

TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER

Planning Meeting Agenda

Monday- October 2, 2017 @ 9:00 AM

(Note: Agenda Subject to Change)

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Meeting Called to Order:

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

C. Invocation:

D. Review/Accept Agenda:

E. Review/Accept Minutes: Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Meeting Minutes 09/04/17

F. Announcements:

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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

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Action Items:

1. ALTCS request for office location.

2. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports September 2017

3. Accepting and Approving Chapter Housing Applications.

4. Accepting and Approving Chapter Scholarships.

III. REPORTS:

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Regula Chapter Meeting-October 15, 2017 @ 1pm

V. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn Adjournment at _____

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Motion) Marjorie Johnson 2) Elizabeth Litson Vote) 6-0-1

- *CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson:* Request to be placed on Reports for personal matter.
- *Grazing Official Charles Chee:* Request for panels and squeeze-shoot, placed under action items of the Agenda.

E. Review/Accept Minutes: Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Meeting Minutes 09/04/17

Motion) Devon Begay Second) Elizabeth Begay Vote: 4-0-1

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Request to defer Minutes.

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Motion) Elizabeth Becenti Second) Marjorie Johnson Vote: 6-0-1

President James: Explanation of historical issue since the beginning of July 2017.

Action-Directive: 1) Chapter will reach back out to ALTCS, 2)Kindly ask Paula to seek an assessment to bring the Apache buildings up to standards.

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Grazing Official Charles Chee: Double-Hogans do not have facilities, however, the neighboring building is fully outfitted with all amenities.

2. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports September 2017

Motion) Devon Begay Second) Elizabeth Becenti Vote: 6-0-1

****Forward to Regular chapter meeting****

3. Accepting and Approving Chapter Housing Applications.

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Elizabeth Becenti Vote: 6-0-3

President James: Is there a current count of received Chapter Housing Applications.

Vice President Begay: Current count is four Chapter Housing Applications received.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: The Chapter Housing Applications were on the last Chapter meeting agenda, and were approved. Why is the same item on the agenda?

Vice President Begay: The September 2017 Chapter Housing Applications were approved for Fiscal Year 2017. The current applications are awaiting approval for FY18.

President James: Explanation of FY 18, where the additional funds for Chapter Housing Applications are being allocated for the chapters. In our chapter, there is currently a chapter committee to approve housing applications, that was absent in the prior chapter administration. The FY 18 applications will be reviewed before the next chapter meeting.

4. Accepting and Approving Chapter Scholarships.

Motion) Elizabeth Begay Second) Marjorie Johnson Vote: 6-0-4

President James: Explanation of historical process, and chapter recipients.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: Are the presented applications different applicants?

Vice President Begay: Yes, different applicants.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: The September 2017 applicants that were

approved from the last meeting were for FY17/18? And there are safeguards in place to ensure the process?

Vice President Begay: Yes.

President James: It is a little discerning when the funds have not actually arrived, and the reconciliation process has not been completed, and the Navajo Nation President has not signed and approved the FY 18 budget. I am concerned about the process of the chapter to pre-authorize the funds before funds are received.

I believe the approved Chapter Scholarships at the September 2017 meeting need to be re-approved, as we potentially face another finding. Potentially, the housing application process might need to re-approved.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: Agrees with President James.

Grazing Official Charles Chee: I am deeply concerned that Minutes are accurately reflecting the meetings. I believe certain sections of the meetings are not accurately reflecting the statements made during the meetings. Those minutes count, and there should be assurances, where the community deserve accurate Minutes.

President James: I was quoted in the Navajo Times, the chapter minutes were inaccurate; however, once the community approves the minutes without challenge, the Minutes are official.

James Becenti: Who is in charge of posting the Minutes to the website?

President James: Chapter administration is responsible for posting to the website. I was misquoted on the Navajo Times, when asked by Cindy Yurth.

5. Request for financial assistance to purchase livestock equipment (panels and squeeze shoot).

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Sterling Kedelty Vote: 11-0-4

Grazing Official Charles Chee: Requesting for grazing panels to utilized during the horse round-up for my line of work and duties.

Squeeze-Shoot, for the same line-of-work, and livestock process.

President James: Several years ago, corrugated metals were bought, are those items available.

Grazing Official Charles Chee: I bought several items out of our chapter coffers. Chapter bought livestock medical supplies, at the first round.

Agriculture Department set a \$200 mileage reimbursement, and the costs of my duties were slightly defrayed. Currently, there are cuts in budgets, considering a cut on the \$200 mileage reimbursement. PAF was set for the Grazing Official, proposing that our duties become an 8 am to 5 pm, work schedule.

I inquired on the status of the proposed Agriculture Department budget for full-time employment. We are asking for equitable remuneration to sustain our work-efforts.

Marjorie Johnson: Conflict of law - how the Grazing Official is able to go on Travel Funds, expected to fully comply as an employee but does not receive all the support and benefits of an employee. It is not fair, and the duties are very complex, and require a great deal of support.

Will there be a resolution to give approve benefits and full pay status to the Grazing Officials, where the PAF should clearly delineate all benefits.

President James: Resources and Development Committee is the oversight for the Department of Agriculture, and the chapter is able to submit a resolution of support for the Grazing Official.

It might be in the best interest of the community to return the grazing brand activities to the community branding corral, for safety reasons, and care for livestock is a difficult endeavor.

There is a broken system within the processes of all Navajo divisions, departments, and agencies.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: Inquiry on whether the Grazing Officials has vehicle insurance?

President James: Not aware of an insurance requirement.

Grazing Official Charles Chee: There are no funds to support my duties.

Sterling Kedely: How many panels? Size? How many home requests for branding?

Grazing Official Charles Chee: Panel 10 to 12 feet – 20 panels; divider gate; etc.

Home branding request for September 2017 is about 26 requests. Visited many homes over the weekend to conduct tallies, through the inclement weather.

James Becenti: Recommending quality panels with justification, during the procurement process – three quotes.

CLUPc Secretary Marjorie Johnson: Is it possible to make this a sole-source?

President James: Recommends the use of three-quotes.

III. REPORTS:

Motion) Sara James Second) Sterling Kedelty Vote: 6-0-1

- Marjorie Johnson: Personal matter:

July 2017, went to ICIP training. My nephew, Aaron Johnson, passed away. I agreed to go, if it does not conflict with the funeral. I attended the ICIP training.

I had many responsibilities that arised out of many family matters that cannot be avoided. Family matters required my attention, as grandmother, and to protect my grandchildren from child protective services.

Therefore, I did not submit my trip report on time. My travel reimbursement was denied by Paula. I decided to appeal my claim to the principle of chapter funds being the people's money, and the community will decide.

The issue was brought to the September Planning Meeting 2017, and Vice President Begay readily had a policy available.

In the policies, there is reference for justification, that a late TA is allowable for further processing.

Shinali, there is seems to be difference in the policies being held by the Chapter Administration and the Chapter Officials

The policies are not acceptable, when there are two separate policies.

After the Chapter meeting, I thought I was treated very badly by the Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

I was told, "you should know better, you have an MBA," and that has nothing to do with it. The other one stated, "there are consequences, you will never go on travel again." I responded, "I won't go on travel."

Nowhere in the travel policies, they are interpreting the Navajo Nation policies in their own accordance.

This is not the first time, this past summer, they wouldn't approve getting money for the council to meet, that it was outside of the chapter function. We are all part of the chapter.

There was a need for a legal opinion, Section M, he was using Section M, so I asked for a legal opinion. I have not seen that.

I am very concerned about a pressing matter. At that the time, I talked about the division in the chapter administration. There is a conflict in among the officials, and I did mention it at the time.

As a chapter official, I do not think it is appropriate to communicate with the Navajo Times. Particularly, when the Auditor General has already completed their work. Shi'zhe'e went to the FBI, Arizona State Senator, on what occurred, what happened to our sovereignty immunity, it needs to be respected by all.

I think that there is much work to be done.

It was stated, "you don't have to be paid for everything I do," I come from Albuquerque for my CLUPc meeting," I am not asking to get paid for it.

I want to be on the record, and I hope they are in the Minutes. Some respect to the people who are working for the chapter. I don't get paid for it.

I hope for all to be uniform, be uniform, in all policies.

A definition, for employees, where Grazing Official Chee, along with the Farm Board.

I do not feel that it is right, that we are penalized.

I have not received anything.

There are no results, nothing is done about it. It was probably a hundred dollars. It's ok with me. The treatment that I received, the interpretation of the policies, and we are able to progress.

President James: When sitting in the public area? The results are different. As an official, the spoken language is restricted, where the public is allowed to frankly speak their mind.

Paula made her decision based on policies, and there another process that states a "chapter official or designated official" can accept for just cause, I spoke to CLUPc Secretary M. Johnson.

I was waiting for the justification letter, and a memo was written to DCD-ASC to assist in rendering a decision.

No formal response from agencies, only verbal conversations.

I spoke with Mr. Johnny Johnson, the letter was written to you, he responded, "I have too many things to worry about at the moment." He stated that the chapter should handle it, and that the chapter should take on the responsibility. I told him to put his stance and statements in writing. He stated that these administrative matters should be handled at the chapter. I continued to encourage him to put it all in writing.

We are approaching the end of the Fiscal Year 2017.

****Action**** Chapter president will shoot another letter to DCD-ASC.

The one thing, I respect, that Marjorie Johnson, continued to remain with her chapter duties.

Fundamental law is primary, takes precedence over everything, and all else is secondary, as stated by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

We need to be more careful, respectful, and mindful of our relationship to each other.

We pray at the start of every meeting.

Do we always live in accordance with our prayer.

James Becenti: Why is there a reason? IHS policy, the government operations, are policies to available.

President James: There is a process, a policy, asking for justification, and we will render a

decision.

Sterling Kedelty: Like to make a small comment: As chapter officials, you from the moment you raise your hand, and take office, you have to remain unbiased, personal feelings out of chapter business, backlash, hateful rhetoric, do not treat your elders disrespectfully, anyone older than yourself is an elder.

Vice President Begay: Introduction. To answer a few questions. When an individual has been in position for a tenured time. The policies are available. Our policies are consistent with every stakeholder.

I am sorry that you felt I disrespected you. I believe that professional associations and markers, such as an MBA publicly announces my adherence to a higher level of professional and personal conduct.

I apologize if I offended anyone. It is all part of the service, even if no compensation is made. Recordings are available.

I do suffer many unkind comment, even more so, I was physically assaulted and battered, I have police report, but I don't let that deter me. I continue to do my job, it is to protect the chapter and property.

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: The justification process was not denied. The matter is purely an administrative matter that does not lend itself to be decided in the chapter forum, clear laws and opinions have been given to provide direction.

I apologize that CLUPC Secretary M. Johnson felt disrespected.

We are progressing, within the law, to be accountable. I do not make these rules.

President James: We need to have a conversation with the administration, an individual should be advise of all avenues. We shall attempt to resolve the issue at hand.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Regular Chapter Meeting - October 15, 2017 @ 1 pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion to Adjourn) Marjorie Johnson Second) Sterling Kedelty. Vote) All say Yes
Adjournment at _10:30 am__**