our Navajo Nation Criminal Code, and our chances for healing our communities will increase with the participation of all community members committed to a healthy community.

In Lukachukai, Norman Begay started a process of enforcement that lead to violent and lethal retribution against his property.

3. Navajo Generating Station Presentation

Motion) David Tsosie Second) David Kedelty Vote: 14-0-4

President James: Jerry Williams, a member of the LeChee Chapter is asking for a supporting resolution to extend the life of the Navajo Generating Station.

4. Accepting and Approving Navajo Animal Control Ordinance Legislation

Motion) Sarah James Second) Adella Begay Vote: 16-0-3

President James: Reading of the Nazlini Chapter Resolution.

Adella Begaye: Will a presenter be available on the resolution.

President James: The complications surrounding the animal control ordinance myriad in multiple situations that can affect pet ownership.

5. Accepting and Approving Home-site Lease Training/Travel

Motion) Adella Begaye Second) David Tsosie Vote: 15-0-2

Paula S. Begay: Home-Site Lease Conference explanation,

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Travel funds are only able to support a selected number of travelers, there are six months left in the fiscal year – Recommends: a maximum of three travelers, or four travelers depending on the approval and needs of the community. (\$8,000+ is currently available for conference and training travel).

Adella Begaye: A limited number of travelers is appropriate.

President James: Conference break-out session benefit more people on understanding the new policies.

David Kedelty: The Interior Secretary is formulating the current home-site lease policy. The concern on the new policies - that do not mesh well with the current policies. Navajo Nation council has a top-downward approach of enacting the new policies.

President James: 2013 Home-site Leasing Act, the policies do not accurately reflect the needs of the Navajo people.

Adella Begaye: Comment on the home-site lease - there are limitations to have a home-site lease. The current Trump Administration is looking at taking Public lands and the taking of Federal Indian Lands.

Bennie Litson: The revision of the home-site lease process. How is current the home-site lease policies reflecting the involvement of the community to arrive at the 2016 Home-Site Lease Policies. Recommends - Offer a petition to stop the home-site lease process, to re-start the process for developing a home-site lease policy to allow the people will determine their own path to home and land development.

People are no longer in control of their own home areas. There are issues with deer population and feral dog populations across the Navajo Nation.

President James: Release the discussion to the Chapter meeting.

****Directive: Whoever wants to go, come present at the Regular Chapter Meeting.**

Delegate BeGaye: Forward the Home-Site Lease Policy to Chinle Agency Council.

6. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports March 2017

Motion) Adella Begay Second) Alta Begay Vote: 16-0-3

7. Accepting and Approving 50% of the total cost in the amount of \$1,281.86 to NTUA for Powerline Extension for Della Davis in Tsaille

Motion) Janet Begay Second) Adella Begay Vote: 16-0-2

8. Accepting and Approving Resolution for Water Rights Involved in the Colorado River and the N-Aquifer in Black Mesa Back to the People.

Motion) Adella Begay Second) Alta Begay Vote: 15-0-5

9. Reduce the Chapter Quorum

Motion) David Tsosie Second) David Kedelty Vote: 16-0-1

Sarah James: There are multiple times when the community is unable to meet the current quorum requirements for chapter meetings, and many community concerns, issues, and policy reviews are not being addressed.

Our chapter, last month, was not able to conduct several meetings due to the lack of quorum requirements.

President James: Explanation of the Quorum Reduction process for a chapter-wide referendum to address the quorum change.

III. REPORTS

None.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2017, 10 AM

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn 1) Max Benally Second) David Tsosie Vote: All Vote Yes
Meeting adjourned 3:45 pm

