

TSAILE/ WHEATFIELDS FARM BOARD AND  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION JOINT MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014  
TWB CHAPTER, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

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## Meeting Minutes

### I. Order of Business

#### A. Meeting called to order/Invocation/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM and invocation conducted by Lorena Eldridge.

#### B. Roll Call:

	Farm Board
Lorena Eldridge, President	Present <u> X </u> Absent <u>    </u>
Lucinda Davis, Vice President	Present <u> X </u> Absent <u>    </u>
Dorthea Litson, Secretary	Present <u>    </u> Absent <u> X </u>
	TWBWUA
Aaron Begay, President	Present <u>    </u> Absent <u> X </u>
Lupita McClanahan, Vice President	Present <u> X </u> Absent <u>    </u>
Dorthea Litson, Sec/Treasury	Present <u>    </u> Absent <u> X </u>
Kathy Johns, Member	Present <u>    </u> Absent <u> X </u>

#### C. Review Agenda

Agenda reviewed by Lorena. No question or comments.

To accept meeting agenda:

Motion: Teresa Chee

Second: Merle Kedeltly

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

**Motion Carried**

#### D. Reading of Last Meeting Minutes, Farm Board Mtg. May 12, 2014

Lorena Eldridge read the last meeting minutes. To accept the last meeting minutes, No questions and comments were made:

Motion: James Becenti

Second: Calvin James

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

Motion Carried

***At this time Farm Board President appointed Lupita McClanahan TWBWUA Vice President as secretary pro-tem.***

#### E. Announcements

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- Chapter Planning meeting, Sunday, June 1, 2014 @ 9:00 AM with notice that we need to start on time due to Chapter rented for graduation reception at 11:00.
- Joint meeting is schedule to share the common ground the CLUPC, Farm Board and WUA have on community water plan.

II. Reports

A. Farm Board

- a. President reported the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Black Rock Chapter President validates the following Chapter resolutions.
  1. TWFY14-089 Requesting BIA Road Department & Navajo Division of Transportation to include in their Road Survey to provide access for irrigation water to Farmlands located on both sides of Road, N R12 in Tsaile farmland and Upper Wheatfield's farmland area. It is important for us to understand the exact locations.
  2. TWFY14-090 Supporting the Dine' Policy Institute under Dine' College, in a project designed to develop & implement a local food policy for the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Black Rock Chapter, food producers, growers and ranchers. This policy is a continuation of the Dine' Policy Institute's initiative that will expand on the food sovereignty initiative report & recommendations. This is direct connection with the 10 years alternative plan for our farmers.
  3. TWFY14-094 Supporting the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Black Rock Farm Board to implement their developed Alternative Plan as means to revitalize the idling farmlands that exist in estimated 1,700 acres of farmland they oversee. We will begin working on getting all farmland to be in productivity by 2015.
- b. Vice President mentions that she followed up with Mr. Najam H. Tariq with Water Resource on the Tsaile irrigation. There was a plan and would need more time to research in the archive files.

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The inventories of all windmills for the whole Nation are on going with the realization a lot of them are down. Tariq requests for more surveys from different department and will need to prioritize.

B. Water Users

a. Vice President- no report

C. Water Masters

Supervisor reported

UW-Rita Bahe needs water. The water is not being used and it's diverted into the pond and calls Safety of Dam and worked out the option with Brenda Hatiltile to divide the water flow 1 in the natural creek and the other in the irrigation system.

LW- James and Sadie are still irrigating. Last Sunday the miscommunication caused the Benallie's field control box backed up with water so turned it off. Farmers still need to assist. James planted oats. Irvin is ready and have pipe set up.

Tsaile-Freddie is working on his field. Calvin is still working on the air valve, ground too hard. The back fill is still needed. Anthony Brown & Patricia Morgan raiser is too high, may need a C pipe. We need to be proactive before the monsoon, built a retaining wall. Our timesheet paper work is submitted every Friday. Not too many requests for water expect Anthony Brown's son recent request. We are still scheduled to work 3 hours in the AM and 3 in the PM.

Merle- Rita requested for water but said too much. No one to control water is an issue for most farmers. Merle is using the water now but Rita is interfering she turns it off. The water gets revert back into the pond and building up. The following are in line Linda Staley, Pearl White, Emerson Chee and Peterson White. People have different issues & hold up each other.

Lorena commend the water master of be available to answer the phone calls on farmers inquiries.

A farmer mentions that the bonnets should be readily available. Also the material (sliders and caskets) for replacement and raiser needs work. It would be beneficial to use 2 valve and farmers need to communicate.

Please make a list of materials and equipment need with cost estimate and hours to accomplish the projects.

James submitted a money order of \$70.00 and Lucinda provided a hand written receipt.

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To accept all the reports:

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Second: Calvin James

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain

Motion Carried

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

A. LUP Issues Transfers/Relinquish, etc

a. Harvey Kenny Jr. request to BIA to re-survey his farmland in Tsaille area.

No show

Defer to next meeting

B. Plan next step for implementing the Alternative plan.

We need to identify what makes up the 1,700 acres.

Work with location: Upper Wheatfield's, Lower Wheatfield's and Tsaille.

Work with farmers:

Identify the (Land Use Permit holder) farmers

Meet with individual farmers

Need to get maps: Upper Wheatfield's, Lower Wheatfield's & Tsaille

Develop Criteria: considering O&M Fee outstanding or current, number of years land idling.

Need to gather resource-Google maps, GPS, copy of LUP. This will be on going project.

V. Conclusion

A. The following are next items on agenda:

a. Water master request (materials, equipment)

b. Tsaille Water Plan-research for old records

c. Harvey Kenny Jr. re-survey LUP

d. Alternative Plan

B. Next meeting date is scheduled:

Sunday, June 8, 2014 @10:00 AM Joint meeting with CLUPC, Farm Board & WUA will discuss the collection of data to use for community water plan.

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C. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourn at 8:15 PM

To accept meeting adjournment:

Motion: Calvin James

Second: Teresa Chee

Voting: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

Motion Carried