

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING  
Sunday November 4, 2018 @2:00 PM  
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

Minutes

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1. 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 10/14/2018

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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**Goal Statement:** Each FB will submit at least 3 respective crop inventory reports quarterly in table format (3CIR 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

- 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. 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. Freddie Sarracino

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. None

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

1. WUA Financial Report

B. Announcements

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V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

C. Next Meeting

D. Adjournment

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order  
Meeting call to order at 2:43
- B. Invocation  
Lorena Eldridge
- C. Roll Call  
Lorena Eldridge, Emerson Chee, and Lucinda Davis all present  
Water Users Association all absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials  
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda  
Agenda read. Motion to approve: Emerson Chee, Second by Teresa Chee  
Votes: 3 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 10/21/2018  
Minutes read by Lucinda  
Motion to approve by: Emerson Chee, Second by: Teresa Chee  
Votes: 3 – 0 - 1

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1. Crop Inventory

We need to submit more inventory in December, 2018, that is the end of the first inventory. Some forms were given to WUA, but I don't know if they collected any inventory. The Farm Board will be working on collecting more inventory. Land Grant will be conducting an orientation for the new enrollments of farmers that want to join the next group, this is where Emerson said he can collect some crop inventory.

- B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

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1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Status Update

Emerson Chee reported on the project as to who the WUA had planted for and how many bales the farmers received.

Upper Wheatfields all together 302 bales were produced out of there. Out of all that 11 bales were claimed by WUA.

Lower Wheatfields - Out of 31 farms 323 bales were produced and 301 was alfalfa, out of that 101 bales were claimed by WUA. The bales were sold.

Tsaile – Out of 4 farms 99 bales produced and 135 out of oats produced. All together there was 234 bales produced and out of that 83 bales claimed by WUA.

Out of all the planting that took place all summer, the rodents had a lot to do with the loss of the produce that had been planted in all three fields and not enough water.

There is no more money left for the fencing materials to complete the fencing project.

- C. Provide training and assist farmers in updating or developing a conservation plan as required by BIA and the Navajo Nation.

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**1. Training**

Training schedule was handed out by Emerson Chee, so that will be an on-going item.

- 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 – No update on the AIF from anyone.**

Motion to add all A to D together and approve it.

Motion by Emerson Chee and second by Teresa Chee. Vote: 3 – 0 - 1

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**1. Freddie Sarracino – No show and this is a probate issue. This will be dropped from the agenda and we will wait for him to come in.**

Motion: Emerson Chee and second by Teresa Chee. Vote: 3 – 0 - 1

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No one from Water Users showed up to give a financial report. Audit is going on with the Water Users, we don't know if it is still going on. No report there.

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

1. Lorena – Training – we need to get more information on the training in Las Vegas. The last day to register is 11/19/18 and will be 375.00 but after that the price goes up. We need more information, check with Roxie.

B. Announcements

Chapter Planning on 11/5/18 at 10:00

Gathering for the late Ben Allen at 5:00 today so we have to be out of here by then.

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before, but add to plan a meeting with the Chapter, WUA, Auditor General and Farm Board.

C. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on November 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm

D. Adjournment

Adjourned at: 3.00 All in favor.