

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Thursday August 30, 2018 @4:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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Tsaille/Wheatfields
Chapter

BY: 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 of July 22, 2018 and August 14, 2018

II. OLD BUSINESS

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Goal Statement: Each FB will submit at least 3 respective crop inventory reports quarterly in table format (3 CIR x 13 FBs).

- 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 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

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.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Financial Report

B.

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports –Joint Farm Board Meeting

B. Announcements

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

B. Next Meeting

C. Adjournment

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MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
Open at 4:27
- B. Invocation
Charles Chee
- C. Roll Call
Lorena, Lucinda Present, Emerson Absent
WUA all absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Lucinda read the agenda
Motion: Teresa Chee as is
Charles Chee second
Votes: 4 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of July 22, 2018 and August 14, 2018
Motion to accept minutes from July 22, 2018 and defer the minutes for August 14, 2018 to the next meeting by Charles Chee.
Second by Alden Begay
Vote: 4 – 0 - 1

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- 1. Crop Inventory

We need all the crop inventory turned in by the end of September 23, 2018 so we can turn that in for the 4th Quarter Report. Everyone needs to fill out the crop inventory forms, whether they grew anything or not. You can put zero on the form as long as you submit one. This will just be 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

A. Project Status Update

On August 16, 2018 Lorena got a call on the invoices from Vangie Curley-Thomas, DNR and requesting for her to come to the meeting on the drawdown invoices and the modification, but she was not able to attend. She still got the information later that the WUA asked for 80,000.00 modification, but it was not feasible to do the modification. The problem with the invoice for the next drawdown is the performance report, they need to use the first draw performance report format, that way it will be consistent. Alvin Johnson was given all the information as to what he needs to do in order to get the next drawdown. This is the project status report. Meanwhile the over expenditure is just getting larger and they need to do corrections on that.

B. Fencing

The fencing project needs to finish. In the area of Kee Chee, Emerson Chee, the Benally and Danny John's fence needs to have a discussion, they were told to be at the meeting, but no one came in again. We will most likely move this to the next meeting. A letter still needs to be sent to Nelson James the illegal 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

The training that the Water Users put on, we are not informed so we don't know much there. All we really know is that the WUA has conservation training the second Sunday of each month.

Motion to accept B & C: Charles Chee

Second: Teresa Chee

Vote: 4 – 0 - 1

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. AIF Proposal

Monday we had a joint Farm Board meeting, Ferdinand Notah gave a report and the Fund Management has been done, Expenditure Plan has been done. Review team will be evaluating the proposals. Windmills and Earth & Dams will be handle by Water Resources. Charles said from the Agency Grazing they passed a proposal back in June, 2018. They have not heard from them yet. The list we got that has the Department of Water Resources has to be service does not have anything for Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock on there.

Charles said he explained that the AIF only works when there is no rain or snow. He also talked about the organization of the WUA. It is going fall over if the same group is in

there. Who is the check writer and approver? There is something that says there was another vehicle purchased.

Motion to accept the report by: Alden Begay

Second by Teresa Chee

Vote: 3 – 0 – 1

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. None

The Farm Board talked about doing inventory of the farmland, this was discussed at the Joint Farm Board meeting. At our side we are not working on cancelation, but working with the farmers to revitalize the land. We have 33 ALUP in Lower Wheatfields, there is 53 for Upper Wheatfields, and Tsaile we have 42 ALUP. We don't cover dryland that is under the grazing. Alden Begay said he is part of Upper Wheatfields and would like to start working on the field. He wants to know how long it would take to do the inventory. In Lower Wheatfields the average is 16 to 21 acres and there is one that is 2 acres. We have to find out who the farmers are for each farmland, this is what we are referring to as inventory. We need to find out which are probate and if you give the land to someone then you have to have a conservation plan. It took Lorena 3 years to get all the farmers to each land in lower Wheatfields. Lorena and Lucinda will be starting the inventory for Upper Wheatfields on September 2, 2018 at 8:00

Motion to accept the report and to have Lorena and Lucinda start the inventory:

Motion by: Teresa Chee

Second: Alden Begay

Vote: 3 – 0 – 1

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Financial Report

No one showed

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports –Joint Farm Board Meeting

Lorena gave a report on the Climate Change that took place in Flagstaff, AZ. She was supposed to go but she did not go. There was a working copies that was given to her. She will pass out copies at the next meeting.

Lucinda – Discussed the Joint Farm Board meeting. The Joint Farm Board wanted to come up with a plan or process to cancel ALUPs, and this would be put in as part of the Plan of Operation for the Farm Board, and the budget modification will also be part of the revised Plan of Operation. There will be another group meeting on the revising the Plan of Operation on September 10, 2018 in Window Rock. Again, like we said we from Tsaile/Wheatfields would like to work with the Farmers before going to cancellation.

Motion to accept the report: Teresa Chee

Second: Alden Begay

Votes: 3 – 0 - 1

B. Announcements

Chapter Planning meeting on September 3, 2018

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before, but Inventory would be added.

C. Next Meeting

September 23, 2018 at 10:00 am

D. Adjournment

Motion: Teresa Chee

Second: Alden Begay

All in favor. Adjourned at 5:48 pm