

TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER
Regular Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 20, 2017
1:00 PM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:58 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Led by Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:
Motion) Daniel Staley Second) Marjorie Johnson Vote: 17-0-9

Marjorie Johnson: Add action item – funds for Senior Council - \$50 for Senior Center.

***Action** Placed under New Expenditures.*

Judy Martin: Question on Item #9 Action Item. Two different action items, recommending to split Action Item #9, separate action items.

***Action** Action Item #9 separated to Action Items #9 and #10.*

Winnie Henry: Commented on Action Item #10, Ambulatory Services for the Canyon De Chelly area – separate (resident of the canyon need to sit-down, where the residents in and around the canyon area need to meet and discuss future plans).

Dorthea Litson: Explanation of Action Item #9 for highway restriping and mowing.

- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Tsaille-Wheatfields-Black Regular Meeting Minutes 07/16/17
Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Winnie Henry Vote: 25-0-5

- F. Announcements:
8/24/17 – Public Hearing NDOT/TTIP @ 10 am @ Chinle Chapter
9/06/17 – CLUPc Work-Session @ 9 am, TWB Chapter
9/12/17 - Veterans Meeting @ 5 pm

- Update on Community Forestland Input on Integrated Resource Management Plan

Adella Begay: Presented Community Forestland Input on Integrated Resource Management. No dates have been forwarded for community to plan for participation.

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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

- Addie Billie (Financial Assistance \$50)

Motion) Annette Blackhorse Second) Judy Martin Vote: 26-0-4

****Approved****

B. New Expenditures:

- CLUPc Work-Session, ICIP September 6, 2017 - \$200.00, @ 9 am to 5 pm

Motion) Annette Blackhorse Second) Judy Martin Vote: 26-0-4

Marjorie Johnson: Presented request for funds to support Chapter ICIP work-session.

****Approved****

- Tsaille Senior Center, Mini-Health Fair, September 22, 2017 - \$50.00

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Max Benally Vote: 29-0-4

Max Benally: Presented request for funds to support Tsaille Senior Center Mini-Health Fair.

****Approved****

C. Action Items:

1. Accepting and Approving the Tsaille-Wheatfields-Blackrock Chapter CLUPc hereby accepts the appointment of Charles Chee as the newly elected Grazing Official for the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapters to serve on the Tsaille/Wheatfields CLUPc.

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Max Benally Vote: 25-0-7

CLUPc President Davis: Presented Action Item #1.

****Action** Chapter Resolution approved.**

2. Accepting and Approving the Tsaille-Wheatfields-Blackrock Chapter CLUPc forwards the Letter of Interest from Thomacita White and recommends Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter to approve her appointment to the Tsaille/Wheatfields CLUPc to fill a current vacancy.

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Max Benally Vote: 28-0-5

CLUPc President Davis: Presented Action Item #2.

Thomacita White: Introduction and presented interest for CLUPc membership.

****Action** Chapter Resolution approved.**

3. Accepting and Approving Tsaille-Wheatfields-Blackrock Chapter payroll (stipends and payrolls) consistent with Navajo Nation pay periods and pay-outs.

Motion) Dortha Litson Second) Annette Blackhorse Vote: 27-0-6

Sec./Tres. Nata'ani: Presented for community approval of Chapter payroll (stipends and payrolls – chapter employment) to be consistent with Navajo Nation pay periods and pay-outs.

Previous Navajo Nation DCD – ASC directive for chapters to release payroll transactions to Wells Fargo Bank; per Navajo Nation Department of Justice, directive was considered invalid – return chapter payroll to the chapter administrations.

Request is to streamline the payroll process.

Adella Begay: Strongly recommends that the Navajo people and governments divest all assets from Wells Fargo Bank; as WFB is financing destructive activities on Indigenous Nations across the U.S.

Approved

Approved Directive: Marjorie Johnson recommends directive to our Delegate to draft a legislation and introduce the legislation to the Navajo Nation Council to divest all Navajo Nation assets from Wells Fargo.

Arrival of President James, 2:58 pm

4. Accepting and Approving Tsaille-Wheatfields-Blackrock Chapter budget transfer of \$10K from Fund 23-6602 to 23-6101 (Temp. Employment) for Electrician and Horse Round-Up Project 2017.

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Janet Benally Vote: 27-0-7

President James: Explanation of transparent budget transfer of funds to support community projects. Temporary employment to hire Electrician to complete the Scattered-Powerline Project before the end of Fiscal Year 2017. Temporary employment of riders for Horse Round-Up Project 2017.

Approved

5. Accepting and Approving Grazing Committee Member to Implement an Indefinite Livestock Round-Up.

Motion) Sterling Kedelty

Second) Daniel Staley

Vote: 25-0-5

Grazing Official Chee: Reading and explanation of Grazing Official duties and anticipated projects

Winnie Henry: Concern for the abuse of livestock by their owners. Recommending a punitive punishment for abusive livestock owners to receive a ticket and fine.

Judy Martin: Currently experiencing feral livestock encroaching on her home.

Grazing Official Chee: Explanation of the current laws and rules regarding current

Benny Litson: Who owns the unbranded livestock? NN owns all unbranded livestock. NN should place more funding towards the livestock round-up.

All citizens should be able to participate in all meetings of the Navajo Nation.

Grazing Official Chee: Response to B. Litson – was against the exclusive meeting of grazing officials, pushing-out community members.

Daniel Staley: Comment on grazing officials, fulfilling their duties and roles, much needed resource.

Grazing Official Chee: Initiated a round-table discussion, every month.

President James: Expounding on Navajo Nation government.

Frank Kedelty: Suggestion on Navajo Nation government – sign-in sheets for attending meetings; to ensure that all individuals are at their assignments.

****Action** Chapter Resolution approved.**

6. Accepting and Approving CLUPc Resolution - \$10,110 for Archaeological Clearance for Cemetery Access Road.

Motion) Ernie Yazzie

Second) Daniel Staley

Vote: 27-1-7

CLUPc President Davis: Explanation of Cemetery Access Road Resolution.

President James: The resolution will include the specification as defined during planning meeting: “up to” amount.

****Action** Chapter Resolution approved.**

7. ALTCS request for office location.

Motion)

Second)

Vote:

President James: before a motion is made – their preference is for Diné College, AZ.

*****deferred to next month's meeting.*****

8. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports July 2017

Motion) Dortha Litson

Second) Frank Kedelty

Vote: 23-0-1

Sec./Tres. Nata'ani: Presented and read Financial Reports July 2017.

*** Approved ***

9. Accepting and Approving Highway Re-Stripping of highways for N12, N64.

Motion) Adella Begay

Second) Bruce Chee

Vote: 25-0-4

President James: Explanation of Highway Restriping of paint for N12 and N64.

Delegate BeGaye: \$3 million is available for the services, as handled by the NN Council, restriping and chip-sealing.

Action Chapter Resolution approved.

10. Requesting ambulatory services for the Tsaiile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Chapter areas, to include 24/7 ambulatory services for the chapter area.

Motion) Daniel Staley

Second) Adella Begay

Vote: 26-0-5

President James: Ambulatory services are not available at the Tsaiile Health Care Center.

Judy Martin: Asking for resolution to include - request for an individual to come explain – Crystal Lee, from THC to be on the September Planning agenda.

Action Chapter Resolution approved.

11. Senior Center Addressing Problems and Concerns

Motion) Daniel Staley

Second) Judy Martin

Vote:

Max Benally: Introduction.

Senior Center: Running low on food, breakfast items or lunch items. Met on Thursday, 8/17/17, Pro-Temp President Max Benally – SC Advisory Committee inquired on what is the true source of our affliction.

At the initial start of the program, disbursed funds were approximately \$3k per month, to-date, funds have dwindled to \$1k per month.

Judy Martin: I reside in the Wheatfields area during the summer; questions “processes” for Senior Center.

SC Admin staff is asking the SCAC to create resolutions; believes the SC Admin Staff should be proactive in advocating for the SC, on matters of creating resolutions.

Requesting support from chapter officials and council delegate to increase efforts and funds for SC.

President James: Chinle Agency Council – NAAA discussion topic.

Action: Coordinate and schedule a meeting with Social Services Division to discuss the concerns with Navajo nation

Delegate BeGaye: Budget Cuts – are low, building assessment, questions on Central Government leadership.

UPDATE: Meeting with NNOP and NNOVP – President James will be coordinating.

*******Lost Quorum 5:31 pm*******

III. REPORTS:

- Farm Board Water/Users Report.

Dorthea Litson: FB/WUA \$5 million is received, and \$1.7 million is in the bank on July 14, 2017 – Water Users Account;

August 25, 2017, is the deadline for the application. Information has been uploaded to the website.

FB/WUA is not out to take land from people.

6 Criteria Categories for farmers to participate.

- Chinle Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. Board Member selection
Send your request to Rex Lee Jim, Board President; deadline August 25, 2017

- NAU Conservation Student September 24, 2017, time is unknown.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: September 4, 2017, @ 9 am

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: Motion)

Second)

Vote:

Adjournment at ____

*****Meeting fully ended at 6:15pm**