

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Invocation
- d. Adopt agenda
- e. Reading and adopt last meeting minutes, July 23, 2014
- f. Announcements:
 - Chapter Meeting, August 18, 2014 @ ___ Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Revisit Farm Equipment Proposal

IV. Reports

- A. Farm Board
- B. Water User
- C. Water Masters

V. CONCLUSION

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

MEETING MINUTES

I. Order of Business

- a. Meeting called to order at 9:40am
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of agenda

Dorthea reviewed the agenda. No questions, commits, or amendments.

Action: The agenda was accepted as it was read.

Motioned by Dorthea Litson

Seconded by Felicita Bahe

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- d. Reading of last meeting minutes, July 23, 2014

The last meeting minutes read by Dorthea Litson. No questions, comments, or amendments were made pertaining to read meeting minutes. However, there was a question asked not related to meeting minutes read. A farmer requested to see if there is help available for moving her current alfalfa valve in her field.

Action: The last meeting minutes read was accepted as it was read, and the farmer with a question about her alfalfa risers was asked to add to agenda at later time under new business.

Motioned by Dorthea Litson

Seconded by James Becenti

Voting: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- e. Announcements

- Chapter Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2014 @ 4pm Wheatfields Chapter House
- Soil, Plants, Water Relationship Workshop, Saturday, August 23, 2014
Wheatfields Chapter House
- GIS SUMMIT Navajo Nation Programs, August 20 and 21, 2014 Twin Arrow
Casino, Flagstaff, AZ
- Central Regional Water Users Association, Thursday, August 28, 2014
Wheatfields Chapter House.

II. Old Business

None items listed.

III. New Business

- a. Proposal requesting for Farm Equipment and Personnel

Lorena explained that the Farm Board and Water Users submitted a proposal to Navajo Nation Department for Agriculture for the Narbona Growth Funds. The proposal end up with the Chapter’s Capital Improvement Project. It rank number one, but is now at number 9. The chapter priorities are different from the Farm Board.

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Now, the Farm Board and Water Users want to revisit the proposal and perhaps request for greater dollars. The Proposal was requesting for the 1.7 million to purchase farm equipment and personal cost, three years' salary worth.

Questions, comments, and suggestions:

James Need to attach detail information of farm equipment and personnel cost.

Dorthea – Need to add farm revitalization plan to proposal for justification for why monies are needed. Plus we need to revisit equipment listing and maybe add additional materials needed such as fence for perimeter farmland fencing.

Please note: We end up talking about Wildlife problem and requested to see if a farmer can attend GIS conference.

Actions: Write a letter to Paula to request James Becenti to attend GIS Conference, and to register him for the conference (assigned to Lucinda Davis)

Set August 23, 2014 as a work session after the workshop.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

b. Underground Irrigation Extension in Felicita Bahe's Farmland, Lower Wheatfields

Felicita Bahe requested to amend the agenda, and add her concern to it. Lorena asked the motion parties who accepted the agenda. The motioning parties approved to add to agenda.

Felicita explained that she is aware that at the time when the irrigation was being installed in Lower Wheatfields each farmers were asked to take part in the design of the irrigation system that exist within their farmland, but she never bothered to say anything. However, she commented that she currently have two alfalfa raisers in her field, and the last one at top does not have enough pressure to irrigate her entire farmland. She wants that last raiser move about 100ft or less so they are able to irrigate to the east side of her fields.

Questions, comments, and suggestions:

Dorthea commented that I am sure the Water User can work with you do some if it does not have any water pressure. You (the farmer) will more like to be asked to purchase the pipes needed to make the extension while the Water user find the equipment and labor to extend the line.

James B. commented that it is impossible for that raiser to have no pressure. Each line has a lot of pressure.

Lorena asked if they are using the gated pipes to irrigate.

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Mr. Bahe explained that the gated irrigation pipe is NOT use. It an open irrigation ditch and there is an areas of the open irrigation ditch that cannot serve the water.

Lorena explained that as farmer we need to move forward to improving. The system is developed to gate irrigation pipes.

Dorthea explained that Kim Martinez, Basin Pump owner, know the design of the irrigation system. She is willing to work with farmers when purchasing their gated irrigation pipe. Dorthea commented farmers to purchase the 6" gated irrigation pipe. It is easier to handle and munch lighter than the 8" gated irrigation pipe.

Action: The Water Masters can set up the gated irrigation pipe without the \$70.00 rental fee. Felicita will use gated irrigation pipe to experience if water is able to be utilized for irrigating where she unable to get water to section of her farmland. Based on the experiment then Water Users can move forth with her request.

Motioned by James Becenti

Secoded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

a. Farm Board

President – no report

Vice President – no report

Secretary – She reported that she is working with staff from University of Arizona, so they can present at next Workshop on August 23, 2014. She will purchase food for this workshop using the Water Users Account.

b. Water Users

Lorena explained who the officers were for the Water Users Association. It was reported that the Vice President potion is current vacant.

c. Water Masters

Chester reported that he and Matthew have been working on identifying some problems:

- Need gasket for 10" and 12" alfalfa raisers
- Erosions around main irrigation line and boxes
- Need U Clamps for 6" and 8" irrigation pipe

Matthew reported in Lower Wheatfields, Box 5 has an overflow problem.

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Action: Change water masters work from 6 hrs to 8 hrs. They know it is a 7 days a week job, so they will work together on alternating their two days off. For example, Matthew can take the first weekend of Aug. and Chester take the second weekend of Aug.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Felicita Bahe

Voting: 7 yes; 0 no; 3 abstained

Motion Carried

Action: The report from Farm Board, Water Users, and Water Masters were accepted it was provided.

Motioned by Teresa Chee

Seconded by Felicita Bahe

Voting: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

V. Conclusion

a. Next agenda items to be covered were as follow:

- Community Water Plan
- Tsaile Water Plan
- Revitalization of Farmland Project
- Storage Unit
- Nominate and elect new Vice President for Water Users
- Report from Fish and Wildlife conference
- Proposal
- Water Users Financial Report

b. Next meetings scheduled as Joint Meeting with CLUPS on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 10am.

c. Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.

Motioned by Mr. Bahe (unsure of first name)

Seconded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried