

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Sunday, May 7, 2017
3:00 p.m.**

A G E N D A

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Call to order
- B. Invocation
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
 - December 28, 2016
 - April 24, 2017
- E. Announcements
 - Tsaille/Wheatfields Veteran's Meeting, May 9, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
 - T/W Chapter Meeting, May 24, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.
 - Special Election for T/W Grazing Official, May 9, 2017
 - T/W Chapter will be closed Tuesday, May 9, 2017
 - T/W Community Clean-up Saturday, May 8, 2017
 - T/W Farm Board, May 7, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

2. REPORTS

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CLUPC Elections
- B. Tsaille/Wheatfields Community Cemetery Plan of Operation Update
 - a. PEP Project Scope of Work
 - b. Fencing Materials RFP
- C. Enforcement by Land Department re: illegally parked trailer
- D. Five-Year Tsaille Wheatfields Community Land Use Plan REVISION
 - a. Reschedule CLUPC Work Session for June 2017.
- E. Rural Addressing Update
 - a. Road Naming
 - b. Schedule Work Session with MC Baldwin, NN Rural Addressing Department (July/August 2017)
 - c. Scope of Work for Installation of Signs
- F. 2017 Demographic Survey Update

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CLUPC Budget Request:

5. NEXT MEETING

- A. Sunday, June 11, 2017

6. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Call to order: The CLUPC meeting was called to order by Lucinda Davis at 3:28 p.m. Present were Lucinda Davis, Thomas Litson, Marjorie Johnson, Margie Begay and Eric Descheenie constituting a quorum. Also present was Rosie Tsosie, Housing Director for Navajo Housing Management Office.
- B. Invocation: The invocation was offered by Thomas Litson, Interim Vice President.
- C. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the CLUPC meeting for May 7, 2017 was read into the record. A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson, seconded by Thomas Litson to approve the agenda as presented, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- D. Approval of Minutes:
 - The minutes of the December 29, 2016 CLUPC meeting were read into the record. It was noted the date of the meeting should read December 28, 2016. A motion was made by Thomas Litson, seconded by Eric Descheenie to approve the minutes as read, with a change in date from December 29, 2016 to December 28, 2016. Motion passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.
 - The minutes of the April 24, 2017 CLUPC meeting were read into the record. It was noted the meeting time was 3:00 p.m., not 3:00 a.m. A motion was made by Margie Begay, seconded by Eric Descheenie to approve the minutes as read with time change from 3:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- E. Announcements:
 - Tsaile/Wheatfields Veterans meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in CLUPC Building.
 - Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter meeting, May 24, 2017
 - Special Election to elect Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Grazing Official, May 9, 2017.
 - Tsaile/Wheatfield Chapter will be closed on May 9, 2017 due to election.
 - Tsaile/Wheatfield Community Clean-Up was held on Saturday, May 8, 2017.
 - Tsaile/Wheatfields Farm Board met this morning at 9:00 a.m.

2. REPORTS

- Marjorie Johnson reported on efforts to participate in the 2017 Home Site Lease Training in Flagstaff. Although willing to pay the \$75 registration fee, she was not allowed by register. A request was made for minutes to reflect the need for people/Committees impacted by trainings to attend, rather than staff. In this instance, staff do not do land withdrawals.

- Eric Descheenie reported on his attendance at the 2017 Home Site Lease Training. Information will be emailed to all CLUPC members. Although the intent was to streamline new homesite policies, its become more time consuming, more costly, and presentations were very advanced.

Thomas Litson: We (Grazing officials) didn't have any input on the policies, they are not geared to grazing, we don't have any support when it comes to budgeting for them; it's takes more steps, requires more clearances, and is not simple anymore.

Comments: What was Tsaille/Wheatfields officials' (Devon Begay and Paula Begay) stance on the new policies? It was reported no comments were offered. Concern was voiced that because no public input or public hearings were allowed, training attendees should voice and represent people's opinions. Home site leases are more costly, who will have funds to pay for increased fees? Policies and GPS land withdrawals are computerized. What about grandparents not up to date with technology, who have no access to computers, it causes a lot of confusion. Was there any update on cadastral surveys? Outhouses are not allowed within a homesite lease and require a separate homesite lease. Navajo Nation entities make changes to public policies -- it's a done deal, then they bring it back, with no public involvement. Since homesite lease policies are set, any effort should start from Chapter level.

Thomas Litson stated there is no law requiring a homesite lease. If an individual is self-sufficient and has funds to bring in electricity, water, sewer, they can construct a home without a homesite lease. He reiterated the homesite lease has become the most complex, hardest, longest process. Grazing officials are instructed not to bring up BIA anymore, these are the new standard policies and procedures. Comment was made that you can't just say don't bring up BIA, the reservation still remains federal trust land.

Margie Begay requested CLUPC receive indepth training from colleagues who attended the training. Chapter should entertain resolution to request Land Department host a public hearing to educate public on new policies. CLUPC should also make recommendation to the Chapter to send concern resolution of opposition to Council.

A motion was made by Thomas Litson, seconded by Marjorie Johnson, to accept reports with recommendations, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CLUPC Elections: Due to 2016 Navajo Nation Chapter elections, CLUPC elections were postponed and not completed during the CLUPC Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson to open nominations, seconded by Thomas Litson.

President: Motion made by Thomas Litson, seconded by Marjorie Johnson to nominate Lucinda Davis for President. Marjorie Johnson requested nominations be closed. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Vice President: Motion made by Eric Descheenie, seconded by Thomas Litson to nominate Margie Begay as Vice President. Thomas Litson requested nominations be closed. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Secretary: Motion made by Thomas Litson, seconded by Eric Descheenie to nominate Marjorie Johnson as Secretary. Eric Descheenie requested nominations be closed. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

- B. Tsaille/Wheatfields Community Cemetery Update - PEP Scope of Work: CLUPC has made several requests to the Chapter CSC requesting assistance with SOW and status of easement. Responses received regarding the Community Cemetery was reviewed: 1st request: *Regarding survey of cemetery site – Clearance/EA/easement/etc. is still in process, when complete, I will provide you a copy and information.* 2nd Request: *I have mention this before, NO EASEMENT YET, for the cemetery. ALL CLEARANCES for the cemetery NEEDS TO BE COMPLETE, before any development of fencing or clearing.*

Cemetery land withdrawal was completed and approved by Chapter about 4 years ago. Efforts to hasten completion of cemetery included CLUPC getting quotes for fencing materials. CLUPC was told by CSC that further work on the cemetery was not a CLUPC responsibility. The need for CLUPC approval of the Community Cemetery Policies and Procedures brought the cemetery process back to CLUPC. CLUPC concern was expressed on its responsibilities prior to further development of PEP Project Scope of Work and fencing materials RFP.

History was provided on why a separate easement for the turn-out is needed when the land has already been withdrawn. The original land withdrawal included 10 acres with language for the entrance easement. The person who did the survey, surveyed the wrong area. Thomas Litson showed the correct location to the person, and Paula was there. The final survey came back in without the easement.

Margie Begay recommended CLUPC write a letter to the Chapter President stating history of Community Cemetery project, including original date of resolution and request status of the easement. Second, CLUPC needs to continue with plans, i.e. Scope of Work for fence installation and fencing material quotes. Third, the Tsaille/Wheatfield Chapter population continues to increase. It is a sensitive stressful issue but it is our responsibility to bury our own.

Tsaille/Wheatfields Community Cemetery Fencing Materials RFP: RFP was reviewed by CLUPC. Changes were recommended and incorporated into final RFP. CLUPC will approve the RFP and await response from Chapter President before proceeding further.

A motion was made by Thomas Litson, seconded by Eric Descheenie for the CLUPC President to write letter to Chapter President as requested, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

- C. Enforcement by Land Department of Illegally parked trailer: As the former Tsaille/Wheatfields Grazing Official, Thomas Litson denied the request for a homesite lease submitted in hindsight. The trailer was illegally moved to a different site where the area was disturbed complicating archaeological and other clearances. The issue was referred to the District Grazing Committee; District told them to move the trailer; and passed a resolution requesting the Land Department for enforcement within 30 days. To date, there is no response from the Land Department.

Other issues related to the new homesite lease policy include divorce huts, relinquish of one acre from affected grazing permits upon approval of new homesite; requiring escort for mobile

homes, carrying capacity for various livestock/wildlife, BIA assessment and range inventory, and effect of moratoriums.

A motion was made by Thomas Litson to refer the issue back to the District Grazing Committee to re-affirm their resolution, seconded by Margie Begay, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. Margie Begay requested the area be recognized as prime grazing land, good grazing area, wildlife crossing and notification of Fish and Wildlife.

- D. Five-Year Tsaille Wheatfields Community Land Use Plan REVISION
 - a. Reschedule CLUPC Work Session for June 2017. The proposed agenda for the CLUPC Work Session and Work Session Flyer developed by CSC were reviewed.
- E. Rural Addressing Update: Thomas Litson confirmed completion of Black Rock data sheets that will be included in the database at the Work Session.
- F. 2017 Demographic Survey Update: Survey is being distributed by Chapter staff, copies were provided to CLUPC members for their distribution and will be collected until the Work Session.

A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson, seconded by Margie Begay to reschedule the CLUPC Work Session to Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to include discussion of Agenda items D. Five-Year Tsaille/ Wheatfields Community Land Use Plan Revision, E. Rural Addressing Update, and F. 2017 Demographic Survey Update, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. CLUPC President will request use of the Chapter House for the Work Session.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CLUPC Budget Request: CLUPC Secretary asked for the proper format and process for submitting a budget request. Margie Begay recommended budget forms be requested from the Chapter CSC for our use. She further recommended the CSC be requested to provide PDF of all forms the Chapter has in the system.

5. NEXT MEETING

- A. The next meeting of the Tsaille/Wheatfields CLUPC will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Marjorie Johnson, seconded by Margie Begay, passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Electronically submitted by Marjorie Johnson, Secretary, Tsaille/Wheatfields CLUPC

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Motion to Adjourn: Marjorie Johnson: 5:36 p.m., second Margie; Vote 4-0-1.