

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes October 1, 2015 at 1:00pm

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review and Accept Agenda
- e. Announcements:
 1. Oct. 5, 2015 @ 10 am; District Grazing Committee Mtg. @ Lukachukai Chapter
 2. Oct. 7, 2015 @ 9 am; N12 Stakeholders Mtg. @ NDOT, Tse Bonito
 3. Oct. 8, 2015 @ 10 am; Flu Clinic @ Wheatfields Chapter
 4. Oct. 10, 2015 @ 9 am; Chinle Agency Council Mtg. @ Blue Gap Chapter
 5. Oct. 11, 2015 @ 10 am; CLUPC Mtg. @ Wheatfields Chapter
 6. Oct. 13, 2015 @ 5 pm; Veterans Organization Mtg. @ Wheatfields Chapter
 7. Oct. 14, 2015 @ 10 am; Strategic Work Session w/ Chuska Regional Council Mtg. @ Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS: All Business items are discussed and forward to the next Regular Chapter meeting for final approval by chapter membership quorum:

A. Resolution:

1. Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Tract Master Plan
2. Requesting BIA, NDOT and NN RDC to implement our recommendation.
3. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension in the amount of \$1,027,950.95 for twenty-one (21) homes.
4. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Tsaile Scattered Powerline Extension in the amount of \$233,300.16 for eleven (11) homes.
5. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Fencing of 7.69 Acres of Tsaile Development in the amount of \$200,000.00.
6. Farm Board requests.....

II. REPORTS:

1. Kathy Johns – Tsaile Senior Center Concern
2. Community Health Representative
3. Health Representative
4. IEP/Parent Rep.
5. Grazing Committee
6. Farm Board
7. CLUPC
8. Chapter Officials
9. Community Service Coordinator
10. Council Delegate

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2015

- I. Order of Business
 - a. Call meeting to order – 1:29 pm
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance – David Kedelty
 - c. Invocation – Sam Yazzie
 - d. Review/Accept Agenda
 - i. Motion by
 - e. Announcements
- II. Business Action Items
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. Tsaille Senior Citizen Center Concerns –
 - 1. **Motion by Devon Begay and 2nd by Lucinda Davis / 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstained**
 - a. Sam Yazzie – concerned that the number of elder utilizing the facility has seriously decreased. Would like to know the reason, is it due to budget constraints, what was the result of budget allocations?
 - i. I eat there only, I am thankful for the meals. Previously during the local senior council raised funds. Some issues have been brought up by home delivery, maybe we can get a report from Jackie Burbank. I hear the vehicle does not run to Wheatfields area, maybe it is because there is no driver. We had put that in the Council Delegates hands, we have not heard back from him as well.
 - b. Paula Begay – read a letter from Kathy Johns into record. Letter is on file with the chapter.
 - c. Lucinda Davis – Are there procedures for home delivery? My cheii says he cannot attend due to his illness. I once sent my son to pick up a meal for me but was told “your father walks so he needs to come pick up his food himself”.
 - d. David Kedelty – I use to eat there, no I don’t go there to often. My brother Stephen is very ill, my mom also is limited by transportation. I cannot take her, due to my workload. Before they were assisted with home delivery but the person that made the delivery, dropped off the food at Stephens house and they were asked to drop off food for the mother as well. That happened maybe twice and never seen that person again. If Darlene goes there, she picks up for Stephen. Stephen’s son usually goes to pick up his fathers food but not grandmothers. There are other residents that are not served or visited. This is probably why less people are utilizing the facility, lack of home delivery. Maybe we don’t have funds for the vehicle, the driver or other things. I am not sure, but there is a reason behind this. That is why I am bringing up these issues.
 - e. Rita Bahe – if I have time I go there, sometimes they cook really good, it is a clean place. I always say thank you and sometime I wash my clothes there. We should know our procedures. My

brother Kee and his wife sit here in Wheatfields and sometimes don't eat until the late afternoon.

- f. Devon – I cook for aunt Marie Begay, I take it home for her. The probably with alzhemiers they get very uncomfortable if they are not in comfortable surrounding. I have not seen it first hand, other people talk about different things like misuse of washing machine, or I am rushed out of there. I was there at another time but it seemed like a lot of the elderly were getting yelled at for voicing their concerns. A lot of elderly need home delivery, I understand the budget issues but the director should be seeking alternative source of funding. If I have time, I will drive someone there. It would be nice for all of our elderly there, in the beginning there was a lot of sewing, I've been to chinle and noticed different projects that happen. Maybe it is because it is a larger chapter, I don't know.
- g. Sarah James – I too am concerned, from the onset, we use to have a lot of people. We shared kinship, people were use to each other. We went almost everyday, we got busy and decreased our visit. There seems to be a lot of tension, there is a lot of gossip, that seems to be overtaking the facility. My husband, Max and I were on Senior Council, there was no issues at the time, no group of people forming groups. The gossip is detrimental to the success of the program. I many times tried to ask for food for my mom, she is along up there. I took food for her, she was boiling beans. I was told that, only if CHR issues a statement, then we will feed her. Large gatherings are when I pick up a plate for her, my mom is like that, she is old and does not have a vehicle. The other day I was there, I was the 5th person there and it is true, lack of people there. We often get people from other communities who go there just to eat and leave. There is no coordination.
- h. Max Benally – I look around and I see the people that are voicing their main concerns are not here. Like my mom, she is not here, she only submitted a letter. I often say that people from NAAA should be there at the center. You officials too should visit the facility, now that is not happening. Leaders from the community, maybe they should be there as well, leaders from Window Rock.
- i. Minnie Tsosie – Thank you for giving me this opportunity, officials and council delegates and community members. I don't know if I can cover everything in detail. I want you to understand that you need to look at your own household. You all have different needs within your home, the same at the senior center. Elderly are all different, they thing differently. All these complaints are from people that don't utilize the facility. I will get to the negative issues at the end. We were closed on September 9, we have no control over that, in the 3 compartment sink. We called it in right away, we were told that it would be in on Monday morning, they called us on Monday and were told that they would be able to fix it until Tuesday. Sanitation permit, Tsaille was not the only one, there were 5 other facilities. I called herman shorty and he advised me that they were busy with the fair. I went and paid for that my self.

- i. Home delivery – we had training session first week in June, the person has to be home bound and unable to cook for themselves. A lot of those are having providers, they are the ones doing them, it is in the their job description. Towards the end of the month, there is no food in the house. We have to be careful with food temperature. I went to couple of places, since there are a lot of pinons, the elder had oxygen on his mouth. Home delivery application now is 9 pages long. Even driving, if they can drive, it come out of Arizona Adult Administration. I commend those that come, they are very thankful. As far as laundry, we do not deny service to anyone unless they break the rules. There is a sign that identifies the rules, one person brought in muddy shoes and boots, I mentioned that she cannot wash those muddy boots. She stopped the washer in the middle of the cycle, she took her clothes and dragged her wet clothes down the hallway. As far as denying showers, I have no knowledge of any denials. What people are talking about are the hour and half that people are there. We are short staffed, I tell my staff that we have to do more. Many of you may have seen Facebook about our elderly walking. This morning I was hauling trash, that is one thing that we were cited for. Our monthly reports have a lot to say for us, those are based on sign in sheets. We do have elderly that appreciate our staff. Our enrollment is over 100 and its not everyday, the same ones don't show up everyday. Today we got 24 including home delivery. The first of the months are tough. Pinon season, a lot of people are out picking pinons. This last part, it is really disappointing, many of you are probably aware of this. We went through so much, that is why I put a stop to fund raising, due to many issues regarding the funds. To my knowledge, the last senior council, that is what my daughter is refereeing to. That was her first meeting she was at, I got fed up and many of us can only take so much. I told the senior council at that time that why does it take someone as young as this young lady to bring this up. I am only there to help the elders, they say they care about the elders but I don't think so. Because of my job, there is confidentiality, some of these people that come in here and complain, they are involved with elderly abuse. Me I appreciate my job, I do the best that I can and I cannot satisfy everyone. Some of these concerns, I guess you can take these concerns and turn them into positives. OEH, when Jim Davis came in we were a bit concerned in a comic way. We are already taking measures to address the citations, a lot due to us being short staffed. I told Mr. Burbank that I am not driving no more, hoping he realizes the situation. As of now, the budget included the your driver and it is across the street and the administrator told me as soon as its approved, then I will advertise the position. If you have concerns, tell us and we

will try to work with you. We welcome volunteers, as long as its not in the kitchen. Like Max he is only paid for 4 hours and the other he is volunteering. My concern is getting activities there, no one wants to get involved. Issues are I need to get my sheep in, I am babysitting, etc., it is difficult to get people there.

- ii. Exercise is good, we have presenters from Lukachukai that assist. Pearl and her crew we see on a daily basis. All I can tell you is there are a lot of negative stuff going on, we are even told that we are evil. That made it so difficult to interact with people. We know those people and what they are doing. People were meeting to get me out of my position, elders were coached to say certain things to me. Regardless, we are still there, me deep down, I always say I don't know many things. My parents did not raise me out here so I do not know those evil ways. Personally, I went through much emotional abuse from the elderly.
- iii. Questions – Sam Yazzie – my concern was from Home Delivery and since your restricted from the state. I use to wear a hair bun, to my understanding we are all evil in one way or another. That is why you do not judge people, but my vision is as long as there is communication it helps. I was a manager in Many Farms and use to travel to all the areas. We worked hard as a senior council, then we worked with the locals. They also tell us, although we are elderly, we still act as children. We still tend to forget but people do say that, when we get older we tend to become children again.
- iv. Questions – Pearl White – as a leader, I worked a lot of places in my life. you have respect for your leaders, as a leader I think it is best to be authoritative. I agree that there are a lot of problems at the senior center. Many of you probably see this, some of our own elderly are drinking.
- v. Questions – Zane James – I want to challenge the senior center to host an event within the next couple of months addressing some of the issues like gossip. The chapter will support and if need be, our delegate and others can assist with solicitation memos to gather funds.
- vi. Questions – Devon – Is it the state that sets the rules for home delivery? I know the pueblos went to the state, they put something in place to address their separate ruling. I am not sure if that is something that could be done here.
- vii. Max Benally – as I traveled many times, I asked medicine men, pastors, etc., what being evil meant? I was told that it doesn't exist.
- viii. Minnie Tsosie – I want to thank you all for encouraging me, I not only work with the elderly but I also have a staff of individuals. I want to thank our chapter president to encourage volunteer work, our dishwasher is even a huge task. All of these things in reference to regulations were put

in the Older Americans Act. Our new 9 page of eligibility, somewhere someone will not be eligible as well.

- ix. Nelson Begaye – As a leader you sometimes have to deal with all the gossip. Sometimes it comes from your own family. That is why I don't bother it, I just pray for that person. At our last meeting, someone came up to me and told me in my face. This elderly issue has long been debated. Home delivery has been brought up by my brother, we as delegates have a lot over the legislative issues. Just recently, Roselyn Curtis was put on leave at NAAA, was asked to step down for a bit. Mr. Burbank was also put on notice due to all the issues being brought up. Under the NAAA supervision they know these rules. Last month on the 23rd, I sit on HESC, we met at Dine' College and a lot of elderly there from our community. They were not on the agenda, I asked to put them on the agenda. Some were very vocal, some were very detailed about at this specific time of the Senior Center Director looking at me the wrong way. We asked them to put personal issues aside, we only heard from the complaints. We did not hear from the Senior Center staff or anyone from WR Central office. They asked for an audit of the facility. That is probably what my nephew is eluding to, when you come to the chapter to give report, that can give you your presentation on times you've reported to the chapter. We only ask for updates and the executive branch is usually the one that needs to look into the situation. We directed Ramona Antone Nez to address it.
- ii. Tsaile Wheatfields Chapter Tract Master Plan request
 - 1. Motion by Lucinda Davis and Nelson James
 - 2. Zane James – Chapter would like to master plan out the 10 acre withdrawal area.
 - 3. Vote passes by 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- iii. Requesting BIA, NDOT, and NN RDC to implement chapter recommendations of Navajo Route 12 Plan in Hand Reviews.
 - 1. Motion by Nelson Begaye, 2nd Nelson James
 - 2. Zane James
 - 3. Vote 13 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained.
- iv. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension in the amount of \$1,027,950.95 for 21 homes
- v. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Tsaile Scattered Powerline Extension in the amount of \$233,300.16 for eleven homes.
- vi. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the fencing of 7.69 acres of Tsaile Development in the amount of \$200,000.00
 - 1. Motion by Lucinda Davis and 2nd by Pearl White to gather all 3 requests of Gaming Revenue
 - 2. Paula Begay – we received word from Window Rock that there were public hearings held. The word is to have the gaming revenue be opened to chapters in the form of proposals. We received the packet of the policies

and opened to the 110 chapters. I think these projects from Horseshoe Canyon to the Dorthe Edison, we had a survey done from NTUA, just recently we did scattered projects and have cost estimates as well. We also have cost estimate for the Tsaille Developmental area, to have iron metal gate to eliminate the current fence around the senior center. All these projects have the necessary clearances, that is what we are asking for. Now we are piling up the paperwork for these projects. This proposal goes to the controllers office, they will rank them and allocate the funding. Budget and Finance will ask for the format from CIP office, some of these projects are under the Sii'haasin project, also at the CDBG projects. That is why we have it on the agenda, from the Capital Improvement and powerline and bathroom additions as well. At the chapter meeting we should have the full resolutions and additional information if need.

- a. Rita Bahe – say thank you for us when we get funding, I need help and my neighbors helped replace the roofing. Inside we took out the walls and others to renovate. All I need is man power, the electric portion as well.
3. Vote 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained.
4. Farm Board
 - a. Motion by Sarah James and Nelson James
 - b. Lucinda Davis – there are no rebars in the upper wheatfields area, where water is beginning to leak. Further on down as well, pipes below the ground seem to have buckled and need to be replaced. In the Tsaille area, we need the pipes to be replaced. From our local community, Stanley Kedelty indicated that he has a back hoe that he can rent and he visually inspected it, he submitted a fee as well. We receive \$3.00 an acre from the farmers, we only have \$2,000.00 from that, we would like the chapter to match the difference.
 - c. Department of Agriculture, they took 4% of our funding, so we are less that amount. We also are deficient on the mileage area. We use to get funding for that, along with supplies for materials such as ink and paper, although it was only \$20.00, also funding for planning meeting and chapter meeting, that has all been taken out. We asked why that was done, we were advised that no one submitted chapter resolutions, only one chapter resolution was received. From there they advised us that no council delegate wanted to support us, we indicated that our council delegate said he supports us, we just said I wonder if he was lying to us. So at our next chapter meeting, we may be asking for a chapter resolution. So Mr. Delegate, please check into that for us. In the spring, we are in danger of losing irrigation water in the spring time.
 - i. Rita Bahe – my feeling is that the water that comes out is very minimal, so if we can get the funding right away it would be good. Its dry now and then it can be finished early spring. In the spring a lot of water comes through.
 - ii. Zane James – Didn't we approve funding for this last month?
 1. Paula – it was based on weither it would be in the new FY or last FY.

2. Lucinda – indicated that the quote was for \$5252.00 and we will apply the \$2,000 left in water users budget.
- iii. Jeannette Begay – I support this initiative. I don't have a land permit but right next to my sisters land, I always say that
- iv. Ken Begay – for procurement purposes it should be good to get 2 more quotes.
- v. Nelson James – Stanley is going to provide the back hoe, will the farm board be renting a back hoe as well.
 1. Lucinda – initially we had stated that Emerson Chee would be the operator, but Stanley showed up at the site and indicated that he would had
- vi. Vote is 11 in Favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. David Kedelty abstained due to conflict of interest.

III. Report

- a. Kathy Johns, Tsaila Senior Center
- b. CHR – No show
- c. Health Representative – No show
- d. IEP/Parent Rep – No show
- e. Grazing Committee – No show
- f. Farm Board – already done
- g. CLUPC – None
- h. Chapter Officials – Zane James
 - i. Updated community on the status of RDC
- i. CSC – Paula Begay
 - i. We had a Chuska Regional Council meeting on Monday. They would like a strategic work session on October 14, 2015 where all 4 chapters would bring forth their priorities. Areas of discussion were chapter cemetery and others like roads. We would like to give our delegate that regional work session. As of yesterday we are closing out our year end reports. Many people are picking pinons, at 7:30 am this morning, people were picking pinons and I've asked for people pick up their trash. I faxed a document to KTNN to ask people to ask people to stop littering. Approaching winter, we need to get prepared, we are raised different, I was yelled at growing up. My grandfather wasn't nice, come to think of it. He use to get mad and ask me to prepare for things. Encourage our people to support the grandparents and get wood ready for them.
- j. Council Delegate – Nelson Begay
 - i. Russell Begay line item vetoed all of our carryover funds. The proposals submitted by the delegates were all vetoed. My sister just now mentioned Chuska Regional Council, they do not have a stipend, also the funds for proposals. Some of our delegates for LDA's, me the funds that were allocated, for me I asked to have the money to be equally distributed to my five chapters. A lot of delegates voted against it, they were afraid of their chapters asking for the same. Just keep that in mind for the next 12 months. That is my report, and the Chuska Regional and if they would really get organized and that would be good. I called Harrison Roy and he stated that he was on his way to Gallup and wasn't sure if there would be a quorum. There seems to be a big issue at Dine' College as well. When these officials here at the chapter, we had a blessing for the officials with a medicine man from Tohatchi, that seems to be missing from Dine' College. The planning of

the Navajo Nation seems to be a disconnect, so maybe for this community we could do one as well, have another ceremony. Yesterday we met with DOH as well and found out that \$400K was allocated for Tsaile WIC, we are trying to get to the bottom of this. We did get the notion from Division Director Ramona Nez that Tsaile WIC office will not be moved to Chinle.

1. Zane James –
2. Jeannet Begay – thank you for standing up for us yesterday, although it was personal matter. We have a meeting on October 13, 2015. We can't get to that document due to it being in his personal computer.
3. Nelson Begay – Where is your office Ms Begay?
 - a. Ms Begay – we are at the police substation.

IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- a. Monday, October 19, 2015 at 3:00 pm