

**Tsaile/Wheatfield Chapter Meeting  
Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**AGENDA**

**I. Order of Business**

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Invocation
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Appoint Secretary Pro Temp

**II. Old Business**

- A. Ratification
  - I. Margie Begay \$308.71  
CDBG Outreach Orientation
  - II. Affordable Case Act – Twin Arrows Resort  
Zane James & Leanna Thompson
  - III. Project Management Symposium, Page, AZ  
David Kedelty & Paula Begay  
\$1,024.46
  - IV. Burial Assistance  
Noah Seymour Nave  
\$100.00

**III. Resolutions**

- A. Financial Summary Budget
- B. Supporting Michael Tsosie  
Veteran Housing
- C. Requesting Navajo Nation Resources to Repair the Twin Dam/Reservoir in Black Rock.
- D. Supporting U of A Master's Student Kestrel of Hope within Native Citizenry.
- E. Supporting Water Shed Study within 3 communities.
- F. Scholarships
- G. Supporting Navajo DOT's Safety Funding Proposal at Tsaile Junction.

**IV. New Business**

- A. Requesting BIA & Navajo DOT to Mow along Route 12 & N64.
- B. Farm Board to Request Extension of 3 Water Masters to 360 Hours each.

**V. Report – None**

**VI. Date & Time Next Meeting**

October 2, 2013 @ 1:00 pm

**Adjournment**

**Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting  
Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. Order of Business**

- a. Call Meeting to Order @ 1:35 pm
- b. Invocation – Provided by Zane James
- c. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by David Kedelty
- d. Review/Accept Agenda – Motion by Dorthea Litson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorena Eldridge  
22 in favor 0 opposed 6 abstained
- e. Appoint Secretary Pro Temp
  - i. Motion to appoint Jennifer Mitchell to serve as Secretary Pro Temp by Rita Jishie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mildred Silversmith
  - ii. Motion passed 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 6 abstained.

**II. Old business-** Motion Marie White, Willis Becenti 2<sup>nd</sup> - Combine all ratifications together

- a. Margie - will request written statement/summary from Margie and from others that didn't come to meeting. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-NONE
- b. TANCR- Zane James did summary on Affordable Care Act or Obama Care that was held at Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort. Summary on Obama Care that was passed in 2010 and will become effective starting October 1, 2013. One of the main criteria's that was presented to attendees was to have individuals ask questions when they visit their health care providers, especially the elderly on the Navajo Nation. Beginning October 1, 2013 all individuals should and is suppose to have health insurance and those elderly and Navajo people should be asking these questions and see what their options are of their health care providers. Another major aspect of Obama Care was that in the past, Congress had to reauthorize the Indian Health Services in their Health Care bills but the Affordable Care Act has permanently reauthorized the Indian Health Services and that I.H.S. will not go away. However please keep in mind that opponents of the Affordable Care Act are continuously working to repeal it.  
Will request summary from Leanna Thompson as well.
- c. Project Management- David Kedelty did summary on Page, AZ. Chapters are running project. Some places are running well in chapters. David talked about Pre schools, senior centers and group homes. If chapter managers are implied will they have supervisors? Navajo Tribe has design and Engineer working for them. We go to WR and inform them about projects and ask for monies.  
QUESTIONS COMMENTS?- NONE.

Zane elaborated on David's summary-Invite to our next meeting in September.

- d. Burial Assistance –Noah Seymour Nave \$100.00 – Zane thank community for helping The Naves family QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-None

RATIFICATION- 25 in favor 0 opposed 7 abstained **DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY IS TO HAVE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO TRAVELED AND DIDN'T ATTEND THE CHAPTER MEETING TO HAVE WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING.**

### III. RESOLUTIONS

#### a. Michael Tsosie – requesting for help in housing Veteran

Motion Dorthea Litson

Emery James 2nd

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – NONE

26 in favor 0 opposed 6 abstained

#### b. Requesting Navajo Nation to repair the Twin dam in Blackrock-

Emery James Motion

Dorthea Litson 2<sup>nd</sup>

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

Carmelita Litson- met with grazing committee about a year ago about road to her place. My parents and aunt lived there long ago. Planned on building my home there on the outside of fence. A year ago or so there was a fence put up blocking us from the road we always utilized. I informed grazing committee a year ago regarding this. I was never informed there was going to be a fence put up. Recently grazing committee came out there but nothing was done. No access to my home. I asked to have my road worked on. It hurts me (emotional) that I can't get to my home. That road has been there for years. I would never do that to anyone, blocking them. I have a heart. My own relatives are doing this to me.

Zane's response- Thomas wanted this on the Agenda. Grazing is working on it. I had already informed her that it will not take over night to correct this. Road to home is a public road, called a personal route. We

cannot take fences back out that has been put in place. Its hard to do this. Zane asked Carmelita to be patient with us.

Carmelita- requesting one path to her house at this time. I'm even thinking maybe I should do this myself. Need road right now.

Zane-will follow up with Transportation tomorrow morning personally.

Sheila Staley-I'm the one who cut off the road. I was told to move back to Wheatfields and told I was not from there.

Carmelita interrupted and Zane informed Carmelita please wait, you will have your turn to speak. Let Sheila speak.

Sheila- we were told to move back to Wheatfields and my mom is told the same. We all have hearts. What about that. To hear you're from not from here your only born for the kiyannies.

Zane interrupted- we had a prayer before we started. Please speak to on another with respect. It will not take overnight to correct this. We have young children here and need to show some respect. Let the process play itself out.

Lets proceed with that.

Carmelita-everything was fine until the fence was put up. Question to Zane. What do I do about this, how do I have access to my home.

Amendment-request by James Becenti to include in the resolution NDOT/Forestry for Temporary Emergency Transportation to Carmelita's resident, in case trees will need to be cut down. The Amendment was motioned by:

Dorthea Litson motion

Lorena Eldridge 2<sup>nd</sup>

Amendment – 18 in favor -0 opposed -9 abstained, amendment passed

COMMENTS: Jack – Carmelita stating she will cut trees if she has too, to get road to her house. Forestry needs to be notified first.

The main resolution was passed with the amendment 18 in favor -0 opposed -9 abstained.

**c. Kestrel Smith- Tucson, Arizona University of Arizona** - Presentation/Handouts are included in the chapter packets.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: Zane James informed Ms. Smith that she may need to get a Chinle Agency Council Resolution if it should go before Navajo Nation Review Board. In most studies, that is usually the case.

Motion by Danny Haskie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Willis Becenti

25 in Favor – 0 oppose – 2 abstained

**d. Support Water Shed study**

Danny Haskie

Lorena Eldridge 2nd

Dorthea Litson- Water usage. Conserving water, need to plan. Investigate and determine the outcome. We want to plan for water usage, for our children and the future. Will be working with University of Utah in this effort. In light of recent rainfalls, it shows the need for our community to be more actively aware of the water table within our community. Additionally, in the past the Navajo Nation has deliberated much on the Water Rights issue in the Lower basin and soon, the upper basin will be addressed and our community needs to be aware of the water shed levels. Meeting here at 11-3pm on Thursday September 26, 2013.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: NONE

19 in favor -0 opposed -6 abstained

**e. Scholarships**

Emerson James Motion

Kathy Johns 2nd.

Frantino Carroll-wheatfields, AZ – Introduction. Requesting for help with scholarship, majoring in business administration. Need help with tuitions, books, childcare and gas. Three children

Javion CHee- represented by Aunt Lorena Eldridge. 18 years old. In school at Crownpoint, NM. Requesting for financial assistance.

Dominic Kedelty-represented by David Kedelty. Attending ASU 5<sup>th</sup> year. Mechanical Engineering. Requesting for financial assistance. Thankful for all your help for the Past years.

Sadie Billie- attending Navajo Tech. University graduating in May 2014. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year majoring in Law Advocate. I have four children.

Diore James-Thank you speech - attending Fort Lewis College majoring in radiology.

Kalian Mitchell – Thank you speech.

27 in favor – 0 opposed – 0 abstained

**f. Supporting Navajo DOT's Safety Funding Proposal A Tsaille junction.**

Willis Becenti

Dorthea Litson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Resolution is requesting for funding for safety issue at the Tsaille Junction. It is a collaborative effort of the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter and Navajo DOT to apply for funding.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Willis Becenti- are they really going to fix the road? Also, will this take away from the funding for the main Navajo Route 12 funding to fix that mail road.

Zane were advocating for more funding. Specifically for Tsaille. No guarantee were going to get the funding. We processed the paper and were hoping that it will get approved. Also this is only a request for funding, which is separate from the funds already allocated by BIA for the main Navajo Route 12 funding, so no it will not effect that.

Mrs. Grandma Rita Jishie- When? Road needs to be fixed, its very dangerous. We need to get at least the stripping on the road because you cannot see at night or even during the day.

24 in favor – 0 opposed – 3 abstained

**IV- New Business**

Kathy John Motion

Dorthea Litson 2<sup>nd</sup>

- a. Requesting BIA and Navajo DOT to mow along Navajo Route 12 and Navajo Route 64
  - a. Zane James - Request is in light of recent rain fall, the shoulder of the two roads in questions has experience much vegetation growth, which has hindered the sight along the roads. BIA and Navajo DOT always requests for chapter resolution anytime any work is requested. I don't understand why BIA cannot just go out and do the maintenance and don't understand why we always have to present a resolution.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: NONE

25 in favor – 0 opposed – 3 abstained

- b. Farm board requesting that 3 Water Masters hours be extended to perform additional work.

Kathy John Motion

Mildred Silversmith 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lorena Eldrige- three people were hired from the chapter and were being paid from the chapter. Job is not completed and were asking for more hours (extension) working at 9.00 an hour. Requesting for your approval on this extension. Requesting \$10,800.00 to pay these employees.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Mr. Becenti: this \$10,800.00 your asking does that include taxes and all, fringe benefits ? So there are no surprises.

Mrs. Eldridge – need 360 hours for each employee and yes it includes all that.

Need work for Samuel Yazzie, Justin Tsosie, Freddie Yazzie, Mervin John's areas. The proposed work is all included in the request that has been forwarded to the chapter.

Rebuild culvert at route 12 at Tsaille.

Question: Zane James asked Ms. Eldridge to inform the community where the funding will come from to pay for the materials on this additional work?

Ms. Eldridge responded to Mr. James that the funding will come from the fees collected by water users.

Emery James question: regarding upper Wheatfields, the area along or near the late Harley Chee's residence, is that dam also included in this work?

Ms. Eldridge responded that they are aware of that dam but is not included in this maintenance for additional hours.

Mr. Becenti comment- Any time there is additional work requested, it is usually in the form of an amendment to the original contract. I remember that at the beginning of the summer, the water masters were hired to perform specific tasks and now we are going beyond that. Also, I don't mean to speak against anyone but I have not seen any improvements or don't see any results as a result of hiring the water masters.

Zane James responded that amendments to a contract are usually the case in private sector and as a chapter it is difficult to enter into a contract, because had we hired a contractor, they would not be working at the rate these water masters are getting paid. Maybe when the chapter does obtain LGA certification they can enter into a contract but we must understand that the contractor hired in that case would charge a larger

amount. In light of Mr. Becenti's concern that no deliverables are seen as a result of the water masters work, Farm Board is directed to provide a list of accomplishments of the hired water masters.

19 in favor – 0 opposed – 6 abstained

V. **REPORTS- NONE**

VI. **Date and time of next meeting: October 2, 2013 at 1:00 PM**

Meeting Adjourned: 3:58pm