

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2016

- I. Order of Business
 - a. Call meeting to order @ 4:29 pm
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance – David Kedelty
 - c. Invocation – Lucinda Davis
 - d. Review/Accept Agenda
 - i. Motion by Charles Chee and 2nd Nelson James
 - ii. VOTE: 14 in favor, 0 against and 12
 - e. Announcements
- II. Business Items
 - a. Ratification
 1. Monetary Donation: \$50.00 for Venassa James traveling to El Reno, Oklahoma for basketball tournament. MOTION by Devon Begay and 2nd by Max Benally / VOTE: 22 in favor, 0 against and 9
 - b. Resolutions
 - i. Office of Environmental Health requesting four (4) participants bathroom addition by medical referrals for Project #NA-15-F10.
 1. Motion by Devon Begay and 2nd by Sarah James / VOTE: 25 in favor, 0 against and 12 abstained.
 2. Paula Begay – Office of Environmental Health out of Fort Defiance, since we fall into that area. Ram Pasture and into Many Farms falls into Chinle area. They have been doing survey and next project they are looking at is the #. The next project is from the Bobby and James Begay, Louise Tsosie residence and Arthur Harvey residents are where they are proposing that project. OEH will contract with NECA for the main line, leache field and septic tank installation. If there is a Hogan or small home they require a bathroom addition. They are requesting the chapter to do 4 bathroom addition.
 - a. Willis Becenti – Is this the same project that Nelson was talking about with the Shi Ha’sin project?
 - i. Paula – This is something that is coming from OEH due to availability of funding. This is something coming from Monty Begay out of Fort Defiance. The total amount of the Black Rock is over \$1,000,000.00 and this is something that will begin that process. The drawings are all attached here.
 - b. Arthur Harvey Jr. – This addition, does it come with the commote?
 - i. Paula – The chapter is responsible for the shell and OEH is responsible for the plumbing wall. On the other side, the tub, the sink and commote is all under and responsible by OEH.
 - ii. Requesting \$5,000.00 to develop prepare and finalize a Fund Management Plan for T/W Farm Board and DWU association by Byrceson Pinto, Consultant. MOTION by Thomas Litson and 2nd by Devon Begay / VOTE : 27 in Favor, 0 against, 14 abstained.

1. Lucinda Davis – many of you are aware that we have been working on several issues pertaining to the Farm Board. Just recently there was a settlement with the Federal Government and the Shi Hasiin and we have been requesting initially \$2 million dollars and we submitted a \$3 million proposal. We recently were told of the Permanent Trust Fund from 1985 and the interest is what would be utilized and our proposal was submitted there. We worked with various committees of the Navajo Nation council and we traveled to Twin Arrows and we were approved for \$5 million. It was scheduled out for the next 5 years and we would get the funding in the 5th year. However with the council delegate Nelson Begay’s help we managed to get \$3 million in 2017 and in 2020 we would get the \$2 million funding left. It seems like everywhere or everything that you get funded for, there are stipulations. From the Department of Agriculture we seem to not get that much help. Now that we have been funded, they want to administer the funding, however we would like the money to come directly to us since we put in the work and labor. With that, there is a Fund Management Plan that is required for any funding that comes into the government. We talk about the lower Wheatfields irrigation project that was very helpful as well. There are many checks and balances required and before the delegates give the money to the Department of Agriculture we would like to be proactive. Not long ago, we worked with an individual, we have an office here at the chapter and he assisted us with technology work. He set up the software for us and we constantly worked with him. Yesterday we had a Farm Board meeting and talked with him and stressed the need to work immediately on a Fund Management Plan. He also stressed that since we want a fast management plan, he would charge us \$5,000 and would have it finished by July 15th. He also indicated that he would have it checked by Navajo DOJ for sufficiency as well. We have an invoice also from this individual. Dortehea submitted a letter to the chapter for this.

- a. Ms. Becenti – So when your money comes back, will you pay back the chapter?
- b. Willis Becenti – in the legislation, it says the funding will be administered by the DCD.
- c. Zane James -

iii. Endorsement of Ann Kirkpatrick for US Senate for the State of Arizona. MOTION by Stanley Kedelty and 2nd by Willis Becenti / VOTE: 24 in favor, 0 against and 19 abstained.

1. My name is Stan Robbins, I am from Cameron area and live in Chinle area. The reason I am here is for Ann Kirk Patrick, she speaks to you in Navajo and is a strong advocate for veterans. She works with the Washington legislation for veterans, for example funding for veterans nursing home in Washington needs amendments. Some veterans talk about receiving medals and she works on that. Our elderly social security benefits is something she works for and also for the IRS issues. She works on these many issues and has helped in various areas. In the Bodaway Gap area she helped with the funding

for the collapsed road. She has recently filed for Senate and will be running for John McCain's seat, who has been in that position for over 30 years. Today, it is stated that her and Mr. McCain is running neck and neck. The following resolution is for Tom O'Halleran who will be filling Ann Kirk Patrick's vacated seat. The district is very large and runs down south into Tucson area. We will try to bring Tom and Ann here at our next chapter meeting.

2. Willis Becenti – Wednesday we have an agency meeting and we have been trying to get her to our meeting. She constantly asks for data and the Navajo Nation has poor data.

a. Stan Robbins – Navajo Nation veterans across the reservation is wide and many, we are currently very busy but we are here and we have made to several veterans meeting as well. I have made it to several meetings, funding comes down from the federal level. We couldn't have the Navajo Nation define what a homeless veteran was.

3. Ray Redhouse – Thank you for coming and explaining to us. Just thinking about it, it is probably difficult to visit all voters. Maybe a list of her accomplishments on paper, Navajo Nation officials is usually difficult because they only run without accomplishments.

a. Stan -

iv. Endorsement of Tom O'Halleran to serve as Arizona's Congressional District One in the US House of Representative. MOTION by Sarah James and 2nd by Margie Johnson / VOTE: 24 in Favor, 0 against and 19 abstained.

1. Stan Robbins – Tom O'Halleran will be filling Ann Kirkpatrick's seat. He also if he has time will visit us at the next chapter meeting if possible. Hopefully he can make it.

2. Nelson Begay – Who are the candidates for this position?

a. Stan – Many candidates for this position, you know Carlyle Begay and his wife on the republican side. Another person from Kayenta who is Navajo is also running for this position as well. There are others, many anglos and James Maloney from Show Low also, but I have never met him. There are some running but have not seen them.

III. Reports

- a. Senior Center Supervisors
- b. Indian Education Policy Representative
- c. Apache County District II
- d. CHR
- e. CLUPC
- f. Farm Board
- g. Council Delegate
- h. Chapter Officials
- i. CSC

i. Thank you all for being here for chapter planning meeting. Maybe it is because of elections. Yesterday we had a command post here at the chapter for two children that were abducted at the lake. The children were recovered in Gallup where the step father left them. Today there was a boat that over turned in the middle of the lake. The father had 3 kids in a boat

and they all had life boats, they assisted the group. Levon also assisted with the rescue and the people were intoxicated. We are also getting a lot of calls on Summer Youth Employment

- IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting: June 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm
- V. Adjournment