

TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER

Chapter Planning Meeting Agenda

Monday – May 07, 2018 @ 11:00 AM

(Tentative agenda – subject to change)

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:

5/08/18 @ 4pm	T/W/B Veterans Meeting, @ TW Chapter
5/11/18 @ 10am	Dine College Graduation
5/12/18 @ 10am	Navajo Pine High School Graduation
5/13/18 @ 9am	CLUPC Meeting @ TW Chapter
5/14/18 @ 9am	Chuska Regional Council Meeting @ Round Rock Chapter
5/18/18 @ 10am	Many Farms High School Graduation
5/18/18 @ 3pm	Tsaile Public School Promotion
5/18/18 @ 6pm	Lukachukai Community School Promotion
5/19/18 @ 10am	Chinle High School Graduation
5/19/18 @ 10am-6pm	Chapter Rented
5/22/18 @ 1pm	Farmboard/Grazing Permittee Meeting @ TW Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

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3. Burial Assistance for John James Jr. \$100.00
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1. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports March 2018.
2. Supporting Resolution for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Proposal.
3. Supporting Resolution for Archeological Clearance, Biological Survey and Right of Way for proposed Tsaile Irrigation Project
4. Supporting the Dine' Food Sovereignty Alliance Farm to School Initiative and its Health Games.

III. REPORTS:

1. DWUA

IV. NEXT MEETING:

Date: May ____, 2018 at ____ am/pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MAY 7 11:05AM

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B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice President Begay

C. Invocation: Led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani

D. Review/Accept Agenda:

Tsaile/Wheatfields/
Chapter **BY:** 

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) Angie Brown Vote: 16-0-2

Add:

- Louise Blackgoat: asking for electrical wiring and electric pole in built home.
- Frank Kedelty: Supporting resolution
- Michelle Tsosie: Add to Report Section

E. Review/Accept Minutes:

*****Deferred to Chapter Meeting*****

F. Announcements:

5/08/18 @ 4pm	T/W/B Veterans Mtg, @ TW Chapter
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Motion to Combine) Frank Kedelty Second) Max Benally Vote: 20-0-2

B. New Expenditures:

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Presented by Willis Becenti, Memorial Day Event support.

Motion) Max Benally Second) Benny Litson Vote: 21-0-1

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2. Supporting Resolution for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Proposal.

Motion) Benny Litson Second) Anelda Kedelty Vote: 18-0-4

Presented by Elvira Litson in support of a resolution for a proposal for a grant. Navajo nation drought insurance where 17 million is available for agriculture infrastructure.

Priority is agriculture farming and irrigation, for upper Wheatfields and Tsaile. Pipeline extensions for the farming areas, for two tanks for livestock water hauling at a cost of \$480k for Tsaile, and \$398k for Wheatfields, repairing windmills and wells in the chapter community. Earthen dams and water catchments will be part of the proposal.

43k gallons are being lost at six water well-springs within the chapter, per day.

3. Supporting Resolution for Archeological Clearance, Biological Survey and Right of Way for proposed Tsaile Irrigation Project.

Motion) Anelda Kedelty Second) Benny Litson Vote: 14-0-5

Presented by Elvira Litson in support of a resolution for a proposal funding as prepared by Farm Board/Water Users Association.

4. Supporting the Diné Food Sovereignty Alliance Farm to School Initiative and its Health Games.

Motion) Elvira Litson Second) Anelda Kedelty Vote: 16-0-5

President James: Presenting the supporting resolution.

5. Louise Blackgoat request for house wiring and plumbing.

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) Angie Brown Vote: 23-0-1

Louise Blackgoat: Requesting for electrical house wiring and plumbing;

President James: Explanation of the process for house wiring and plumbing

assistance.

Paula Begay: Explanation of utilities administrative process.

President James: Once the chapter administration completes the paperwork process, the matter will come back before the chapter (accepted by motioning parties).

6. Supporting Resolution for Clear Cattleguard for Ram Pasture area to clear right-of-way along RT 64, and the trash build up at the scenic rest area.

Motion) Paula Begay Second) Benny Litson Vote: 21-0-4

Frank Kedelty: The cattleguards are filled with dirt, and livestock are easily crossing the cattleguard along the RT 64 road – cattleguard maintenance and fence maintenance, including the scenic rest area on RT 64.

There are issues of livestock, vehicular accidents that are occurring too frequently.

President James: Requesting for another action item to Amend the Agenda Motion) Benny Litson, Second) Nelson Begay, Supporting Resolution for an alliance among Chapter, Farm Board, and Water Users Association Vote: 20-0-4

7. Supporting Resolution for joint-project among the Chapter, Farm Board, and Water Users Association – Community Harvest Blessing Ceremony.

Motion) Nelson Begay Second) Frank Kedelty Vote: 25-0-2

President James: Seeking an alliance among the Chapter, Farm Board, and Water User Association, to pursue a community farming project that will

Willis Becenti: How much money was set aside for farming Show them that the land can produce

Elvira Litson: There is a binding agreement where the organization and farmer will be able to determine a produce amount of

Willis Becenti: Show the people that it can be done. This grant was given to the people, and after the grant is expensed at 70%, a new arrangement can be done.

Frank Kedelty: Explanation of percentage formula being utilized by Water Users Association on farmer participation in the produce being grown.

The actual land holders and stakeholders are not attending the meetings.

Expounding on the chapter community's social growth, involvement, and

cooperation.

Angie Brown: Land owners and stakeholders are approaching my family with their concerns about the \$5 million was allocated

The community is observant of the current \$5 million that was allocated to the Chapter community why are community members being asked to deliver percentages of their produce. Additionally, continuous farmers that have not

President James: Expounding on Navajo public-speaking etiquette.

Lorraine Sorrell-Johnson: The information was not placed on the agenda concerning Diné College boundary that was dependent on representation.

Secretary/Treasurer is not concerned about representing the community. He should recused himself from the discussion.

Rescind the supporting resolution at the February 14, 2018 meeting.

I wish for the action item to be added to the agenda.

President James: Point-of-Order for the proposed added agenda item to be added after the current action item is concluded.

Benny Litson: Recalling the previous community efforts to live in a sustainable community. Water is paramount in growing a sustainable community.

Chapter community members and stakeholders need to return to sustainable development to support community growth for future generations.

We, as a community, will be successful in returning to our sustainable community.

I support the joint-collaborative efforts to entreat a prayer service to bless our harvest and the Farm Board/Water Users Association efforts.

Rita Bahe: The irrigation system of Upper Wheatfields needs to be repaired in order for farmers to utilize the water for farming. I walk the irrigation system networks. Thank you for the pond that is available near my home.

Paula Begay: The main issue at hand is for the planning of the blessing of the community harvest – how do we support the effort.

There are many community concerns that need to be addressed in the most appropriate community forums, meetings, and discussions.

Delegate BeGaye: Expounding on the history of the \$5 million Navajo Nation grant.

Water Rights is a major issue, where states are challenging Navajos for proof of water utilization; particularly with the State of Arizona. Water Rights is the bigger picture that is directly connected to the Water Users Association efforts to enhance farming.

Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell: Request to rescind Resolution on Diné College Land Lease Boundary on February 14, 2018.

President James: Explanation on current correction to the February 14, 2018 Resolution on Diné College Land Lease Boundary.

Paula Begay: Registered voter is entitled to make a motion and second on any action item.

Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell: Stand corrected on Paula Begay's statement.

Motion to Amend Agenda) Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell Second) Sterling Kedelty, to rescind February 14, 2018 Resolution Diné College Land Lease Boundary to agenda. Vote: 7-14-4 **motion not approved**

III. REPORTS:

1. DWUA -

Aaron Begay: Presenting on the project updates.

2. Tsaile PHS – *will prepare for chapter meeting*

3. Delegate BeGaye:

- \$100 million from Sihasin Funds. Our chapter community project – Horse Shoe Canyon electric powerline extension; Chapter Master Plan; water pipeline repairs; and other community projects. Plus the other settlements that are being held for the community.
- Expounding on chapter water systems and extensions to the remaining chapter community.
- Drought Insurance \$17 million dividend in 2018.
- Economic development throughout the five chapters under Delegate BeGaye.
- Criminal activities across the Navajo Nation.
- Karis Begay update.

President James: Comprehensive economic development plan for chapter and entire Navajo nation.

4. Charles Chee:

1. Right-of-Way: Cattleguard cannot have a closed gate. Grazing and farmland policies and procedures. Land-Use Permit adherence.
2. Horse Round-up: 28 horses were rounded-up to-date.

3. Diné College: Not aware of the resolution for today. The Snake Pits in the proposed land lease boundary are not being considered, as other ceremonial sights in the area.
4. Revenge Porn: Present in the chapter community.
5. Criminal activity in connection with substance abuse and restricted substance.

Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell: The vote today is comprised of voters that are not being affected by the Diné College boundary. The people who are directly affected are not in attendance today.

President James: Expounded on the decision of the community to not add agenda item – rescind February 14, 2018 Resolution Diné College Land Lease Boundary to the May 2018 Agenda.

Paula Begay: The current laws are conflicting between Rangers and Grazing, where there is a “law” that states a ‘Notarized’ bill of sale must be present for the owner to retrieve their rounded-up livestock.

Currently, after two workdays, the Ranger is not able to produce the necessary documents that calls for a ‘notarized’ bill of sale.

Charles Chee: During our current Horse Round-Up, the Ranger was stating that a “notarized” bill of sale must be present but the Ranger was not able to produce a written document that shows the law.

Benny Litson: Unbranded horses are more highly valuable in the market, compared to the branded horses being sold for lower amounts.

Motion to Accept Reports) Benny Litson Second) Sterling Kedelty Vote: 11-0-1

IV. NEXT MEETING:

Date: May 21, 2018 at 10 am

V. ADJOURNMENT: 3:26 pm

Motion) Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell Second) Max Benally Vote: All Vote Yes