

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Council Delegate: Nelson S. Begaye

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes September 1, 2015 at 3:00pm

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:07pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Paula Begay, CSC
- d. Review and Accept Agenda

Motion by Ashley James, second by Sterlin Kedelty

ADD:

1. Requesting the Resources and Development Committee to replenish the 36million to the original N12 plan and to re-identify the TTIP construction from Whiskey Creek to Lukachukai, AZ within the 5 year plan.
2. Requesting the Apache County District II to provide school bus route road blading on Jordon River Road in Wheatfields, AZ.

Votes: 08/00/04

e. Announcements:

1. September 7, 2015: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - **Office Closed**
2. September 7, 2015: District 11 Grazing Meeting @ Round Rock Chapter - 10am
3. September 7, 2015: Chuska Regional Council Meeting @ Rock Point Chapter - 1pm
4. September 8, 2015: Veterans Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter - 5pm
5. September 8, 2015: Regional Water Plan Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter - 3pm
6. September 9, 2015: N12 Stakeholders Meeting @ St. Michaels Chapter - 9am
7. September 9-13: Navajo Nation Fair - Window Rock, AZ
8. September 13, 2015: CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter - 10am
9. September 18: Farm Board Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter - 10am

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS: All Business items are discussed and forward to the next Regular Chapter meeting for final approval by chapter membership quorum:

A. Ratifications:

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Ashley James to combine the Ratification for action.

1. **\$50.00** Monetary Donation: Lucy Tsosie for travel cost to medical appointment in Albuquerque, NM.
Sponsor: Lucy Tsosie, Community Member

2. **\$2,445.90** Travel Cost for 3 Farm board members, Grazing Representative and CSC
Lodging: \$ 605.90/Meals: \$ 280.00/Mileage: \$ 810.92 and Registration Fee: \$750.00 but will be receiving \$600.00 refund due to registration fee for farm board members and grazing officials paid by Dept. of Ag. (NOTE: Total travel cost most likely to change due to not all trip reports received)

Sponsor: Farm Board/Grazing/CSC

Lorena Eldridge and Paula Begay will do their report at the chapter meeting.

Dorothea Litson elaborated on the work session attend of Land withdrawal and the GPS training

Votes: 10/00/04

B. Expenditures:

Motion by Sterlin Kedelty, second by Max Benally

1. Requesting travel approval to Navajo Nation Background Investigation Conference in Albuquerque, NM from September 15-17, 2015 in Albuquerque, NM for Chapter CSC, AMS & Secretary/Treasurer. (NOTE: will have estimate of cost upon arrival). **Sponsor: Chapter Administration**

Votes: 13/00/02

Motion by Dorothea Litson to amend agenda add a priority chapter listing, second Lucinda Davis

Votes: 15/00/03

RESOLUTIONS:

3. Approving & Accepting FY'2016 Chapter Capital, Chapter Non-Administrative Costs, General Funds PBA, and Special Revenue funds in the amount of \$305,310.00. **Sponsor: Chapter Administration**

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Dorothea Litson

Presented by CSC this is possible projection with subject to change according to voice however the windsystem has this amount for FY16.

Votes: 14/00/02

4. Requesting the Resources and Development Committee to replenish the 36million to the original N12 plan and to re-identify the TTIP construction from Whiskey Creek to Lukachukai, AZ within the 5 year plan.

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Sterlin Kedelty

Presented by Chapter President that this plan has been identified and want to request to restore the original funds. Now I am hearing there is another 5 year plan of this TTIP.

Votes: 16/00/02

5. Requesting the Apache County District II and the BIA to provide school bus route road blading on Jordon River Road in Wheatfields, AZ.

Motion by Sterlin Kedelty, second by Max Benally

Lukachukai Community School addressed the need for this bus route to blade the dare need of blading services. The School Bus is encountering the rough road.

Votes: 14/00/03

6. Requesting to amend the chapter priority listing.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Lucinda Davis

Presented by Dorothea Litson with reading letter for record. Regarding the community feasibility study by the Indian Health Service and Environmental Health of 55 homes for chapter to consider as a priority. (attached)

Comments/Recommendations:

- CSC voiced all supported resolution and other data/document as packaged to the Council Delegate. However since the projects request are made it is not updated. We need to know what our delegate is doing. The packet being requested is all here.
- Any and all funds should be distributed equally with Blackrock included. What is going on? Is our chapter just sitting around and waiting for grants? When I was a secretary/treasurer I use to walk the documents through the window rock offices.
- We do not have a grant writer at the chapter. However the Delegate has said that he will hire a Grant Writer in place of his Legislative Assistant. We need to ask him again. Some of us need a job here.
- Decentralization at the local level is a vacant position.
- This feasibility study of the shihasin funds. This is to be invested and we are not in a near position of receiving this fund.

Votes: 16/00/04

II. REPORTS:

1. More of an announcement on September 8, 2015: Study report on drinking water. Study follow up report. This is not for livestock water. Final report of the consultant.
2. Council Delegate:
 - As of this morning the Navajo Nation President and Vice President hosted a meeting regarding the contaminated water on Navajo Nation. With the water being damaged it has caused no one to be in the waters, no irrigations, and no drinking water. On Navajo land in the Northern area they are disallowed usage of water. However outside Navajo regular routines are happening. This is causing lawsuits.
 - Nabi Committee had a work session regarding roads. RDC work session at Tse Bonito. I attend the local chapter planning meeting instead.
 - Trust Funds reaching 2billion dollars. Delegate has legislation to tap into the pot for transportation. It is simple if we attend a chapter meeting we delegate is paid stipend is paid \$210.00more at the level. Committee meeting is less at \$60.00 and work session does not pay anything.
 - N12 construction I favor with full length but funds has been cut to Chinle project.
 - Maintenance cost is also only within the proposing Delegate region. All the other projects are
 - not included. This has been referred back to him.
 - Legislation for Public Safety is also posed
 - Fiscal Year 2016 proposal is given to the head branches. Executive Branch is more than the Judicial and Legislative. Executive Branch has cut 10% of chapter funds and had them propose for. Also 1% cut of many divisions were effected.
 - The Divisions has been effected to let go 2 staff or so.
 - Division of Community Services, maintenance is al
 - Office of the President and Vice-President has doubled its funds and staff. This is being discussed by the Delegates.
 - This chapter should support and request same operating funds for this chapter. Round Rock will be adding this to its chapter meeting.
 - Delegates are posing a continue resolution for all programs. This is should have room for negotiation.
 - Five year expenditure plan should be priority. Then we have water issue for human and our livestock.
 - Farm Board has worked on the Lower Wheatfields project with NCRS with matching funds. How do we rejuvenate our land? We still have livestock. This I have for you at the committee.
 - Chapter priority is Lake development with 6 million with Farm Board projects and the needs for water.
 - This weekend his committee will be working on the expenditure plan.
 - Economic Development within the Navajo Nation with 5 areas. It's Tuba City that generates 2million than the Window Rock area and other area.
 - 110 chapters are requesting their own funds.
 - Keep in mind that I have prioritized Rock Point for water issue plan. Politics is also involved for projects. OEH meeting had only a few projects and provided and showed what is in the local plans.
 - Met with Speaker and informed that he will be attending more chapter meetings then the committee meetings. Stipends allocated has laps.
 - I request to be excused, because this past Monday my wife encountered health issue with being hospitalized. 40 years in marriage. Thank you for your prayers.

Comments/Questions:

- Chapter Vice President extend his appreciation for report.
- Since you are quite busy recommend written report for distribution would be good. The report update with status of projects.
- RESP: Might be going on air for updates or the Navajo Times. Forgot to report on Gaming what was to be taxed back but not happening.
- We do miss you here hat chapter. 2million proposal submitted by Farm Board we questioned. In talking with Amber Crotty she asked where we are getting our matching funding.

- RESP: Proposals are separate with agency visits by Executive Branch. Main thing is the Sihasin proposal. Yes it's good to have matching funds and Amber is not on the committee. There is a report that show monies is given to NRCS but a lot is turned backed. Your proposal is in there and will provide you back a copy.
- You do have a big job and trying to understand. Missing resolution for the proposal is that from the chapter. Or is it for the chapter priority listing. Elaborated on the Ram Pasture to make a priority proposal. We have suited and got the money for natural environmental. It makes more sense that our people has sheep and need water. Why can't Navajo invest more money in environmental. All is more extraction of oil. There is a huge hungry. We should have a resolution at the next chapter meeting to our Navajo Nation President. Chapter President is questioning the road issue and I a very thankful for him to putting the data together. The Camelback work is taking too long and why was it not outsource?
- RESP: the resolution for your proposal of 2.9 if there is already one copy it and attached.
- RESP: CIP is detail with the Lake Development as a priority at 6million dollars. The CIP is updated every year. The five year plan will not be same.. need the yearly update. It is amend by this body and CLUPC. CIP do not leave it.
- RESP: Food sovereignty issue is very true.
- RESP: In meeting with NRCS I have said that Wheatfields has a very good Farm Board.
- RESP: Roads is what I spoke to Stimulus Plan. This will create jobs and tie the gravel to this plan. Gravel cost is very high.
- RESP: The monies allocated by RDC on N12. I proposed to get the funds back from Chinle to N12. According to BIA Sharon Pinto said funds are allocated for N27 is already allocated for. I have addressed and questioned if they can't to let me know.
- RESP: N12 meeting is scheduled and I recommended to have RDC be in attendance. N12 is a major corridor with high usage. Plan is to propose with fencing.
- From Blackrock area we are still hauling water from here about 20miles. It is good to hear that plans are in place for water and roads.

3. Navajo Division of Transportation: Marlinda Littleman

Introduced herself and addressed the little group left. Navajo Department of Transportation Roads is where I work with Ray Russell as Supervisor. For about a year now we have been talking about gravel pits. Many Farms has asked to purchase gravel from Utah at a very high cost. Apache County will be hauling. Navajo DOT on call engineering with Wilson & Company Consultant. 15 years ago gravel sites were identified and study. Now with the existing data to continue the study. Map not too clear. Apache County was establishing a gravel pit. In May we came out to site. Another area on a dirt road had a illegal gravel trash dumping. This consultant gyologist said to sample the material and study in Albuquerque. To see if it's good for gravel or pavement. This is first stage with material study with resolution. Sample resolution is provided. Would like to be added to the chapter for approval.

Comments/Questions:

We do have a Chapter CLUPC that is charged with land status issue. So we can move this request to CLUPC.

Just to let you know the next CLUPC meeting is on September 13, 2015.

We have requested by resolution that if this chapter supports the community would be assisted first.

RESP: September 13 I will be at Klagatoh so will go to the next meeting.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2015 at 1:00pm

Why is the meeting being recommended to this September 14th, it just seem so closed.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:01p by Daniel Staley, second by Lucinda Davis. With all in favor.