

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter
Chapter Meeting
December 8, 2013 @11:00am

AGENDA

I. Order of Business:

- a) Call meeting to order
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Invocation
- d) Review and Adopt Agenda
- e) Announcements:
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 - 2. December 10, 2013: Special Election (**chapter will be closed**)
 - 3. December 10, 2013: 5:00pm Veterans Meeting
 - 4. December 11, 2013; 9:00am CSC/AMS Meeting at Lukachukai Chapter House
 - 5. December 18-19, 2013: Twin Arrows Casino
 - 6. December 29, 2013: 1:00pm Farm Board Meeting
- f) Special Guests:
 - *Honorable Navajo Nation Vice–President Rex Lee Jim
 - *Former Delegate Mark Maryboy

II. Business Action Items:

- a) Ratification of **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Ashton Steven
- b) Requesting to identify a Site and Acreage in Tsaile for Chinle BIA Maintenance Yard to Store Cinder & Equipment.
- c) Approving to attend the Navajo Land Summit – “Collaborating for the Future” on December 17-19, 2013 at Twin Arrows Casino Resort
- d) Reaffirm the T/W Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
- e) Supporting and recommending the approval of one acre Business Site Lease for Lavon T. Thomas.
- f) Research proposal for CU Boulder and Dine College Collaborative Study in Spring Semester 2014
- g) **Others:**

III. Reports:

- a) Community Health Representative

IV. Date and Time of Next Regular Chapter Meeting: January , 2014 am/pm

V. Adjourn:

Happy Holidays

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MINUTES

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Meeting called to order at 12:46pm by Zane James, Chapter President
Pledge of Allegiance by group
Invocation provided by Chapter President
Review and Adopt Agenda
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Kathy John
Agenda accepted with no changes
Votes: 21/00/05

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7. December 12, 2013: 10:00am Local Senior Council

Special Guests:

*Honorable Navajo Nation Vice-President Rex Lee Jim:

Mr. Jim introduced himself and announced that Zane James is now one of his Executive Staff aboard therefore any issues and or concerns can be addressed to him for submission to his office. Brief update on:

Division of Health has 264 medical position with less than half Navajo. How do we training Navajo people to become doctors? We have developed Navajo University in Crownpoint and will concentrate on a Premed degrees and working with Dr. Guy on it. Also looking at Engineers and Archaeology degrees. Dental area is also being look at too. Looking at bring partnership with Women's health through Harvard University.

Working on developing youth wellness at the Chinle juvenile facility. 10 year health wellness plan is being worked on.

Department of Health- Food policy; how to implement safety for consumption. This policy will also address the environment. Current the Division of health does not address this.

Elders working on Nursing Homes about 600 of them are off reservation. 200 beds is what we are looking at in Fort Defiance and they are willing to work with us. Outside Navajo are private owned. The thinking is that these private own should be run by Navajo for a better understanding.

Veteran's Housing is another area working on with plan of building 15 houses per agency a year.

Working with colleges on remedial issues at the High School level with the Dine College and NTU.

Where are our "A" students? In the corporate world today these companies are beginning run by "C" students.

Listened to the CLUPC meeting this morning which is good continue working with your people. Ki' is key to working on anything.

In the future if you need something addressed let Zane know and to schedule something.

Questions/Concerns:

- Land issue and problem with grazing permits which are inactive and still using those permits.
- Headstart Issue no student services at the Tsaille/Wheatfields Center.

*Former Delegate Mark Maryboy:

Mr. Maryboy introduced himself with elaborating on years served in leadership capacity. Now running his own business Oil and Gas, Engineering Firm, etc.

Purpose of the visit is the water issue. When the subject of water is address we think Indian Health Services and other services for waterline services. Current the main water usage is from underground being pumped up for usage. Since 1960 water has been an issue. Study shows that within the next 30 years water will be gone in the Rough Rock region area. How the study has taken place. Water is forces to be pump out with some damaging/poising causing health issues. So what do we about it? There is San Juan River that is flowing though. This has been study and its good water. The discussion is to bring water from the San Juan river to Round Rock and into Tsaille/Wheatfeilds. The process was discussed at the November 4, 2013 Lukachukai Chapter house. This needs to be known by the Chapters, CLUPC, Grazing and the people. Land use planning needs to address with amendment. NN IT will take one and half year to process the whole mapping. The cost is about 9million dollars. I will be spending more time at these chapter meeting and sharing what is coming through regarding water issue and its usage for the people. In addition, you need to know about the Navajo Nation Government federal dollars. Since 2012 395million was allocated. Audit 98.6million is used, unknown about 73.2million. You do not have to wait 10 years to create jobs. If you can take a position for your business people and your community you can do this in and through partnership this can happen. You can have water and have your area looking like other areas.

Questions/Concerns:

Water users and Farm Board joined and conducted water studies here. To see how much water we have. Current working on proposal which is near completion. How will we be able to work with you together? What is the necessary need to close the gap? What is the design for this chapter with the water shed study? Therefore Mr. Maryboy is invited to the December 29, 2013 Farm Board Meeting for further discussion and plans.

Motion by Lavon Thomas, Sr. to accept the reports by the Guests, second by Lavon Thomas, Jr.

Votes: 28/00/07

BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Requesting approval of **\$100.00** ratification burial assistance for the late Ashton Stevens
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Marjorie Johnson

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

Additional assistance recommended for the late Paul Sarracino. (agenda to be amend for assistance)

Votes: 29/00/03

- b) Requesting approval to attend the Navajo Land Summit – “Collaborating for the Future” on December 17-19, 2013 at Twin Arrows Casino Resort for 3 people (Chapter planning meeting recommended Grazing, 1-CLUPC & 1-Chapter Official).

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Lorraine Sorrell

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- CLUPC met this morning and moved with recommending to send all its members. The purpose for this action is the working relationship with land withdrawal and the E9ll that the committee is works with. Decentralization is another area to hear and learn of the new information to be shared.
- The need for all the CLUPC members to attend and utilize at the local level and it is best for the committee members to hear themselves to implement at the chapter level.

Votes: 19/00/07 (approval for 1 chapter official & all the CLUPC members with cost)

c) Reaffirming resolution of Tsaille/Wheatfields Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Lorraine Sorrell

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- If this resolution is already passed why then is there a need for the people to attend the Land Summit?
- The homesite lease regulations has change and the many other issues that needs to be informed.

Votes: 21/00/07

d) Supporting and recommending the approval of one acre Business Site Lease for Lavon T. Thomas.

Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Marie Carroll

Mr. Lavon Thomas, Jr. requested support on the one acre plot for business site lease.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- This site lease has been questioned and what is the status of that now?
- Explained the situation that was, corrections were made. The expanding of trucking services and the possibility of the contamination of the lake was a big concern. The business site lease was for the store only and later turned into trucking services with logging. It was noted that the store should be closed and open to the public for application. It is frustrating that the Business Regulatory is not on page. They have told the chapter only store and now the conversation they have with the Thomas is store and trucking services.
- In listening to this item it is a conflict for status of voting because the item is not clear.
- We, left the chapter planning meeting with the understanding that this business site lease will only be for the store. We are in search of another location for the trucks which has been moved to Chinle. You will see a truck or backhoe at our site because we need those to move snow now. We will continue to be here and not going anywhere.
- In the years past the late Teddy Chee had stated in the chapter meeting and minutes there would only be a store at this location and anther at the late Joe Watson store site. So are we now talking about doing away with that resolution?
- In 1990 the Business Site lease permit expired. There was a concern by this community members. This chapter resolution will supersede the CLUPC resolution. Now the issue of the trucking services has become a question.
- This item being spoken of and trucks have been moved as presented. The store business site is a need for our community. This store is to be supported and recommended to go forward.
- CLUPC moved its resolution with working with the Thomas' and we can easily correct and email tomorrow. We should be supporting this item and respect the third generation moving into running this business.

- Question why the Fish & Wildlife, Recreational Services and other services seem to voice and we go along why doesn't the chapter community voice matter or are we waiting for chapter to become certified?
- Bessie Yazzie, history of the store by which this chapter moved and offered with approval to service the people to run a store with her late husband. At that time we had a business store at Low Mountain which was moved to Wheatfields. October 16, 1966 moved and developed the store. I might not look as if I don't know anything but I have worked and represented different entities as: 1950 worked at Lukachukai, DNA Board of Directives, Juror Business/duties, Dine College Representative and finally tried from BIA in 1967. We operated the lakeside store and then gave to daughter and now grandson to operate.

Votes: 27/00/01 – Resolution supported for the Thomas for a one (1) acre Business Site Lease of a general store.

- e) Supporting the research partnership of Dine College and the University of Colorado Boulder regarding an air quality study of students' homes in the Tsaile and Shiprock areas.

Motion by Lorraine Sorrell, second by Mildred Silversmith

Presenter shared that the students will be conducting and studying the air quality within their homes on the different type of heating sources utilized such as wood, coal and natural gas usage for heating. 10 homes will be burning wood, 10 homes coal and 10 homes with natural gas. This project is supported by the letter of Dine College President.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- What about the pullet stoves?
- Many studies are taken and yet there are not feed back to the chapter people what will the process be for this study?
- It is outlined in the proposal and feedback will be made.
- Are the homes identified?
- It will be the homes of the students not unless there is interest for our homes to be studied.

Votes: 21/00/04

- f). BIA requesting land for stock piling

Motion by Lavon Thomas, Jr. second by Lorraine Sorrell

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

It is good to hear that the BIA will be moving in to blade the roads and it would be best if they just blade all the elderly road services need.

Votes: 23/00/03

REPORTS:

Motion by Lavon Thomas, Sr., second by Rita Thomas

- a. Community Health Representative:

First of all the CHR vehicle is replaced. Starting January I will begin taking classes again. Office hours are from 8am to 5pm. But I am not in my office all the time. 8am office and field visits. There are complaints being made to the chapter staff that I am never in my office. Encouraging all to make sure your Immunization are to date and for all to get flu shots. High risk listing is our patient listing. Which is turned into Chinle office (3 or more visits in a month) we are told to take them off list if no services are provided and this happens when they are not home for CHR services.

b. Farm Board

At the last meeting presented a power point presentation with Water Master's work in the Upper Wheatfields area Dam and the leakage with need work. I requested agenda item today and is not listed but thank you. 10million dollars need for work. Update reported on materials costing at \$4,104.46; rental \$1,735.85; fuel \$398.00 with total cost at \$6,238.16.

Question/Comments/Concerns:

- Lost interest in the CLUPC and the chapter meetings. My concerns and recommendations were never considered. I requested help with my farm plot and nobody came out to help. I like to develop again but no help of working on the irrigation line.
- It is very hard to ask someone how we can help out. The whole nation day by day we are losing hope. In this area we are commended and strongly minded. To be honest and saying you're losing interest say we are not doing our work. Let's do something this Spring with the youth.
- There was a Farm Board presentation yesterday on the different types of food preparation and 10 members showed but we learned a lot in working with the youth.
- Losing hope is so true until working with the Farm Board/Water Users Association. But what little they are helping now is good.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

January 3, 2013 at 1:00pm (Chapter Planning Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kathy John to adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm, second by Rita Thomas

Votes: all in favor.