

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes
Local Senior Citizen Center
Tsaile, Arizona
July 1, 2014 @ 3:00 pm

I. Order of Business:

- a) Meeting called to order at 3:20pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b) Pledge of Allegiance, by Margie R.S. Begay
- c) Invocation by Zane James
- d) Review and Adopt Agenda

Motion by Lucita Roy, second by Lorena Eldridge

Add to Agenda:

1. Farm Board Meeting resolution to add
2. Upcoming Camp Meeting use of
3. Dream Budget Resolution requested by LGSC

Votes: 14/00/03

e) Announcements:

1. July 2 @ 9:30am – Life Preservation Planning Meeting, Wheatfields Chapter
2. July 4 - Holiday, 4th of July – Office Closed
3. July 6 @ 9am – Farm Board Meeting, Wheatfields Chapter
4. July 7 @ 10:00am – Grazing Committee Meeting, Lukachukai Chapter
5. July 15 @ 5:00pm – Veterans Organization Meeting, Wheatfields Chapter
6. July 11 @ 1:00pm – Youth Activities by ODY, Wheatfields Chapter
7. July 12 @ 9:00am – Chinle Agency Council Meeting, Forest Lake Chapter
8. July 13 @ 10:00am – CLUPC Meeting, Wheatfields Chapter
9. July 17 @ 10:00am – Local Senior Advisory Council Meeting, Tsaile Senior Ctr.
10. Branding Schedule for Wheatfields/Tsaile/Blackrock
11. Dempsey Harvey, Chinle Police Department: as of yesterday, June 30, 2014 an incident occurred. 4:20pm received called. 4:50 police arrived at the Wheatfields Lake. A young boy 10 years old surfaced and received CPR. There signage have NO Swimming. A brother-in-law 23 years old drowned. Mr. Lavon Thomas from the store took a boat out and was searching. Scuba Diving Team arrived and 6:50pm. The victim was from Tse Bonito, NM and believe alcohol was involved.

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions:

- Is it possible that the Lake could be considered to close off.
- As a public safety we have a lot of officers retiring and have lost 11 just this year. So the recruitment drive conducted and 93 applications were received and only 1 qualified. The standard is too high. And the community can strive the enforcement.
- 8 years ago same happen and informed the Fish and Wildlife and they informed they make money from it. It is always a personal issue.
- Add to agenda for further discussion and action items.

II. Business Action Items:

a. Ratification:

1. Burial Assistance for the late Ben Yazzie, Sr., of Wheatfields, **\$100.00**
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Angie Brown
Burial and reception took place today for the late Ben Yazzie, Sr.

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions:

- Extend appreciation on behalf of our community member for assistance of funds. Feel obligated for need to voice and should have postponed the chapter planning meeting.
- It is questioned and considered on behalf of the community planning scheduled and take responsibilities for it. The family extend their favorable choice for the meeting to be conducted.
- Respect is most considered and it is how you have changed. You used to be very humble and not afraid to speak. Come back down to this level and your attitude has really changed.
- As an individual have done a lot but the respect and the work has to go on as a Leader. Yes, we have elderly that will say different.
- As the schedule would need to continue. We need to address this and think on it.
- Watch what you say...the word that.
- You have a lot of people that want to say harsh things to you. As a Leader continue to stand.

Votes: 19/00/03

b. Requesting Monetary Donation in amount of \$50.00 each.

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Lucinda Davis

1. Cordell Chee, travel expense for surgery in Flagstaff.
Have an 8am surgery tomorrow morning and asking for donation. I will need to leave 4am in morning.
2. Rex Allen Johnson Sr., travel expense for appointment in Albuquerque July 18, 2014.

Votes: 20/00/03

NOTE: According to the Chapter President both items will be ratified at the next chapter meeting.

c. Resolutions:

1. Requesting to hire a Cook Assistant for Senior Center, \$7.49/hr x 366/hrs; Total \$2,995.18, including Fringe Benefits.
Motion by Angela Brown, second by Cordell Chee
Read letter of request for hire as justification.

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions

- What service is the request to and what line item.
- Is there really no funds from the Aging Services? We should just hire temporary driver?
- Virginia Harvey, 14 Centers with 3 centers needing help. Maybe the Delegate knows.
- In this letter of request it states to the Chapter and to utilize the PEP for Lorinda Begay. If the chapter approves it has to be advertise as process.

- There is a need for cook assistance and a driver. There is a need for Senior Center Manager to be present and be available for these meetings.
- As people voice there is no driver.
- The concerns and issues are done and it is up to NAAA. They need to do the assessment. We either approve or not.
- Possible July 17, 2014 for meeting with Division of Health here at the Center.
- Recommend to have the meeting at the President's Office.

Votes: 23/00/03

2. Requesting the Office of Navajo Nation President, Division of Public Safety, Division of Natural Resources (Navajo Fish & Wildlife, Enforcement Rangers, Navajo Forestry Department, and Parks and Recreations), to enforce the laws and regulations of Fire Restriction, trespassing undesignated picnic and recreational activities along the streams, creeks and east of Wheatfields Lake.

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Willis Becenti

Introduced the resolution for enforcement of the Lake/Stream/Recreational and Forestry Enforcement.

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions:

- There is no citation and the Laws have no teeth. Kids play and bath in the water with soap and damaged our field irrigation. We can say the President's Office but he will never come out. It has been tired.
- We need a Ranger here everybody is in Window Rock.
- Let's bring in Legislative and change the laws.
- The laws have been implemented and now outdated. Title 3 needs to be changed.
- Now is the time to talk about this with the criminal laws. Dine sued the Criminal Justice and jail sentencing is limited.
- Education and awareness is a need (boating, swimming, safety, etc.)
- Recommend to keep this resolution for immediate service need and develop a task force for possible amending laws.

Votes: 22/00/03

3. Supporting Farm Board Inventory (resolution will be at the chapter house)

Motion by Theresa Chee, second by Marie White

Presented: In the Farm Board's meeting it is noted that there are need for supplies for irrigation and etc. the items were moved to the barn but become missing. Looking at 3 option of renovation of the multipurpose building, fencing, storages sheds and will put together a proposal with budget.

Votes: 22/00/03

4. Upcoming Camp Meeting on July 19 – 27, 2014 and requesting support for use of Wheatfields Lake recreation site.

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Lucita Roy

Read letter into record for support.

Votes: 21/00/02

5. Dream Budget Resolution

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Willis Becenti

LGSC emailed today at 2:30pm with deadline at 5pm today.

1. Fencing for Senior Center iron fencing with cost estimate 150,000.00
2. Road Clearance 8077 15 miles
3. Waterline project in Ram Pasture area with Environmental Services 330,000.00
4. Power line extension in Horseshoe Canyon 191,000.00
5. Rough estimate: Total \$741,000.00 plus.

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions

- Angela Brown to add her water and electricity to her residence ¾ mile from the road.
- Why are we putting power to Ram Pasture area is that under Many Farms chapter? Is there a boundary?
- What happen to the strategic plan?
- We have put that to you but no one showed.
- Some application is gathered by Many Farms and Wheatfields.
- Katherine Benally is confusing the people and unknown as she held a meeting with Leonard Chee at the Dine College CIP and Chapter Budget.

Votes: 21/00/02

Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Kathy Johns to amend the agenda to add the concerns of the Wheatfields Lake.

Votes:

Concerns/Recommendations/Questions

- How many drowning has occurred at the Lake? Do not agree with these dams and the
- Tsaile Lake. Many of the youth was taken by the Tsaile Lake.
- The Wheatfields Lake a couple of years where it took a couple of lives and it has done before. We don't know how we can put funds to the recreation when this is happening vs the irrigation needs for plantation of food. We need to do and discuss how we can find solution for this lake. This Lake was intend for irrigation and yet it is fed with fish and the water has to be at certain level. Yes, it will effect the store services. What can we do to prevent accident and need the help of Delegate.
- Agree to close for a while and see how this can be resolved. Our elderly use to voice not to go near the waters pond, lakes and streams. A discussion is need to develop solution. We look to Leaders for help. Today we never agree like our elderly has in the pasted. Support to close the recreational services for a while. As leaders need to help us.
- Search to see if there can be supervision for the weekend (July 4th)
- The traditional aspect needs to be implemented.
- Consensus to close the recreational activity. Research to be done and possible to call a special meeting to entertain a resolution.
- Also proceed with the amendment of law.

Votes: 18/00/02

III. Date and Time of Next Regular Chapter Meeting: July 15, 2014 at 4:00pm

IV. Adjournment:

Motion by

Votes: