

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER  
Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday – May 20, 2019 @ 2:00 PM**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 2:36 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President James**
- C. Invocation: Led by Vice President Begay**
- D. Roll Call: Led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani at 2:36 pm**
- E. Review/Accept Agenda:  
Motion) Bennie Litson 2) Max Benally Vote: 20-0-5  
Add) Financial Assistance - B. New Expenditure; Former B. will turn to C. 2)**
- F. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2019  
Motion) Ernie Yazzie Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 21-0-5**

(Presenters: Lorena Eldridge, Paula Begay, President James, Vice President Begay, Sec./Tres.Nata'ani)

Future chapter meeting records will include audio recordings for official record keeping, as kept on chapter property – laptop.

**G. Announcements:**

(Vice President Begay, President James: In regard to 2019 graduations)  
June 3, 2019 – Chapter Planning Meeting, TWB Chapter @ 1:00 PM  
June 4, 2019 – Planting Ceremony, TWB Chapter  
June 4, 2019 – Chuska Regional Council Meeting, TWB Chapter @ 9 AM  
June 8, 2019 – Navajo Voter's Coalition, Dine' College  
June 9, 2019 – Farm Board Meeting, TWB Chapter  
June 14, 2019 – Permittee Meeting, TWB chapter @ 2:00 pm  
June 17, 2019 – Chapter Regular Meeting, TWB Chapter @ 1:00 PM

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Ratifications:**
  - 1. Monetary Donation: Tacy Clark of Blackrock, \$50.00
  - 2. Burial Assistance: Shane Reeder of Tsaile, \$100.00**Motion to Combine) Lorena Eldridge Second) Max Benally Vote: 21-0-4**
- B. New Expenditure:**
  - 1. Audrey Tso, Monetary Donation, \$50.00**Motion) Max Benally Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 22-0-3**
- C. Action Items:**
  - 1. **Approving and Accepting the Chapter Financial Reports ending April 2019.  
Motion) Marie White Second) Bennie Litson Vote: 22-0-4**

(Presenters: Sec./Tres. Nata'ani, Lorena Eldridge, Elvira Litson, President James, Ernie Yazzie)

Questions on financial negative balances and the Unhealthy Food Tax – earmarked for developments on the withdrawn land of the Tsaile Senior Center.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Financial Reports\*\*\***

\*Meeting is Recorded\*

2. **Supporting Resolution for Study: Water and Energy in a Time of Climate Change, Dr. Dana Powell.**  
Motion) Second) Vote:

**\*\*Withdrawn by President James\*\***

3. **Requesting the Sandia Oil Company and ALON Store to repair the potholes in the parking lot, upgrade the gas pumps and fence in the business lease in Tsaile, AZ.**  
Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) Bennie Litson Vote: 20-0-5

(Presenters: Paula Begay, CSC, Lorena Eldridge, Ernie Yazzie, President James)

A business site lease places the business site lease owner to be responsible for caring for all prevention and maintenance for the safety of the public and customers.

Chapter will initiate a collaborative effort with Navajo Nation agencies, divisions, and departments to review business site leases within the chapter area.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

4. **Requesting Approval to Build and Extend Riparian Buffers for Tsaile Creek, Wheatfields Creek, and Whiskey Creek.**  
Motion) Elvira Litson Second) Bennie Litson Vote: 20-2-5

(Presenters: Marquel Begay, President James, Max Benally, Lorena Eldridge, Fred Jumbo, Elvira Litson, Bennie Litson, Marie White)

Purpose is to improve the water quality at three sites to improve quality by preventing livestock contamination at three sites, 30' X 100' fencing, for 4 to 5 years.

Continuous and post-study will continue for the duration of water quality study.

Chapter resolution will need to be passed before the Grazing Committee gives the final approval.

It is stipulated that there are no specific regulations or BIA check-off list as suggested by Grazing Committee.

PSAs were given for the past two years on the project, and another PSA could be given.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

5. **Approving to Support and Continue to the Open Illegal Dump Clean-Up Initiative in the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter.**  
Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) Julia Litson Vote: 25-0-4

\*Meeting is Recorded\*

(Presenters: Marquel Begay, President James, Rose Davis, Lorena Eldridge, Fred Jumbo, Elvira Litson, Marie White, Rita Bahe)

June 10, 2019 through June 13, 2019 – trash clean up along the watershed, specifically six sites out of 20 identified sites. Requesting trash bin from chapter, including gloves, plastic bags, and other supplies for the clean-up effort.

There are concerns about other illegal trash dump sites that equally need attention.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

6. **Approving and Supporting the Initiation for the Creation of the Tsaile / Wheatfields / Blackrock Integrated Watershed Management Plan in Partnership with the Tsaile / Wheatfields Dineh Water User, Farm Board and Grazing Official, Chapter, Navajo Nation Departments, Agencies, University of Arizona, and other Organizations.**  
**Motion) Bennie Litson Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 25-0-4**

(Presenters: Marquel Begay, Bennie Litson)

Focus on creating a partnership between all stakeholders to create a Chapter Watershed Management Plan and seeks support through official creation.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

7. **Supporting the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Legislation 0121-19, Approving Supplemental Funding from UUFB in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for 110 Navajo Nation Chapter Summer Youth Employment & Public Employment Program Funds.**  
**Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) Ernie Yazzie Vote: 26-0-3**

(Presenters: President James)

Explanation for the chapter to support the resolution to encourage the Navajo Nation Council to support and pass Legislation 0121-19 to not delay the allocations for the 110 Chapters to support 2019 Summer Youth Employment and Public Employment Programs Funds.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

8. **Supporting the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Legislation 012-19, Approving Supplemental Funding from UUFB in the amount of \$1,374.278 for all Navajo Nation Chapters Officials Stipends & Workers Compensation funds.**  
**Motion) Ernie Yazzie Second) Max Benally Vote: 26-0-3**

(Presenters: President James)

Encouraging the Navajo Nation Council to support and pass Legislation 012-19 to not delay the allocations for the 110 Chapters to fund Navajo Nation Chapters Officials Stipends and Workers Compensation.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

**III. REPORTS:**

1. Grazing Committee – No Show
2. Farm Board - Lorena Eldridge (No Written Report) – The availability of addressing concerns in determining community concerns are being addressed through the Farm Board. BIA guidance on changes on permit holdings is available for interested parties in resolving changes on permit holdings, where Farm Board is available to assist.

The pressures of illegal dump sites, environment regulations, and climate changes are impacting our communities, as discussed by Farm Board. We are encouraged to prepare our readiness for the changes of the aforementioned concerns to the chapter community.

Twin Arrows DNR Conference in June 2019; encouraged by President James to ask for chapter travel funds to support Farm Board as mentioned during the May 2019 Planning Meeting.

3. DWUA – Presenter: Aaron Begay (Written Report Received) Encouraging support all water activities to enhance community readiness for Water Rights preparedness with supporting studies and documentation. DWUA's efforts are focused on chapter and community wide preparedness to secure water rights and use. Strongly asking for community members to encourage all community to not pollute our environment. Encouraging all land permit holders interested in revitalization efforts are welcome to inquire at the DWUA.

Lucinda Davis – Inquiry on DWUA fencing efforts; how is the determination for fencing made by DWUA? Aaron Begay – fencing efforts are in accordance with BIA. Encourage families with farmland to restore the fencing.

Lorena Eldridge – fencing efforts should be in accordance to the BIA fencing perimeters.

Aaron Begay - LEPs are the responsibility of the Farm Board, and DWUA can collaborate with Farm Board and 2) Community Sub-Lease forms are not available to BIA. Farm Board is the guiding entity for LEPs and Sub-Lease forms.

4. IEC – No Show
5. Tsaille Senior Center – No Show
6. TW Chapter Administration – Paula Begay, CSC (No Report)  
**Motion to Accept Reports) Lucinda Davis Second) Ernie Yazzie Vote: 26-0-2**

**IV. NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2019 – 1 pm**

**V. ROLL CALL: Led by Sec./Tres. at 4:42 pm**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT: 4:42 pm**

**Motion) Bennie Litson Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: All Vote Yes**