

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Sunday June 30, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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Tsaile/Wheatfields
Chapter 07: psb

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 – 6/9/19

II. OLD BUSINESS

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- 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.

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- 1. Tri-Party Agreement

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

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1. Mae Chee/Bennie Chee
- 2.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports
- B. Announcements
- C.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items
 1. Same items as before
 - 2.
 - 3.
- B. Next Meeting
- D. Adjournment

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Minutes

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by the President.

B. Invocation

Marquel Begay

C. Roll Call

Lorena Eldridge, Lucinda Davis-Present and Emerson Chee – Absent
Water Users Association – All Absent

D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials

All local farmers and Marquel Begay with Land Grant Office/U of A.

E. Review and adoption of agenda

Agenda read by Lucinda Davis

Motion to accept the agenda as is by: Marquel Begay

Second by: Lucinda Davis

Votes: 4 – 0 - 1

F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes

Minute for 6/9/19 read by Lucinda Davis

Motion to accept the minutes as read by Marquel Begay

Second by: Cindy Davis

Lorena asked for just one clarification to be made, and that was the part of the Tri-Party Agreement resolution, the way it was written seems to include Emerson having conflict of interest, but the resolution is only for the amendment of the MOA and within that will be the Tri-Party Agreement.

Votes: 4 – 0 - 1

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1. Crop Inventory

No new crop inventory has been received yet. Lorena is going to text Emerson to see if he has any reports. She will be working on the Quarterly Report this week. This is just information

- 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

Checked Zita Begay's field, we were informed that the fencing was moved. Lorena does not think there is a need to put a complaint form in, but we will inform BIA of the small change that was done and that seems to just align the fencing. We will check to see if the whole fence is completed, then we can write a letter to BIA to let them know. As far as whose field is planted and whose has been plowed, we don't know that information, just what we can see. Lucinda mentioned that there are farmers that are complaining that the same people are getting assistance that received help last year. Lorena wants to plant, but there is not enough water. She called Aaron weeks ago about seeds because she wants to plant this year so maybe she will qualify for NRCS assistance, but he finally got back to her and he said there are a lot of people in line to get service and water. Aaron said maybe two weeks, but it is now passed two weeks. We need the resolution for the MOA amendment so we can make it valid. Marquel wants to help the Farm Board with updating the Land Use Permits, since she is working with Department of Agriculture and she is getting an understanding of what their role is. She wants to know what and how she can help the Farm Board. Lorena asked her how much she knows about the roles of the Chapter, Farm Board, Department of Agriculture and the Water Users, and how they should be working together, but she does not really know anything right now, she is just now getting information. Lorena told her she can go to home visits with us from the beginning, then she can go on her own, but we would have to put it in writing in order for this to work the way it should, maybe a resolution, but we will put this on the agenda for our next meeting. The Land Use Permits are vital information because the agreement is with BIA and the Farmers, nowhere on the permit is the Navajo Nation or the Farm Board mentioned. We just need to present the four question we had decided to ask the farmers, which was 1-do they have a Land Use Permit, 2-do they have that permit with them, 3-do they have a conservation plan for the permit, 4-their mailing address.

Motion to approve the report by: Marquel

Second by: Yolinda Staley

Vote: 4 – 0 - 1

- 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

We don't know if the farmers are participating and how many are participating in the revitalization program. We went to Twin Arrows for training for three days. The training was basicly about each department and what they do, so it was not really beneficial to Lorena. If you were new to the Nation then it was beneficial. Department of Agriculture budgeted to have the Farm Board go to two training of their choice for the year, so some

of us went to IAC in Las Vegas, NV and Organic Farming in Albuquerque, NM and DNR Summit. Some Farm Board members have not attended any training yet. There will be an Agriculture Expo during the Fourth of July in Window Rock, some Farm board are attending that. We received an email from Roxie which was the agenda for the Ag Expo, I think they want the Grazing and the Farm Board to attend that.

Lorena updated everyone that Department of Agriculture ask for funding for the Farm Board and Grazing every year for stipend, training, mileage etc., and when the Farm Board members and grazing don't go to meetings and what is required of them, then the money is reverted back and that is when it becomes a problem. When the Department ask for funding again, the council will say you did not use all the money allocated for you so why are you asking again. We never had an issue with one of our members not showing for meetings before, until now so this is an issue for us.

- 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. There are training for Farmers that want to participate in the revitalization program that the Water Users and Land Grant Office are working with. They have trainings, such as soil testing, conservation plans, how to plan certain crops and other things that you can participate in. There is a schedule at the Water Users office.

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1. Mae Chee/Bennie Chee

No one showed so we will put this on the agenda at our next meeting again. Lucinda will call Bennie Chee and Lorena will contact Elizabeth to get a message to Mae Chee.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Report

No one showed, but we put this on our agenda at each meeting. This shows that the working relationship is not there.

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports

Lorena gave a report already. She will do a power point to the Chapter.

- B. Announcements

1. Planning Meeting. 7/1/19 @ 1:00
2. Permittee Meeting 7/23/19 @2:00

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items

1. Same as usual

2. Mae Chee/Bennie Chee
3. Marquel to help with LUP
4. Tri-Party Agreement

B. Next Meeting

July 14, 2019 and July 28, 2019 both at 1:00 pm

All in favor

Adjourned – 4:00 pm