

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Sunday August 25, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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 – 8/14/19

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II. OLD BUSINESS

NNFB 2017 goals - Below are the Program Performance Criteria (PPC and Goal Statements for all Farm Boards) The Farm Board elected officials will be assigned 1 or 2 PPC, see below.

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1. Crop Inventory

- 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 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.

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, each FB will implement 1 improvement per quarter according to conservation plan.

1. Agreement with Marquel Begay

- E. Each FB member shell inventory at least 3 ALUP/Farm Permit within respective FB area.
Goal Statement: With BIA and Farmer participation, reconcile and inventory as to the status of each ALUP or Farm Permit. (3ALUP x each 13 FB member)

- 1. Lucinda Chee
- 2.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA
- B. Forms

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

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
Meeting was called to order at 1:27 pm by the President.
- B. Invocation:
Lucinda Davis
- C. Roll Call
Lorena Eldridge, Lucinda Davis – present, - Emerson Chee-Late
Water Users Association – All Absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda read by Lucinda Davis
Motion to accept the agenda as is by: Daniel Staley
Second by: Winnie Shirley
Votes: 4-0-5
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes
Minute Request to defer to the next meeting
Motion to accept the minutes as read by: Daniel Staley
Second by: Winnie Shirley
Votes: 8-0-2

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1. Crop Inventory

Lorena did not send any crop inventory forms to the Chapter, but she will bring some on Tuesday. Crop inventory is one of the forms that is required for a permit. We as Farm Board have to submit these forms every quarter although we are only required to submit twice a year, we continue to collect these forms throughout the year.
This will just be a report.

- 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

Emerson usually give this report but he has not come in yet, we don't have a report. Emerson gives us a report since we do not get reports from the Water Users. Irrigation is a problem. Lorena asked for water in June, but did not get water until August. The water was going into the pipes at the dam, but nothing at Lorena's and did not know who was using. The irrigation schedule was better last year. This will be part of the next report. We should meter each farmer; I think that will give us a report as to how much water each farmer is using. We would also like to have a copy of the irrigation schedule. Aaron is using the water again, he cut his hay and now irrigating again while everyone else is just waiting. Sadie is also irrigating.

- 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

8/27/2019 is the Permittee Meeting at 2:00 pm, this is training for the Farmers and Ranchers. We asked Fish and Wildlife to be here, but they are part of the Fair so they might not be here. This is part of our budget to give training each month, but we don't know what our budget looks like for next year. We are not in compliance because our Vice President has been missing a lot of meetings.

Dine College usually puts on training for the Farmers also, and this is with the Water Users. Daniel Staley also brought up irrigation in Black Rock area. There are farms there but no water. Is it possible to bring water from Tsaile Lake to Blackrock. Lorena just said there are all kinds of possibilities. The whole purpose of this funding we got was to revitalize all the farm land and plant on them for two years, then we can ask for funding to repair and upgrade the irrigation system for Upper and Tsaile areas, but there is only 20 to 30 percent production. Dryland farms are part of the grazing, which is Blackrock.

The Farm Board only take care of the Upper, Lower and Tsaile.

- 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. Agreement with Marquel Begay

Marquel wanted to help the Farm Board with the Farm Plots in all three areas, and she said she finished Lower and part of Upper Wheatfields and nothing in Tsaile, but we have not seen a report yet. She is working with U of A and working on the Water Shed in

Whiskey Creek, Wheatfields and Tsaille Creek. We will not be putting her on the Agenda again, if she really wanted to go forward with this she should have been here.

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

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1. Lucinda Chee

The paperwork has been completed and the secretary will be doing a cover letter and forward to BIA. It will be submitted to Ben Begay.

2. Jessie Tsosie

She got a copy of her permit, but she still needs to go to Chinle to get a stamped copy from BIA. Her children want to put the permit in their name, which is Larry Tsosie and Elvira Tsosie. Lorena explained that there is Grazing, the Farm Board and the Chapter and they all have different duties. Jessie was not sure which to go to so Lorena had to explain. Right now, any transfers that have been submitted, Fish and Wildlife is the hold up. There is Permittee Meeting in September where we will have more information on this. There is also talk about the General Leasing Act, RDC and Land Department met on this in Albuquerque.

Lula Kenny also found her permit, now they will be waiting for re-survey since part of it has housing on it.

Motion to accept all the reports from B to E by: Daniel Staley

Second by: Winnie Shirley

Vote: 14 – 0 - 4

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Report

No one showed, but we put this on our agenda at each meeting.

B. Forms

This will be moved to the next meeting

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

None

B. Announcements

1. 8/27 – Permittee Meeting at 2:00

2. 9/2 – Chapter Planning Meeting at 1:00

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

1. Same as usual

2. Forms

3.

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C. Next Meeting
9/15/19 @1:00
9/29/19 @1:00

Motion to adjourn
Motion by: Evelyn Litzin
Second by: Winnie Shirley
All in Favor
Adjourned at 5:00