

Tsaile Wheatfields Joint Farm Board and Dineh Water User
Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Invocation
- c. Adopt agenda
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2015 and May 17, 2015
- e. Announcements:
 - Title: Chapter Meeting
 - Time: 3 pm
 - Date: Monday, June 15, 2015
 - Location: Wheatfields Chapter House

 - Title: Annual Dineh Water User Meeting
 - Time: 9am
 - Date: Monday, June 29, 2015
 - Location: Wheatfields, Chapter House

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Conservation Plan

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land User Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
 - 1. Wallace Begay Relinquish his Land Use Permit to niece, Charlotte Yellowhorse
- b. Planning for Chinle Agency Council, Saturday, July 11, 2014
- c. Upper Wheatfields Irrigation Canal

IV. Reports

- a. Farm Board
- b. Water User

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
- B. Schedule next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Invocation conducted by Lorena Eldridge
- c. Adopt agenda
Dorthea reviewed the agenda. An amendment made. We added Wallace Begay request to relinquish his Land Use Permit to his niece, Charlotte Yellowhorse.

Action: To add Wallace Begay's request to the agenda.

Motioned by Mary James

Seconded by Ben Curley

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2015 and May 17, 2015
Dorthea read the last two meeting minutes. Both meetings were read and no amendments, comments, or suggestion made.

Action: The two read meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Motioned by Charlotte Yellowhorse

Seconded by Wallace Begay

Voting: 7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

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The additional announcements were as follow:

Title: CLUPC Meeting
Time 10 am
Date: Sunday, June 14, 2015
Location Wheatfields Chapter House

Title: Annual Workshop for Farm Board, Eastern Land Board, and Grazing Member
Time: 8am daily
Date: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, June 16, 17, & 18, 2015
Location: Twin Arrow Casino, Flagstaff, AZ

Hired two Water Masters, and Sunday, June 14, 2015 is their orientation. The two water masters are Emerson Chee and Wesley Begay.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Conservation Plan

Lorena explained that the Farm Board are in the process of writing a conservation plan for all farmland areas. They have looked at the Navajo Nation Conservation template, BIA Conservation template, and NRCS Conservation Template. Base on the template they have created on to cover and meet the needs by all three entities. At the last meeting, we had put some history together for all three farm land areas. However, the part that needs a lot of help from the farmers are in Upper Wheatfields at the west end of the fields where Wallace Begay farmland area starts.

Action: The Farm Board has even themselves a deadline to complete the entire Conservation Plan. The deadline is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Lucinda will send the resource concerns to Lorena, and Dorthea will sent the soil information to Lorena by Sunday, June 14, 2015.

This action was NOT put to a vote.

III. NEW BUSSINESS

a. Land User Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.

2. Wallace Begay request to relinquish his Farmland to his niece, Charlotte Yellowhorse.

Wallace explained several years ago he thought he relinquished his permit to his nephew Tommy Begay, but Dorthea looked into my paper work, and she found that his Land Use Permit was still in his name. As a result, he is now requesting to transfer his Land Use Permit to his niece Charlotte Yellowhorse. He is unable to carry on due to his age and health.

He signed all of the necessary paper work, but DOES NOT have the original Land User Permit.

Action: Wallace will need to present the original Land Use Permit. His request will be move to next meeting. In the meantime he needs to search for the original copy.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Charlotte Yellowhorse

Voting: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

Additional Question regarding Probate Cases:

Dorthea explained when the land use permittee is decease then the within that five years the family members can request for the LUP, but has to go through court. From her experience, she learned that within the five years the family member can due an LUP change in COURT without major question as long as there is no dispute. However, if the LUP is keep beyond 5 years then the seeking permittee will have to find a lawyer to process his paper work.

b. Planning for Chinle Agency Council, Saturday, July 11, 2014

Lorena explained that the Farm Board are given a task to organize the Chinle Agency Council event. One of the biggest request is to make it different. The following are what we have plan so far, and will be presented at the Chapter meeting:

Rental

Tent for the meeting, and will be place outside

The tent rental includes PA system and Chairs

The cost is about \$2,000.00

Supplies:

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Folders, writing pad, pens, and brochures from the committee. On the folder it will have the Logo of each committees

Food:

Lunch menu is Steak, bean, vegetables, Dessert, and drinks, coffee, tea, and water

The lunch would cost about \$455.00

Each Committee will be assign to bring a side dish. The side dish are mentioned above.

Breakfast menu is Fruit tray, doughnut and juice, and Dine' Colleges Navajo cake

Entertainment Pax Harvey (This will not happen due the cost of his performance.)

KTNN – Out due to cost

Fun Run at 8 am; (Water Bottle is to be use for participation)

Historical stories

Door Prize

Huge Screen and computer equipment.

The committees would set up their story at their information.

Thomas Litson assign himself to write to Bashas, Cell One, Dine' College, and NTUA to request for donations.

Action: No action, it is to serve as an update.

C. Upper Wheatfields Irrigation Canal

Only two farmers showed up regarding the concerns that several farmers have regarding their irrigation canal.

Action: Request to next meeting agenda.

Motioned by Ben Curley

Seconded by Dorthea Litson

Voting: 7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

a. Farm Board

No reports provide by President, Vice President, and Secretary.

b. Water User

The reported provided as follow:

Release the water from Wheatfields Lake on May 28, 2015 at 1.5 due no farmers needing the water so, Dorthea started irrigating one of the three fields that she and her sibling have.

Action: No action taken.

V. CONCLUSION

A. Identify next agenda items

The next agenda items area as follow:

- Conservation Plan
- Upper Wheatfields Irrigation
- Wallace Begay's Land Use Permit relinquishment
- Water User Annual Meeting

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- Regional Water Plan
- Update on Proposal – submitted to Honorable Nelson Begay

B. Schedule next meeting date

Next meeting date is scheduled, Wednesday, June 24, 2015 @ 4pm

C. Adjournment

Action: Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Motioned by Charlotte Yellowhorse

Seconded by Wallace Begay

Voting: 7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried