

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Council Delegate: Nelson S. Begaye

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting Minutes February 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order by Zane James, Chapter President at 1:29pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by the group
- c. Invocation provided by Margie Begay

- d. Review and Accept Agenda:
Motion by Frank Begay, second by David Tsosie
Votes: 19/00/004

- e. Review and Accept Minutes:
Motion by Dortehea Litson, second by Willis Becenti
December 19, 2015 – Regular Chapter Meeting
December 29, 2015 – Special Meeting
February 1, 2016 – Planning Meeting
Votes: 31/00/08

- f. Announcements:
 - Feb. 21, 2016 @ 1pm – CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - Mar. 7, 2016 @ 10am – District Grazing Meeting @ Round Rock Chapter
 - Mar. 8, 2016 @ 5pm – Veterans Organization Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - Mar. 13, 2016 @ 10am – CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - March 19, 2016; Annual Water Users Association Meeting
 - CSC announced the passing of the Late Peter Deswood, Jr. of Tsaile, AZ.
 - Senior Center started serving breakfast from 8-9:30am with lunch working on serving dinner.
 - Community Member: Utah Water Settlement was approved. Water starts here and goes down into Little Colorado River our rights for needs to be met. Need to inform the Delegates.

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

A. Expenditure Ratifications:

Motion by Max Benally to combine the ratifications, second by Willis Becenti

1. **\$50.00** - Monetary donation for Lynette Benally medical expenses
2. **\$50.00** - Monetary donation for Ashley James for employment interview travel expenses.
3. **\$1,148.96** Travel to Albuquerque, NM for School Construction National Review Board on Feb. 3, 2016. (Paula, Leanna, Nelson/Sarah)
CSC: Presented 78 schools submitted application with Lukachukai Community School presented to the board. 1930 is when the school was built. In support of the effort Chapter staff and 2 community members traveled for support.
Chapter President: Council Delegate and Office of the Vice President supported. There were 7 schools from Navajo that presented. Washington State School also presented.

Community Support need for the N12 construction that now has been shortened to Tsaile this will hinder the school construction.

Votes: 42/00/05

B. Requesting Expenditure:

1. **\$6,451.52** Travel to Sacaton, AZ for Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade on Feb. 19-21, 2016. (David T, Frank B, Andrick B, Roy A, Willis B, George J, Margie R, & Frank K)

Sponsor: Veterans Organization

Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Nelson James

- Presented by Willis Becenti will be traveling with the veterans and this year we might be with the Office of the President in the Parade. The Veterans Act has been approved.
- David Tsosie, Commander: the famous flag raising in Iwo Jima by the Pima Tribe. This has been their tradition of the flag raising and a parade. Work together very well with them. 75 years ago bombing was elaborated on.

Votes: 41/00/06 -the cost is an estimate with full total at the next meeting.

C. Resolution:

1. January 2016 Chapter Financial Report

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Sarah James

Presented the Detail Budget/Actual Transaction of the summary to actual with line item balance. Handout of the copy provided.

Question:

- Are there PEP workers on site now? Every time I call and question it I am told not.
- Yes, we have a couple of guys and the Office help.

Votes: 34/00/05

2. Supporting the Dine' College integrated HIV/Hepatitis (HCV) Substance abuse prevention project for the Navajo Nation. Sponsor: Darlene Hunt

Motion by Sarah James, second by David Tsosie

Presented by Mrs. Hunt requested continue support of the resolution for the work to continue.

Votes: 38/00/09

3. Accepting the Dine College Project Completion. (powerpoint presentation). **Sponsor: Darlene Hunt**

Motion by Max Benally, second by David Tsosie

Presentation: of HIV testing completed with data finding and lessons learned with education and awareness to continue. Need to keep good records with confidentiality. The need for funding to continue and grant applications. Less than 1% of native funds.

Votes: 44/00/04

4. Approving and accepting the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter to rescind current and prior Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock chapters approving and accepting gravel pit operations within the chapter; And the immediate cease and decess of any kind and all attempts to create a gravel pit near the Tse'zhin Bii'To area.

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Robin Jackson

Presented by Devon Begay on behalf of her brother. NDOT has informed that the Tse'zhin Bii'To is a second priority.

Questions:

- Where is the location
- Southside of Tse'zhin Bii'To to reopen the pit with no blasting.

- It was followed up with NDOT by the CSC and was informed that there has been no resolution to cease (email read).
- Update with NDOT in September 2015 put to agenda. She informed of process for gravel pit. She was send back to CLUPC with no approval by CLUPC. Yet there has been attentive of study that has been done. However there is a thought that Resources and Development is the oversight to NDOT.
- You need to think of the road mud condition and the hauling of the gravel is distance. You can allow another area or consider table for further view.
- The Chuska mountain posses good water. This pit will allow blasting.
- NDOT attended the CLUC and the presentation was the chapter to allow the study.
- The resolution title is confusing “immediately” is of a concern. This concerns the people that live nearby. Wish we could have gravel to all the homes in Blackrock. This is resolution need justification.
- CLUPC is informed that it was already allowed for study of area and in process. We were informed that we CLUPC was to be informed of the study. This has not been done yet. Water resources was informed to assess. We are in need of gravel even at this episode parking lot. Gravel is expensive.
- If you look at the Indian Wells gravel pit and it has damaged the highway and it's very dangerous and unsafe. If we allow this our road will be the same. Motion to recind the resolution and not allow a gravel pit.
- RDC is behind this effort and RDC is behind the 110 consolidation, they are behind things that they host work session on that we don't know about.
- This is like a ball game with 50 yards to the finish line that never gets completed. In the mean time we have shovels and different tools in the vehicles to get ourselves out. Yes we need better roads and in need of gravel to fix the roads. It has been years now since Red gravel was offered us which never happened. Have Department of Transportation come and listen to them. Motion to have the NDOT come to present.
- Will invite the Navajo Department of Transportation.
- In the New Mexican area about 10 miles gravel pit to date it is sand and gravel pit.
- What about the scared places of offerings. This has happened in the near Navajo, NM area.
- The plate form of Russell Begay was to develop gravel pit. How many of you voted for him. It is good and bad.
- Our Leaders speak for us, discuss, plan for us. I appreciate my Leaders. I have seen the mountain of Bitdahochee gravel pit. The people of Indian Wells say they never had a say of the gravel pit. The damaged roads need to be fixed and maintained. The youth if they come together they can voice for us. If the Navajo Nation is smart they need to find a location to fix the roads. You need to look at a long range plan. If you are born, raise and live on the land you will respect it. Don't support the effort of gravel pit and would like to second the motion to cease the effort. Within our four scared mountains we need to preserve our land.
- This also effects the live stock we have.

Motion by Aaron Begay, To Cease all effort of a gravel pit development within the Tsaille/Wheaffieds/Blackrock area, second by Benny Litson. In addition, request NDOT to provide the geology study results to this chapter.

Votes: 33/00/06

5. Approving to appoint the Farm Board to develop plans for the Junk Food Sales Tax.
Motion by Paula Begay, second by Sarah James
Junk food sales tax, 2% of the sales tax to the chapters. This resolution is to designate the Farm Board to develop a plan
Votes: 30/00/07

6. Approving the '2016 Spring Chapter Scholarship Assistance.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Max Benally

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS:

- Shenail Ben: Presented by Father
- Autumn Brown: Presented by Aunt Paula Begay
- Suzanna Clark-Nakai: No Show but presented by Devon
- Heather Davis: Presented herself
- Collins Denetdeel: Presented by Grandmother Kedelty
- Andreanna Harvey: Presented herself
- Linda Hobbs: Presented by Devon Begay
- Cornelia Kedelty (CJ): Presented by cousin Charles Chee who read her letter
- Dominic Kedelty: Presented by Father shared his goals of work with NASA
- LaTanya Salazar: Presented herself
- Joshua Litson: Presented by Mother

PENDING INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS:

- Owen Jackson: Presented by Mother
- Tyler Antone: Presented by Mr. James
- Kalyn Antone: Presented by Mr. James
- Violet Hunter: Presented by Sarah Litson
- Glennis D. Yazzie: Presented by Mother
- Aaron Chee: Presented himself

Votes: 32/00/05 - total amount approved \$9,000.00 including the pending applications.

III. OTHERS:

1. Supporting the Re-authorization of the Lukachukai Community Board of Education, Inc. to continue operation of all education and education-related programs, school construction, facilities improvement and repair, and minor improvement and repair projects pursuant to the provisions of the public law 100-297.

Motion by Nelson James, second by Dorthea Litson

Presented by Chapter President in line with a directive of reauthorization status.

Question:

- Window Rock Education when is it to be clarified?
- 90 days comment period this is in discussion now with different dates. Council Delegate HESE Committee will be meeting soon.

Votes: 34/00/01

IV. REPORTS:

Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Sarah James

1. Senior Center Supervisor: No show
2. Indian Education Policy Representative: Visit to Washington for Johnson 'O Malley recognized Chinle School awarded nationally. Chinle has a welding class that was supported. Visited the Representatives with many other tribes.
3. Community Health Representative: No Show
4. Health Board Representative : No Show
5. Community Land Use Planning Committee: None
6. Farm Board: 2016 Annual Plan with funding need to work on. Working with Water Users and will be meeting on March and working on the agenda with starting at 8am. Need to fill 2 positions. Native Cultural planting is in discussion. By Laws and Articles will be reviewed. You are all invited and we want to involve the youth. We don't work will with RDC no guidance from them.
7. Council Delegate: Vida Benally, touched on the Winter session in the last week of January. Legislations emergency funds has been veto and the stipend for farm board was also veto. Only the supplies and travel was approved.

Comment:

- The Farm Board Stipend was the only thing approved and the travel, supplies were vetoed.
8. Chapter Officials: January Special Meeting N12 environmental document was sent to the President, Navajo DOT. Garret Silversmith called him with Taff Blackhorse working on it.
 9. Community Service Coordinator: Rented a grader December 31 to January 27 with one month payment. Graded went 944 miles and assisted 271 homes. Some have called in for services. Some roads have gates or fenced which were not graded. Wood purchased were delivered to 65 homes, purchased 30 loads of wood, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Surrounding High School are in the State Tournament.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

March 1, 2016 at 1:00pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Orland Charley at 5:09pm, second by Janie Henderson

Votes: All in favor