

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Sunday July 22, 2018 @10:00 AM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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Tsaille/Wheatfields
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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 of June 3, and July 1, 2018

II. OLD BUSINESS

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

1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Status Update
- B. Fencing

- 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. AIF Proposal

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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Financial Report
- B.

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports
- B. Announcements

V. CONCLUSION

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

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Tuesday August 14, 2018 @1:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Joint Meeting-Nelson James
- B. Technical Assistance-FB/BIA

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

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Sunday July 22, 2018 @10:00 AM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
Meeting call to order by Lorena at 10:30 am
- B. Invocation
Invocation was given by Lucinda
- C. Roll Call
Farm Board: Lorena, Emerson and Lucinda Present
WUA: Ophelia, Anelda, Dorthene, Amelda and Weston absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
None all local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda read by Lucinda. Motion by Lucinda to accept as is, second by Evelyn Litzin
Votes: 2 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of June 3, and July 1, 2018
Motion to defer to the next meeting by Evelyn Litzin, second by Lucinda
Votes: 2 – 0 - 1

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1. Crop Inventory

Crop Inventory was discussed and Lorena explain what the crop inventory was and that all farmers whether they grew anything or not, they still need to submit the crop inventory. Lorena turned in the Quarterly Reports including the crop inventory. In the 3rd Quarter only 3 Farm Board had submitted their Form 2 and the Quarterly Reports. That was Ganado, Tsaille/Wheatfields, San Juan and Rock Point. At the last meeting Fred Jumbo gave a report from the WUA side as to who's field has been planted, but in Lower Wheatfields there are a lot of farmland that have the wrong names, and in Upper Wheatfields it is the same wrong names and Tsaille is the same, but the numbers from Lower Wheatfields is 25, Upper Wheatfields 12 and Tsaille 9. There are the numbers used in the Quarterly Report that was submitted for our Farm Board. We did pretty good for the first and second quarter and now same with the 3rd quarter. There was zero on the ALUP, the only one that still has not been completed is Sadie Neztosie and Rafalita Benally, they have not turn in the completed application yet. Emerson gave a report that

increased the numbers of farms that have been planted. The quarterly report will be corrected according to this report. Emerson will be giving out crop inventory forms to the farmers since he is in contact with most of them then turn the forms back in at the next Farm Board meeting.

Motion to accept the report by Emerson Chee, second by: Ambrose Chee

Votes: 4 – 0 – 1

- 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 Status Update

Emerson Chee gave the report on the Wheatfields Agriculture Projects. He reported that the planted hay grazer for Sarah Descheene in Lower Wheatfields and Art Allen in Tsaile on July 20, 2018. For Upper Wheatfields they planted for Jim Ben which is the end field where David Tsosie's field is, then they opened the gates for Loren Davis and Ben Curley's fields. They also planted Taylor Allen's field. Water User Association worked with an individual from Water Quality from EPA that collected the names. For Tsaile they irrigated T-11, T-5, Samuel Yazzie, Freddie Yazzie, Fred Benally, Art Allen. The Farmers need to come in to update the names on the farmland. If it has been given to someone else, then the Farm Board needs to know. They also turned off the water about two weeks ago, there is a little bit of rain. WUA has been concentrating on Tsaile and Upper Wheatfields.

There is a reporter that came in to take a tour of the farmland in our area and he will be doing a study of the area, what the problems are positive and negative issues. He interviewed the Farm Board as the meeting was going. He had a lot of questions, but we had to keep going on our meeting. He will be going on a tour with Lorena and Lucinda after the meeting.

Motion to accept the report by: Emerson Chee and second by Ambrose Chee

Votes: 4 – 0 - 1

B. Fencing

- 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

Training is still on going as far as the WUA schedule. They still have their training going.

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

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1. AIF Proposal

Our Grant Writer is not here to give us an update on the proposal she submitted. From our understanding Department of Agriculture were going to put a review team together to review all the proposals that are submitted. As far as we know the Expenditure Plan and the Fund Management Plan has not been put together yet, so there is no business unit number assigned to the funds yet. We will let everyone know once we get more information on this topic.

Motion to accept the report by Evelyn Litzin and second by Ambrose Chee

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1. Lucinda is to write to Dorthea Litson to bring all the Land Use Permits back to the Farm Board since she is no longer on the Board or the Water Users and cc Herb Jones with BIA.

Motion by Ambrose Chee and second by Emerson Chee

Votes: 4 – 0 - 1

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Financial Report

No one came to do the report from WUA

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports -None

B. Announcements-None

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as the ones we have to put on the agenda

C. Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be August 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm

D. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ambrose Chee, second by Emerson Chee

All in favor

Adjourned at 12:33 pm

