

**Tsaile Wheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2016 @ 4pm**  
**Wheatfields Chapter House - Building with Small meeting Room,**  
**Wheatfields, AZ**

AGENDA

- I. ORDER OF BUSINESS
  - a. Meeting call to order
  - b. Invocation
  - c. Adopt agenda
  - d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2016
  - e. Announcements:
  
- II. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Junk Food Sales Tax
    - Develop Survey Questions
  
  - b. *Revitalization* of Farmland Project
  
- III. NEW BUSSINESS
  - a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
    - ✓ None listed at time.
  - b. Fund Management Plan
  
- IV. Reports
  - a. Farm Board
  - b. Water User
  - c. Others
  
- V. CONCLUSION
  - A. Identify next agenda items
  - B. Scheduled next meeting date
  - C. Adjournment

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MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at [REDACTED]
- b. Invocation by [REDACTED]
- c. Adopt agenda  
Agenda reviewed by [REDACTED]  
Action: [REDACTED]  
Motioned by [REDACTED]  
Seconded by [REDACTED]  
Voting: [REDACTED] yes; [REDACTED] no; [REDACTED] abstained

Motion Carried

- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2016  
The last meeting minutes read by [REDACTED]. An amendment made to change 6 million to 5 million.  
Action:  
Motioned by [REDACTED]  
Seconded by [REDACTED]  
Voting [REDACTED]

- e. Announcements:  
Lorena explained that she invited BIA Natural Resource Officer from Chinle and NRCS – USDA from Chinle to attend the Permittee meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10am Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ.  
However, she has not contact someone to talk about Water Rights.

Action: Lucinda was asked to identify someone and contact that person to request him/her to present at Permittee meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Other announcements were as follow:

- Chapter Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ 1pm Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ
- Permittee Grazing Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 2016 10am Senior Citizen Center, Tsaile, AZ

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Junk Food Sales Tax
  - Develop Survey QuestionsSurvey questions were generated as follow:  
What would you like to see with the Junk Food Sales Tax?  
What type of Recreational facilities would you like to see?  
Walking Trail  
Baseball Fields  
Swimming pool  
Trail for Bike  
Park  
Basketball Court  
Playground

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Gardening  
Indoor facilities

Lorena commented that she will check with Ms. Hatalthie again.

*Action: Put on agenda at next meeting – Topic on Junk Food Sales Tax.*

*Motioned by Dorthea Litson*

*Seconded by Lucinda Davis*

*Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

b. *Revitalization of Farmland Project*

Lorena explained that this Revitalization of Farmland Project Impact many laws such as: Impact on Water Rights, and Rules 25 CFR, NNC Title 3 – Recommending Body of Government, and the Language stated on Land Use Permit regarding Operation and Maintenance Fee. It has benefits; it needs improvement; and it has sales.

Dorthea commented, “this Revitalization of Farmland Project is written into the proposal that that is funded for 5 million by the Navajo Nation Council, and we are going to have to implement this project either land owner disagrees or not. Importantly, we need a written support approval directly from BIA Natural Resource Office Staff.” A resolution needs be written again to them.

*Action: Write a Resolution to BIA Natural Resource staff to request for their support is subleasing the all idling farmland to Farm Board for 10 years, but will work directly with land owner.*

*Motioned by Dorthea Litson*

*Seconded by Racheal Eldridge*

*Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

III. NEW BUSSINESS

a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.

✓ None listed at time.

*Action: No action taken.*

b. Fund Management Plan

Lorena explained the Tsaile / Wheatfields Farm Board has been funding for 5 million by the Navajo Nation Council when they approved the 150 million expenditure from the Permanent Trust Fund. This is history made, because it has never been done until now.

The following needs to be completed in order for us to receive the funding from Navajo Nation Council:

Permanent Trust Fund  
(Enduring) (Faith) (Finance)

1. Create an expenditure plan
2. Questions:

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- How will the Trust Fund be administrated?
- Who will do the PCQ and Hiring?
- Who and where will the equipment be stored?
- Is the idling farmland being subleased?
- How the economy be sustained and establish sustainability?

Nelson Begay explained the difference between Sihastin Funds and Permanent Trust Fund

Currently, the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture wants to be the Physical Agent for the account that was funded to the farm board.

However, as Farm Board we will be requesting this funding to be requested as a grant, and in the mean time we will be getting ready, so the Water User account will be utilized.

Dorthea explained, she will be in contact with Dine College Land Grant and U of A Land Grant institution to help us plan for the funding over the five years based on what is written in the proposal, and will have Brycson Pinto to help us with the account set up.

In addition, is it possible to request for the Sihastin Funds for a Processing Plants for Farmers and Ranchers?

Mr. Begaye indicated that it is possible to request funding from the Sihastin Funds. The meeting is on June 16, 2016 at Twin Arrows for more presentation.

*Action: Prepared for 5 year implementation plan with the help from Dine College and University of Arizona Land Grant Office. Contact Bycson Pinto to help set up for the financial management. In the meantime, Lorena talk with Controller Officers. Perhaps seek funding from the chapter to request money from CIP to planning purpose.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Racheal Eldridge*

*Voting: 7 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

#### IV. Reports

a. Farm Board

President: No reports. Just a reminder there is a Permittee Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10am Wheatfields

Vice President: No reports

Secretary: No Reports

b. Water User

Secretary/ Treasurer and Water Master:

- They provided an update on Upper Wheatfields Irrigation Project. Intel Box is install waiting for concrete to be poured; Under Ground irrigation pipe are put together at Lucinda's Farmland, and now in the process of extending her line to 140 feet out to install an Alfalfa riser. Will be beginning to install pipe near Emerson Chee Farmland. (only one pipe was broken, but three additional 18 inches of pipe broke, and that will be installed)
- Dorthea had to travel to Albq to pick up additional supplies and materials for the project on Friday, May 13, 2016; she extended the backhoe rental to June 20, 2016; ordered concrete from Gallup Eagle Ready Concrete Mixing Company.

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c. Others

- Honorable Nelson Begaye reported that he will need to closely follow the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee and the Sihastin Fund.

*Action: The reports were accepted as given.*

*Motioned by Dortha Litson*

*Seconded by Racheal Eldridge*

*Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

V. CONCLUSION

A. Identified next agenda items are as follow:

- Junk Food Sales Tax
- Permanent Trust Fund Plan

B. Scheduled next meeting date, Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 2pm, Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ.

Plus, Permittee Meeting, Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10am, Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

C. Adjournment

*Action: Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Racheal Eldridge*

*Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*