

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting October 19, 2015

MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:48pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Travis Teller, Blackrock community member
- d. Review and Accept Agenda:
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Lorena Eldridge
Question: At the planning meeting was the Farm Board Stipend issue discussed? If not request to add to business item today for action.
Delete Business Item #7 as the Farm Board considered to have the Water Masters take charge of this.
WIC number 11
Requesting to add Many Farms Chapter Supporting Resolution to Earmark FET funds for culvert installation
Votes: 25/00/02
- e. Review and Accept Minutes:
Motion by Sarah James, second by Max Benally
Reviewed:
October 1, 2015: Chapter Planning Meeting
October 6, 2015: Special Chapter Meeting
CONCERNS:
September Meeting minutes was not reviewed at the planning meeting so can we add?
Reviewed: September Chapter Meeting
RECOMMENDATION:
Minutes to be word per word for recording.
Votes: 26/00/05
- f. Announcements:
 1. Oct. 20, 2015 @ 10 am; Chuska Regional Council Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 2. Oct. 23, 2015 @ 8:30 am; Strategic Planning Meeting/Navajo Dept. of Agriculture @ Fire Rock Casino.
 3. Nov. 2, 2015 @ 10 am; Grazing Committee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 4. Nov. 8, 2015 @ 10am; CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 5. October 28, 2015: 3pm Farm Board Meeting

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

1. **\$572.18** Travel Expense for attending the Grant Writing Training on Oct. 13-15 @ Twin Arrows Casino.
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Lorena Eldridge

CSC presented as an invitation by the Community Development program, I was able to attend a grant writing work session. The memo chapter meeting so it a ratification since the funds is already used for lodging, meals and gas.

Many chapter officials attend with a representative from chapters.

The work session covered interaction of different people with choice of an item for exercise work for grant proposal. We were instructed on statement of needs with goals and objectives, budget and organization history in the exercise. In the practice my group wrote on solid waste. Each topic covered about an hour. This was interesting and different from the current process that I do on my proposals. I took sample of my proposal for review, the Navajo Nation requires a cover letter for each proposal. It was very educational and interesting. Available grants have different format base on what is out.

Chapter President: I and the CSC will be working on a grant.

Votes: 25/00/06

B. Expenditures: NONE

C. Resolutions:

1. Tsaile Senior Center:

Chapter President: We already discussed this and we can bypass this.

2. Approving the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Tract Master Plan:

Motion by Sarah James, second by Lorraine Sorrell

Presented by Chapter President: 10 acres tract here at the Chapter house with recommendation to utilize chapter funds. In the Summer time we host agency council meeting here with many chapters visiting our area.

The development of considering the electricity be underground on the Chapter tract. As it is now it all tangled up and doesn't look good. If approved we can outsource for vendors and work with the community development.

Chapter Vice-President: In a recent meeting I understand that BIA Harold Riley has pose to change entrance to the chapter house on the west side for safety.

LEldridge: In pass it has been discussed and approved for signs near the entrance gate what has happened to that?

RESP: Right of Way belongs to BIA.

Votes: 24/00/06

3. Requesting Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Division of Transportation and Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee to implement chapter recommendation of Navajo Route 12 Plan In Hand Review.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Nelson James

Presented by Chapter President: N12 Plan in Hand has had 3 meetings. I found out that the turn outs would be at a high cost. We held a Public Hearing this past Friday for the community to speak on this. I wanted to review the stake holders meeting and public hearing notes which will be send to NDOT and RDC.

LSorrell: In the past we have been saying we want fencing project along this highway there is many accidents that need attention.

RESP: This project in scheduled in 2017 with fencing. This N12 is supported by Oak Springs to St. Michaels Chapter who are also asking for RSA studies.

LSorrell: The other thing in the past we asked to purchase was a tractor. We need to help our people with needs. This chapter is very behind.

RESP: Grader maintenance is very high and many cannot keep up with the cost. Because of that we have been renting a grader to blade roads to the community homes. I don't think this chapter is way behind like most other chapters are.

LEldridge: I just want to extend appreciation with need being in tact to the plans and resolution we've done for from this chapter.

Votes: 24/00/10

4. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension in the amount of \$1,027,950.95 for 21 homes.
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Nelson James

Presented by CSC: This funding is revenues from the Navajo Nation casinos. Public hearing were done on the reservation. The outcome was to turn the funds generated back to the chapters and the other is to turn into Window Rock or the hosting chapters to receive the revenue. Council approved to have the chapters pose grants with the Service Centers established. After that the Chapters are informed to pose for funds by grant status.

So with that we moved to pose electricity project in the Horseshoe canyon area. Total amount of \$1,059,450.95 for this project but NTUA's contribution cost of \$31,500.00 is deducted from the total amount.

Same proposal I given to the Council Delegate for Shihasin Funds but don't know what's going on with that.

DBegay: Are there people actually living in this area for electricity to be considered?

RESP: NTUA will conduct a feasibility assessment for projects. IHS will also determine their assessment base on their findings they move their own list. Requirement is 9 months living at the location.

In the past we have serviced homes but some have become abandoned. In the proposal 90% of time that people will move back to live there.

Votes: 26/00/04

5. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the Rural Electricity Project for Tsaille Scattered Powerline Extension in the amount of \$233,300.16 for 11 homes.
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Lorraine Sorrell

Presented by CSC: Same process has been taken for this item

Votes: 31/00/03

6. Requesting the Navajo Nation Gaming Net Revenue Distribution to fund the fencing of 7.69 acres of Tsaille Development in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Motion by Nelson James, second by Lorraine Sorrell

Presented by CSC: Same funding proposal but for fencing project in Tsaille.

KNata'ani: Per capita, is this for the Senior Citizen Center? What happens to the chapter revenue what happens to that?

RESP: It's Chapter property

Chapter President: In driving by the Senior Center looks real nice but looks ugly enclosed with the fencing. So the idea is to fence the whole Tsaille Development with the Headstart, Senior Center and the remaining tract.

Votes: 28/00/03

7. Approving the Tsaille/Wheatfields/Blackrock Veteran Organization Officers and the Plan of Operation.
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Angela Brown

Presented by David Tsosie, Veterans Commander: The main one for the approval is the Plan of Operation. The current Veteran's Officers are: Andrew Bahe, Vice Commander; Willis Becenti Secretary with Roy Anagal and David Kedelty Members. Need to set up the budget for how the funds will be utilized with chapter resolution, veterans meeting agenda and minutes.
Fiscal Year budget approved with chapter support and resolution

WBecenti: The funding is already tied to 34 requests by the Veterans.

Chapter President: At the agency council meeting one individual made a report and is very knowledgeable and we can have him come here to make a report to this chapter.

Votes: 29/00/03

8. Approving and accepting the FY'2016 Veteran Fiduciary Funds in the amount of \$34,175.00 for Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter.

Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Kuhyonre Nata'ani

Votes: 27/00/04

LSorrell: In the past the unused monies was turned back in what's happening with that?

RESP: This is Veterans specific funds and carried over into next fiscal year.

CSC: these money is controlled by the central office.

9. Approving FY'2015 Fall Scholarship Applications.
Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Max Benally

COMPLETED APPLICATION:

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| • Shane Harvey | Presented himself |
| • Travis Teller | Presented himself |
| • Daniel Allen | Presented himself |
| • Jarmando Lee | Presented by Kuhyonre Nata'ani |
| • Zedraielle Thompson | Presented by Kuhyonre Nata'ani |
| • Maryenne Begay | Presented herself |
| • Monique James | Presented herself |
| • Damien James | Presented by Mother |
| • Sheree Sam | Presented by Mother |
| • Leloria Begay | No Show but will be included |
| • Heather L. Williams | Presented by Father |
| • LaDonna Tsosie | Presented herself |

PENDING:

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| • Kory Klee | No Show but will be included |
| • Cordell R. Chee | Presented himself |
| • Irving Cayedito | No Show but will be included |

LSorrell: What amounts are we giving? Is it possible for increase of scholarship funds? Increase for students that are really trying?

RESP: Depends on credit hours. The policy can be amend by anyone requesting. Yes the increase can happen. We are probably the only chapter that really gives a large amount for scholarship.

Votes: 26/00/02 Total amount of \$8,800.00 for scholarship assistance.

10. Farm Board Resolution: Requesting the Navajo Nation for additional funds across the Navajo Nation for the Farm Board and Grazing Representatives.

Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Max Benally

Presented by Lorena Eldridge: She informed with naming the Farm Board Members. Each year the funds are allocated but always becomes a short fall cost. Current Navajo Nation President and Vice-President has cut each of the Divisions operating cost. This impacted the Farm Board cost for meeting stipend. Chapter Officials operate with Title 26 and the Farm Board works with Title 3. BIA still has the authority. This resolution is before the Navajo Nation Council too.

Votes: 23/00/02

11. Supporting and Approving Many Farms' request of Navajo Nation Division of Transportation to earmark Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax funds to provide culvert estimate, purchase culverts at the designated areas of the 3.5 miles BIA N8084 (Ram Pasture) Road, turn –off from N64 to Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter District Boundary.

Motion by David Tsosie, second by Devon Begay

Presented by Charlotte Begay, Many Farm Chapter Official: She extend her appreciation to the Chapter Officials for the long working relationship and partnership. Purpose of resolution for road on N8084 off N64 at 3.5 miles with culverts installation which is recommended by BIA. Now, want less culverts install then what is recommended on the worst area of the road.

5:43pm LOST QUORUM

NOTE: this item will come back to the November Chapter Planning Meeting.

II. REPORTS:

1. Senior Center Supervisor: NO SHOW
2. Community Health Representative:
 - Flu Clinic only 2 left: October 27 Tsaile and October 29 at the Lukachukai School. Please get your flu shots and safe guard and protection.
 - Awareness of hauling wood for ourselves and do winter preparation.
 - CHR centers down to 7 staff. Limited vehicle usage.
3. Health Board Representative: NO SHOW
4. Community Service Coordinator:
5. Community Land Use Planning Committee: NO SHOW
6. Grazing Committee: NO SHOW
7. Farm Board
8. Council Delegate: NO SHOW
9. Chapter Officials: NONE
10. Janie Henderson: NO SHOW

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

November 2, 2015 at 9:00am

V. ADJOURNMENT: