

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING
March 18, 2012

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call meeting to order/Invocation
- b. Review/Accept Agenda
- c. Review/Accept Minutes:
- d. Announcements:
 - March 22, 2012: Public Hearing –IHS 638 @ 10:00am
 - March 24, 2012: Farm Board Meeting at 6:00pm
 - March 25, 2012: District Azee’ Bee Nahaga of Dine Nation Meeting at 10:00am
 - March 27, 2012: Violence Prevention T/W Chapter - CHR
 - Land Grant Office meet every Tuesday evening 6:00pm

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

a. RATIFICATIONS:

1. \$829.79 travel cost-Zane James for attending the Charter School Visit/Meeting February.
2. \$8,000.00 budget transfer from NN Sales Tax to the Chapter Financial Assistance to cover cost for 6 applicants to the 2012 Spring Semester.
3. Burial assistance at \$100.00 each total \$200.00
 - I. The late Francis Carroll, Sr.
 - II. The late Thomas Yazzie

b. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supporting and recommending the approval of five (5) Bond Projects within the Tsail/Wheatfields chapter’s service area to be financed by Bond Financing being recommended by the Division of Economic Development.
2. Supporting the Navajo Gardening, Nutrition and community wellness survey.
3. Supporting the Apache County Sheriff Department and the Navajo Nation Public Safety for all needs of assessment on illegal alcohol and drugs.
4. Approving Supplemental Funding from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of _____ for the 110 Chapters.
5. Supporting the Navajo Nation Farm Board Plan of Operation

c. OTHERS:

1. \$50.00 monetary donation request by the Tsaile Elementry School 8th grade for end of the year activities.
2. Azee’ Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation requesting funds from the T/W Chapter in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the NN Sales Tax line item to pay for 3 functions so the ABNDN Officers and Board of Directors to carry out the their role and responsibilities to work the their community members.
3. Farm Board requesting the T/W Chapter to match the difference in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more to repair Reservoirs used for farming irrigation purposes, and using the funds from line item Capital Improvement.
4. Chapter Financial Budget ending February 2012

III. REPORTS:

- a. Indian Health Services Public Hearing Status – Rosita Tsosie
- b. Indian Education Representative/Parent Advisory Committee – Janie Henderson
- c. Council Delegate – Nelson Begaye

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: April ____, 2012 @ _____am/pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2012**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call meeting to order at 10:44am by Zane James, Chapter President

Invocation provided by Nelson S. Begaye, Council Delegate

Review/Accept Agenda – Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

Motion by Nelson James, second by Janie Henderson

Comments/Questions:

Add: Resolution requesting Navajo DOT/ADOT/BIA to conduct RSA

Votes: 28/00/01

Note: The Edison's from Tsaile Business site

Review/Accept Minutes – Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

- February 19, 2012 – Regular Chapter Meeting
- March 1, 2012 – Chapter Planning Meeting

Motion by

Comments/Questions:

Votes:

Announcements:

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- March 24, 2012: Farm Board Meeting at 6:00pm
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- March 27, 2012: Violence Prevention
- Land Grant Office met every Tuesday evening 6:00pm
- April 7, 2012: Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Nazlini Chapter House
- April 5, 2012: Local Senior Council Meeting @ 10:00am
- Tsaile Elementary School announced fund raising for end of year trip & activities

BUSINESS ITEMS:

a. **RATIFICATIONS:**

Motion by Lorena Eldridge to combine all 3 ratifications, second by Bennie Litson

1. **\$829.79** travel cost-Zane James for attending the Charter School Visit/Meeting on 2/23-25/12.
2. **\$8,000.00** budget transfer from NN Sales Tax to the Chapter Financial Assistance to cover cost for 6 applicants to the Spring 2012 Semester.
 1. Tyer Manygoats – presented by Paula Begay
 2. Aberta Lewis – presented by Zane James to include her and allow her to speak when she arrives.
*Presented herself upon her arrival, attends Dine College with second degree and start ASU.
 3. Chalal Thompson – herself attending Dine College funds for supplies & gas
 4. Dorothea Begay – herself will graduate in May does not qualify for grants.
 5. Tammy John – herself attending Dine College with first semester
 6. LeAnna Thompson – Zane James to allow her to speak when she gets here.

Comments/Questions:

- Andrew S. assistance with the last listing but introduced himself.
- Nelson Begaye requested to speak to the applicants of encouragement.

- Registration with the chapter very important, do not just get assistance keep in mind to vote.
- Respect the Navajo culture and language
- Share teaching of late father's teaching, rejuvenate body (rest) do not roam in the late hours. Always think on things you want to do before acting on things.
- Continue your education.

3. Burial Assistance at \$100.00 each total **\$200.00**

I. The late Francis Carroll, Sr.

II. The late Thomas Yazzie

Votes: 41/00/06 for the 3 items of ratifications

b. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Supporting and recommending the approval of five (5) Bond Projects within the Tsaile/Wheatfields chapter's service area to be financed by Bond Financing being recommended by the Division of Economic Development.

Motion by Sarah James, second by Danny John

Presented by Nelson S. Begaye for RDBO

Five areas of site openings: 3 in Tsaile and 2 in Wheatfields

Comments/Questions:

Will there be opening for new applications?

What is the time frame for applications?

Votes: 35/00/007

2. Supporting the Navajo Gardening, Nutrition and community wellness survey.

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Rosita Tsosie

Presented by Zane James on

Comments/Questions: NONE

Votes: 36/00/09

3. Supporting the Apache County Sheriff Department and the Navajo Nation Public Safety for all needs of assessment on illegal alcohol and drugs.

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Bennie Litson

Presented by Anthony Brown, Apache County Sheriff Department: Illegal alcohol and drugs within the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock area. Resolutions received resolutions from Round Rock and Lukachukai. The Navajo Police Department says they are working on this already. Navajo Police Department will stand before the Apache County and to work together.

Comments/Questions:

- How many people have you busted?
- Alcohol and drugs has damaged birth of our children causing physical and mental damage. Support the effort and appreciate the community to pass the resolution. We need to think on the safety of our people.
- Is the Apache County going to do all this and not the Navajo Nation?
- A lot of times people are just arrest and then let go.
- Legalize the alcohol with more control and use the taxes.
- ❖ **Could we recommend an educational after the arrest instead of released.**
- NN Trust Fund should be used now for this type of situation.
- ❖ **Resolution to state periodically to follow-up on the illegal sales locations.**
- Repeating Offenders do not understand the policy but continue to do what they do in this cause illegal alcohol and drug sales.
- We need to safe guard our children and community
- Alcohol is a disease people will do it and this is all talk

❖ We need to work with the Navajo Nation, Counties and the Legislators

-Navajo Nation Council would have to address:

Legalizing alcohol use

Educational/rehabilitation services

Votes: 41/00/02

4. Approving Supplemental Funding from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of _____ for the 110 Chapters.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Ray Redhouse

Presented by Nelson S. Begaye: **\$50,164.00** for the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter

Comments/Questions: NONE

Votes: 40/00/04

5. Supporting the Navajo Nation Farm Board Plan of Operation

Motion by Rosita Tsosie, second by Sarah James

Presented by Dorothea Litson requesting on behalf of the NN Farm Board.

Comments/Questions: NON E

Votes: 35/00/13

c. **OTHERS:**

1. \$50.00 monetary donation by the Tsaille Elementry School 8th grade end of the year activities

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Rosita Tsosie

Presented by Students of Tsaille Elementry School: Fund raising for 8th grade end of the year field trip, far well dance and activities.

Comments/Questions:

Is \$50.00 the only amount to donate? YES by chapter policy

We can all purchase from their sales.

Votes: 40/00/03

2. Azee' Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation requesting funds from the T/W Chapter in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the NN Sales Tax line item to pay for 3 functions so the ABNDN Officers and Board of Directors to carry out the their role and responsibilities to work the their community members.

Motion by Bennie Litson, second by Sarah James

Presented by Joseph Sandoval with introduction, elaborated on the Officers and the community they serve and responsibilities. Also mentioned the pass officers within District 11. The need for the funds to move the needs to go forward. ABNDN pays \$200.00 annual fee which covers many areas to even travel to Texas for the medicine. At times fund raising is done or volunteer funds to make needs. We appreciate the practice it has with respect. The annual Appreciation Day will require cost. June is the Annual convention, thereafter is the Youth/Educational Day and the Veterans Day. The request is kindly done with respect and in hopes is approved.

Comments/Questions:

One area of concern- different chapters do not get donation but we in District 11 do.

Votes: 32/01/09

3. Farm Board requesting the T/W Chapter to match the difference in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more to repair Reservoirs used for farming irrigation purposes, and using the funds from line item Capital Improvement.

Motion by Yolanda Staley, second by Merl Kedelty

Presented by Dorothea Litson: Identified 4 reservoirs (Kee White, Roanhorse, Rita Gishie, Walter Begay) In future to lighten up the fields again in the future. Estimate cost with total. The Cat walk have all deteriorate which will cost \$5140.00 x 4= \$20,560.00. Without the catwalk and only the gates are at

\$5,525.00 x 4 = \$20,500.00. We from Wheatfields are to put \$10,000.00 and in hopes be matched by \$10,000.00 to meet the needs.

Comments/Questions:

Letter from Chapter was sent to Water Resources Tar for assistance.

Council Delegated requested a complete package for his lobbying

Rita Bahe to include the Horseshoe Canyon Dam.

Lorena Eldridge extend her appreciation for the funds approved.

Farm Board Meeting.

Votes: 34/00/09

4. Chapter Financial Budget ending February

Motion by Daniel Haskie, second by Merl Kedelty

Comments/Questions: NONE

Votes: 39/00/01

5. Requesting the Navajo DOT, ADOT and BIA to conduct a Road Safety Audit

Motion by Paula Begay, second by Ray Redhouse

Present by Zane James N12 Whiskey Creek to Tsaile. Document and highlight the safety needs.

David Kedelty, new construction of N12 for FY2013 was a huge concern with Chinle ARC. They were did not want all the funds to N12 as there are other road needs in the Chinle Agency area. Be aware that the list of Chinle will go to the BIA Harold Riley. We need this route with fencing included.

Votes: 41/00/03

Ely Jackson to amend agenda to all to Water Rights to Report and Accepting and Approving 1-Scholarship application, second by Roslyn John

Votes: 41/00/00

Scholarship assistance for 1 applicant:

Motion by Sarah James, second by Mr. Jackson

LeAnna Thompson – presented herself studying Business Administration

Votes: 42/00/00

REPORTS:

Motion by Merl Kedelty, second by Dorothea Litson

a. Indian Health Service Public Hearing Status – Rosita Tsosie

March 22, 2012 here at the Chapter starting in the morning and until when it ends. Come and get educated on the proposing 638. Lukachukai Chapter has been done already and the staff was informed too.

Comments/Questions:

- As a staff it is a concern – Indian Health Services has grants for the doctors to cover them 2 years. If this goes 638 you all will have to get insurance as the contract health will not cover you. Ask alot of questions and as staff if this goes 638 I will leave and go elsewhere as the funds will decrease.
- If it does not go 638 what will happen?
- RESP: We are the ones Comprehensive Health Services would like to contract. There is another Navajo Nation group that already has a letter of contract with a few areas to cover. They could ask for the operation. We are proposing a different salary scale with keeping the same or better.
- It seems as this is already done and the movement is on as a done deal and do not support the deal. This has caused good doctors leave.
- Will there be from Fort Defiance and Tuba City?
- RESP: Yes the CEO will be there and answer these questions.
- Will the Health Board be there and how many? Are you our represented and when is your term up?
- RESP: Appointed by application, interviewed and selected. My term is up next year.
- A need for NN Division of Health was to be included.

- This sounds like a private contract and understanding and yet she is our T/W Chapter Representative.
 - ❖ A directive to the Navajo Nation Division of Health to be included to the March 22, 2012 638-Public Health.
- b. Indian Education Representative/Parent Advisory Committee – Janie Henderson
Chinle Unified School District #24 met March 26, funding from JOM base on census number. Last meeting discussion was on student absentee and higher education scholarship. Now the dropout rate as is high and the discussion was to restrict the Pell Grant as a first time application only for the serious students. With this information support your student to try hard. Navajo Culture and Language under Title 7 funding is decreasing. There is transfer of funds. New program from the State a lot of work for requirements and dealing with almost every month students are testing and tiring out. Parents need to support. PTC-Chinle March 20, Mesa View21; March 21-Tsaile Elementary at 5:pm. April AIMS testing. Fine arts display at the Wildcat Den. March 28-29 monitoring all seven schools.
- c. Council Delegate – Nelson Begaye
- Farm Board our success stories to be included for funding
 - Veterans to be included for funding
 - Attorneys assisting with language for the Senior Citizen
 - Permanent Trust Fund in the Billion and when are we going to use. 300million lost a few years ago. We will put you during this election year as Referendum. This is why I demand the Officials to get projects shovel ready.
 - Sales Tax increase by 1% for scholarship and energy development funds. This I do not favor it is the Leaders to go after the grants. Not take moneys from our elderly.
- d. Water Rights - Adella Begay; Water settlement of 2012 Colorado River laws rights. Now the water settlement does not stand anymore. With a legation at 800million and now 189million. February 14, Senate Bill#21-09 (Senator Kyl and McCain) was introduced with only surface rights. Now Kly is retiring but wants to make sure the city has water and does not care about us. Gila River is set with their own water rights. If our tribe can fix this we could do the same. If this is waved we will be giving up all rights and any damage we cannot sue for. The Bill will allow only give us surface water which we have. We need to say and tell our Attorneys this. Maybe we can have a resolution at the next meeting. There are some meetings in Rocky Ridge and the Hopi Tribe does not support this.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

April 2, 2012 at 3:00PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Merl Kedelty to adjourn the meeting at 3:19pm, second by Rosita Tsosie

Votes: 38/00/00

Chapter Officials reviewed and signed for verification
the Chapter Monitoring too form for February 2012.
Recorded and filed by Staff.