

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2016  
1:00pm

**I. Order of Business**

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:32pm by Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation by Zane James, Chapter President
- d. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Devon Begay to add the following listed, second by Mildred Sliversmith.

Delete:

1. Business Item B (iv.) Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Presentation will be deleted and only a Report.
2. Business Item B (i.) Supporting the Health Service to establish a Chuska Health Council with a volunteer representative and an alternate.

ADD:

1. Audit (at the item I will ask)
2. Requesting a Chapter Strategic meeting here at the chapter before the end of the month.
3. Veteran's Meeting June 14, 2016 at 4:00pm.
4. Christmas Dinner cost of December 2015

Votes: 27/00/07

- e. Review/Accept Minutes

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Adella Begay

- April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting
- May 3, 2016 Planning Meeting

Votes: 32/01/12

- f. Announcements

- i. Joe Dedman, Jr. Apache County Sheriff: Introduced himself and extend his appreciate for agenda item. Mentioned a new employee Dean Hadley with many experience gained through the Navajo Nation Police Department.
- ii. Chinle Police Department or the St. John for emergency contact.
- iii. Northern Agency tragic of the young girl the need for immediate response. Handed out brochures of information
- iv. Navajo Nation Council Session report

**II. Business Items**

**a. Ratifications**

**Motion by Devon Begay, second by Annette Begay**

- i. \$100.00 Burial Assistance for baby Yazzie
- ii. \$50.00 Request monetary donation by Marie Carrol

Votes: 33/00/11

## b. Resolutions

- i. Approving to purchase a cement mixer for all projects:  
Motion by Mildred Sliversmith, second by Thomas Litson  
Quotes: Obtained by CSC. Gas powered mixer with attached quotes and vendors contacted.

Willis Becenti: What type of mixer:

Kuhyonre Nata'ani: The Farm Board has its own number. Will this item be purchased by the Farm Board or Chapter?

RESP: It will be purchase by the chapter with rental with services or community.

This item will have a policy and procedures.

Willis Becenti: How much cement are you requesting? Who will be responsible for maintenance?

Angela Brown: In the past there were purchases by the Farm Board and were lost. Who will have this item? We have heard this.

Any item purchased by the chapter is the property of the chapter.

Kuhyonre Nata'ani: Let the Farm Board list their projects and let's see what and how this will be used. Projects should come before the people.

The asset listing should be on hand and bring before the people.

Frank Kedelty:

Adella Begay: the monies and the water issue. The way to use the water is one way to claim our water. The project is good and we need to know how this will be used with the funds.

CSC: the Farm Board has projects we never realized. They have projects in Upper Wheatfields and Tsaille. How many of you know the irrigation is or walked it. A lot of it will be prepared. And the Kuhyonre Nata'ani still want to table it. We still don't know what projects there are.

MOTION by Kuhyonre Nata'ani to TABLE, second by Devon Begay.

- Janie Henderson: it is sad to hear this. My father was a leader and can't believe you can't support it. I don't think it should be tabled. This is improvement for the community.
- Kathy John: Yes it's good and have gotten help. I support to Table it we are less fortune. I do dry land farming. Farm Board get the monies we don't.
- Rita Bahe: I don't like the idea and we probably won't use it. I think you should Table it.
- In the discussion please understand your discussion and think about it clearly. Be professional about it but understand your talk.

Table the item: Votes: 12/14/21

Back to the main motion

Council Delegate: the confusion was arised by information that the Farm Board requested purchase.

RESP: I have explained this

Willis Becenti:

Kathy John:

Devon Begay: Everyone is allowed to be challenged and your (point at President) Thank you Nelson for clarify. I have talked to Mr. Robert Begay with ASC. I think we need to say what account this is coming from. This machine might sound wonderful but I question things.

RESP: I am told I am upset but I have to defend myself.

Angie Brown: I need to defend myself too. It is people that always bring their concerns and compliant but never put in writing.

Vote: in favor of purchase: 23/14/06

ii. Approving the Water Masters employment

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Marie White

Presented by Dortha Litson, Farm Board Secretary/Treasurer who presented the need and the amount of funds for the proposing workers

**Questions/Concerns:**

Annette Begay: The funding of the Farm Board where is at?

Kuhyonre Nata'ani: Why is the Farm Board charging Dine College

RESP: The explanation and diagramed on the board. The statute explained and history of the Wheatfields Farm Committee and to date Farm Board Committee as a non-profit with a number. Farm Board has no monies.

Angie Brown: who are the water masters?

RESP: Emerson Chee and Ryan James

The non-profit monies is usually does not allow to generate funds.

RESP: We have all the reports done in these chapter meeting and the farm board meetings.

Joe Dedman, Jr. mentioned the waters and dam in the Apache County. Within the last 3 years the water settle of Little Colorado River. You have done a real good job here.

We try to advocate for the whole community

Annette Begay: Explaining over and over is good. We all have a different way of understanding.

Votes: 24/00/23

iii. Audit

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Angie Brown

Presented by Kuhyonre Nata'ani, Cause of the question has been brought by the CLUPS. There is a special audit of \$40,000.00. I am asking a comprehensive audit. I want a RFP to all the Auditor General. Funds from unnecessary travel ceased. It is your money missing. The capitol asset needs review. It's not for me. This comprehensive audit no later than this Friday.

Willis Becenti: I always had questions in the back of my head. I still have budget report of matching 40,000.00 matching. I am real big on veterans housing repair. I have questions an overall. We are in election year and everybody needs to start off clean. So we don't have to point fingers.

Chapter President: we had an audit entry with confidentiality questionnaires'. This will be with policy and procedures and not just monies. The questions of audit approved in January. At the same time we had a loss of staff. We as chapter officials supported it. We welcomed the audit. Now it is in the hands of the Auditor General and in review. We will need to get clarification of the team. Our former AMS worked with the MIP system. The computers were all turned over to the consultants. The Auditor General is now in view.

Devon Begay: Monday I went to see Robert Begay. We talked to Jerry Buckinghorse said you (pointed at Zane) requested only the MIP. Now we need a resolution for the 3 up there and Paula. This is not a comprehensive audit. The \$40,000.00 is within the Hay and Trash monies. If you have any concerns or questions on the chapter there is the contact and address.

If the council is providing to his constitutes information we need to know. Maybe the council delegate needs to sponsor a meeting.

Annette Begay: for the record as you said anytime there was questions it was Paula that did the reported and not LeAnna.

Angie Brown: when we first asked for audit you said (pointing at Zane) that you were with us. If that was true we could have sat down and decided where to get the funds from.

CSC: I am not scared of the audit. As we are hearing whereabouts. You are running around out there seeking information. Like today, at 12 I went to the bank I deposited the monies on my lunch time. We had gotten the minutes together and needs data. Yesterday, and today we got things together. I told the auditors I could have the best record keeping but I don't audit myself. My concentration is to provide any and all documents requested. You as a community member need to know how you got help. I have many things to do.

Chapter President: the ITG asked if it was okay to turn over their letter to the NN Auditor General. Which I did.

Louise Tso: Greeted everybody with Ke'. Wow I have much missed a lot. We don't know a lot so you need to come and learn. History of the financial report by Wheatfields was good. As a Secretary/Treasurer I deposited the monies and brought receipts. There is nothing wrong with the audit.

Chapter President: the outcome of the audit will be interesting

Council Delegate: We have move legislation for Lukachukai School. I am wondering which resolution we are addressing. The Requested for audit is that being requested as reaffirming. Or is it the special review this is in process to the end of June. With a written document back to us. Yes, I have received many calls on this. Comprehensive Budget one year October 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The staff Robert Begay might have been informed of the audit.

Chapter President: On an initial of red flag I immediately contacted Elizabeth Begay with Auditor General.

Devon Begay: I went outside to call the Auditor General who wants to push the resolution. Someone outside need to do the comprehensive audit and there is monies for this.

Kathy John: In addition, to what is out there to add.

Adella: I understand what is going on

Votes: 32/00/03

- iv. Requesting a Chapter Strategic meeting here at the chapter before the end of the month.

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Willis Becenti

We are working on the five year plan. We need to outline the work.

Whatever that was done need to get copies to the people. We need to vote on a date.

Questions:

Dorthea Litson: Is this your discussion or by the CLUPC? You always say that to us. If you have an expectation of the committee. What about you? You should have a resolution or a letter on the request. We need your document with minutes. And we are at the end of the month or are you talking about June?

Kathy John: the resolution is talked about and Thomas was suppose to develop. I guess we are stuck there.

Willis Becenti: the meeting was in Flagstaff and spend \$10,000.00. If you can't make the meeting don't be up there.

I will make a motion to .....

CSC: the document was all shared and please set a date with the whole group not just an individual.

Kathy John: I will get on Thomas' case. Please email me the copy.

NOTE: Kuhyonre Nata'ani withdrew his motion. No Action.

### **III. Reports**

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Willis Becenti

- a. Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife: Handouts provided that was followed by Clement Change, Goble Warning, Pest diseases, Impact on Wildlife, Human life health impacts, how a plant with benefits (barley), Pasture rotation (overgrazing). NN fish and wildlife goal is get the community involve with feedback. Effects today will result on future generation survey.
- b. Navajo Nation Department of Forestry – No report today but will be on June Planning Meeting for Business Action Item for Resolution.
- c. Senior Center Supervisors: No show
- d. Indian Education Policy Representative: s Henderson reported on flyer with information on testing with improvement in Reading utilizing computers with level scale with goals. Time and time of report have informed the parents to develop an account with the school to monitor your kids reading level. Next week school will be out on May 27<sup>th</sup>. June open library with hours available 7am – 12pm Breakfast and lunch will be served. Chapter needs to reopen up the computer for community use. I will bring a supporting letter from the school for chapter to reopen the internet services.

- e. CHR : No Show
- f. CLUPC:
- g. Farm Board:
- h. Council Delegate: Excused to another meeting
- i. Chapter Officials : None
- j. CSC
- k. Christmas Dinner cost of December 2015. **NOTE:** move to next Planning Meeting.

**IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** June 6, 2016 @ 3:00pm  
Recommendation by Devon June 5, 2016  
Dorthea June 6 to allow tribal and other entities to make the  
**June 6 at 4:00pm**

**V. Adjournment**