

# Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Council Delegate: Nelson S. Begaye

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## Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes November 2, 2015 at 9:00am

### I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order at 9:24 am by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by the group
- c. Invocation provided by Charles Chee, community member
- d. Review and Accept Agenda  
Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Stanley Kedelty  
Presented by the Secretary/Treasurer with reading the handout agenda  
Add: Report for WIC  
Report of Community Planning for Healthy Forest Management and Watershed Protection  
Monetary donation for the Veterans activities  
Requesting HESE Committee of  
Votes: 11/00/01

NOTE: Mr. David Kedelty is excuse on personal issue and will be late  
Grazing Representative will be excused to the District Grazing Meeting

- e. Announcements:
  1. Nov. 2, 2015 @ 10am – District Grazing Comm. Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  2. Nov. 4, 2015 @ 9am – Adm. Service Center Meeting @ Ganado Chapter
  3. Nov. 8, 2015 @ 10am – CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  4. Nov. 9, 2015 @ 10am – NDOT Road Inventory Meeting for Chuska Regional Chapters @ Round Rock Chapter.
  5. Nov. 10, 2015 @ 10am – Turkey Trot @ Tsaile Senior Center
  6. Nov. 10, 2015 @ 5pm – Veterans Organization Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  7. Nov. 11, 2015 – Holiday – Veterans Day – Office Closed
  8. Nov. 12, 2015 @ 9am – N12 Stakeholders Meeting @ NDOT Complex, Tse Bonito. This may change of location.
  9. Nov. 13, 2015 @ 9am – CDBG Public Hearing @ Pinon Chapter
  10. Nov. 20, 2015 @ 12pm – Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ Tsaile Senior Center.
  11. Nov. 24, 2015 @ 10am – NN Resources & Development Committee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  12. Nov. 26 & 27, 2015 – Holiday – Thanksgivings – Office Closed
  13. November 21, 2015: Dine College will host a program where the local Veterans will post colors
  14. Tsaile Senior Center serving 4 meals a week with Friday's snack lunches. Due to the budget allocation. Will provide turkeys for the elderly on 11/20/15. (Scheduled meeting with Nazlini Chapter Senior Citizen Coordinator on the reduced service).
  15. Community Dinner by the Jordon River Church on 11/21/15

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 Stanley Kedelty, second by Max Benally to combine the ratifications.

1. \$50.00 Burial Assistance: Herman Clement, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer of Lukachukai Chapter

Due to respect of the working relationship with the Chuska Regional Council, we provided assistance to the late Lukachukai Chapter Secretary/Treasurer.

2. \$50.00 Burial Assistance: Jayson Peter of Wheatfields

Votes: 18/00/04 with correction of amounts ratified \$100.00 each assisted.

#### **B. Expenditures:**

1. Requesting monetary donation of \$50.00 for Chinle Agency Veterans Activities. Sponsor: Willis Becenti  
Motion by Davon Begay, second by Marie White

Presented by Mr. Becenti for assistance of monetary donation for a day activities in Chinle and yield to Agency Commander Anderson Tulley. Who also explained and extend apperception of monetary assistance requesting. Representing 16 chapters within the Chinle Agency. On Veterans Day would like to recognize and acknowledge all branches of veterans. The Navajo Nation does not acknowledge the veterans at all. So this is a group effort to provide for the Veterans across Navajo. The Navajo Nation does not allocate any budget for the Veterans so because of that we are reaching out to the Chapters for assistance. Even the Chinle Veterans office Mr. Gorman is not supportive. This activity will be at the Chinle High School. Program is in the works with awaiting confirmation of speakers.

Votes: 17/00/03 This item will be ratified due to the scheduled activity

#### **C. Resolutions:**

1. Supporting and approving Many Farms request of NN Division of Transportation to earmark Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax Funds to provide culvert estimate, purchase culverts and partner with other road resources and install the 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.  
Sponsor: Charlotte Begay  
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Max Benally

Presented by Ms. Begay, Many Farms Chapter Official. Who elaborated on the resolution with identification of culverts needs location on road N8084. 16 areas of culverts need but would like to concentrate on the major 8 areas. As we all travel this road and it is a bus route. Requesting your support of approval.

MWhite: As a support and it has been years since this item has been in the plans. The road is awful without maintenance. What happened to the plans that has been survey many times? This is where the funds are being wasted. The need is now for fixing the road.

Chapter President: We had many meetings on this road issue. We will designate the Chapter CSC to make follow up with BIA of the status and to report back to community.

Presenter: In 2019 3.5 miles will be gravel with bridge is in plan and it would be good to have follow up with BIA.

Votes: 17/00/03

2. Supporting and approving a Land Withdrawal or Designation of a Land Area for a Clinic for the Navajo Nation Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program.  
Motion by Devon Begay, second by Robin Jackson

Presented by Chapter President and CSC: Informed that a meeting was requested by the WIC Hank Haskie last week regarding the WIC facility. The land issue for recommendation is to identify land within the 1 acre site at the Tsaile junction. This will also be planned with the Chapter CLUPC. Don't know where you (Mrs. Blackhorse and the Delegate) stand on this?

ABlackhorse, WIC Staff: As stake holders we were not informed of the meeting. We are in discussion with HEHSC Committee who is planning on needs information. With the Chapter President, you said you were working with Ramona on this and you shouldn't be backing her up.

Chapter President: I don't work for Ramona. I work with a non-profit organization. Mr. Haskie is who you work with right? Obviously, the break down is not within the works.

ABlackhorse: HEHSC is handling this and Mr. Haskie did not inform us.

Delegate Begaye: WIC is in working process of \$400,000.00 which is designated for a facility of a building. This person Haskie allocated the funds identified for Tsaille facility which later he pulled for another location. Hank Haskie is the Indian Wells Chapter Vice-President. Winslow WIC was also told to move to Dilcon. They also voice on the site recommended and are not pleased with it. This was referred to HEHSC Committee. Questions of when was the funds allocated and was it allocated for Tsaille? Ramone Antone Nez is to make follow up with information to the HEHSC. As of Friday, Hank Haskie telephoned with asking for a resolution. But informed him to send a written document requesting for support from this chapter. So the information is not provided back to the HESE at this time. As of this morning I forward request to Jonathan Nez, HEHSC Chair to invite the WIC back for update. This Haskie and Ramona Nez is working against my sister (Mrs. Blackhorse).

Chapter President: Do you have any objectives for the chapter to move forward with this?

ABlackhorse: We will be meeting with HEHSC on the 4th. Anytime there is a meeting with USDA there is no involvement with the telephone conference calls. Hank Haskie only involves Ramona. I questioned why you (Chapter President) are defending Ramona. It is a conflict of interest for you to do that.

Chapter President: I work for this community and I work for a non-profit organization. Speculation is not needed here. Upon any information from Haskie to Delegate we at the chapter need to be informed too. I thought your interest was the funding that was given to another community right? We can designate the CSC on Wednesday to attend the HEHSC meeting for chapter information.

CSC: On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we received a request for a meeting regarding this WIC situation. The chapter made effort to contact the Delegate but was not in service area. We met with Hank Haskie and discussed the need to keep the money allocated in Tsaille. So according to the funds that will be returned to the Tsaille we need to start preparing how we will identify land for this funding. And with this we need to move forward. I said that I would search for the documents of the land withdrawal for the Tsaille junction. For the past 20 years nothing has been done at the 1 acre site where the current WIC office is at now. The other thing is the recommended to condemned WIC facility. So we are looking at one of the building near the Chapter House and need to prepare for building usage by the WIC Staff to serve the clients. The need of telephone line and electricity. This was discussed with Hank Haskie. We want to move forward to let the community know of this information and discussion what they would like to recommend too. Again this chapter wants to move forward without favoritism and I will attend the HEHSC meeting.

SKedely: Extend appreciation for meeting. This item in dissection is on land and funds. This HEHSC is asking for update of report. Therefore, we need to send a resolution with needs of funds be returned for the Tsaille facility and make sure the language in the resolution and move forward with it.

Delegate Begaye: This resolution will need to move forward. This 1 acre is the same area that was designated for the police substation. According to HEHSC we need an award letter to fix this. We need to move this item and allow the CSC to work on this. Funding allocation need to be in writing. Hank Haskie is new to the program and again he is voicing harsh wording towards my sister (Mrs. Blackhorse) which he should not be doing.

Chapter President: Questioned for the WIC staff if they are okay with the chapter to move on this. Besides I am still worried on being accused of working with Hank Haskie.

ABlackhorse: You should have already said that you didn't work with Haskie. We have been trying to find a location in Lukachukai area even Round Rock is too far. He (Haskie) has said that he actually sits outside the work office to see if I am at work if not he is finding ways to fire me.

Chapter President: Speculation is again not good and I told you chapter relationship is with the WIC and you need to work through your supervisor.

RJackson: Just to make a commit on the government. A good government is based on good transparency. A community member can stand up and question the leadership. An open communication. I appreciate you answering the questions.

Chapter President: My understanding is to move on?

WHenry: It is very hard to sit in your position as chapter officials. I support to move on and it sounds as it is just a lack of communication. When you are in leadership and branded the Government is very hard to handle. People that voice are the ones that don't have their documents together. This HEHSC I don't know. I support the earmarked funds for the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter. Direct attack is not worth it.

LDavis, WIC Staff: I am glad you found a space for us. We need internet to write checks. No communication from Hank.

Chapter President: That is one of the things Hank brought out in the meeting is the need for internet. The process is that we will be working on that.

KNata'ani: Resolution goes before the CLUPC don't you know this? In the email you send you were trying to find a location of land. I wish to motion to add to the next chapter membership to get an independent audit on the chapter. Most people will not like this but we don't know where things are. This land withdrawal is with CLUPC.

Chapter President: This issue is resolving itself. The land identification is with CLUPC and we have been asking CLUPC to identify land status with report back to the chapter. We had a meeting with Hank Haskie and he did agree to revert the \$400,000.00 back to the Tsaile/Wheatfields to be used for a facility. The audit we have favored and requested back 6 years ago and at the time the Navajo Nation was backlog to conduct audit. We favor this and we can request an independent firm to conduct this audit with cost of the chapter monies. Audit is good it will tell you where you're lacking and doing well.

DBegay: Mr. Haskie has been favoring to condemn the building, but the funds to fix this was moved to Dilcon and now back to Tsaile. He wanted to diverted staff to go to Chinle. This is still in the air. He is trying to fix these things now since this has gone to HEHSC. USDA funds is something you don't missed with.

Votes: 18/00/03

3. Report of Community Planning for Healthy Forest Management and Watershed Protection  
Motion by Devon Begay, second by Linda Yazzie

Presented by Robin Jackson who asked for agenda item for report at the next meeting and a supporting resolution which she will present. BIA forest management plan and an intergraded Resources structure. Attended a conference and would like to share what she's learned and the research conducted. This is will be supported by resolution.

Votes: 17/00/04

4. Requesting the HEHSC \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion by Stanley Kedelty, second by Max Benally

Presented by Chapter President: I work for the NM Appleseed. A quicker way to subsidize with donated free meals. The Navajo Nation needs to intergrade with data sharing with NM. If a certain school is eligible for free meals and if the percentage is high the school might be eligible for free meals. Many of us do not have money to pay for children's meals. Detail resolution at the next chapter meeting.

Votes: 18/00/03

NOTE: In the future we need to address Foster homes to reunite the children with their parents. However housing is an issue.

## II. REPORTS:

1. Senior Center Supervisor:

- This past month we had a visit from OEH with many areas cited. Trash bin, ladder which is on order.
- We had BINGO's in raising funds for the elderly and also provided to the Headstart.
- Community Dinner with the
- November to re-elect new officers.

Delegate: we need Data from Senior Citizen to support need. The current Navajo Nation said they would give the fund take back but we don't know when will happen. We need to do a resolution on this. We need all the chapter resources to make reports at these chapter planning meetings.

Chapter President: we will try to schedule a meeting so we can put this to a resolution.

RBahe: The Senior Citizen Navajo Nation Flag is not there.

Chapter President: Do you know the history of the flags outside?

2. Indian Education Policy Representative: No Show

3. Community Health Representative: No Show

4. Health Board Representative: No Show

5. Community Land Use Planning Committee: Officers for the CLUPC is changed with Lucinda Davis as President; Kathy John, Vice President and Kuhyonre Nata'ani, Secretary. Also named the members. NDOT presented on need for gravel site from Tsaille peak. The CLUPC did not pass the resolution for NDOT. I am suppose to put data together on the scared sites. And that is why I am asking for the budget.

Chapter President: Rural Addressing where is that at from the CLUPC.

CLUPC only needs a small cord for the system. The other thing is to open the chapter for the meetings.

Chapter President: work with the Chapter staff.

6. Grazing Committee: Meeting in process at the Chapter House

7. Farm Board: No Show

8. Council Delegate: First of all the WIC – SAS process. Dilcon monies paperwork in process. Bond in Seattle Washington tomorrow which I was suppose to attend. Invite by the Jordon River Church for community dinner on the 22nd. Lukachukai Chapter meeting on Friday, Round Rock rescheduled. Put the Dine' College on leave due to many problems.

9. Chapter Officials: Chapter Meeting

10. Community Service Coordinator: Chapter Meeting

## IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: November 23, 2015 @ 1:00pm

**V. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Max Benally to adjourn at 11:38pm  
Votes: all in favor.