

TsaileWheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting
Sunday, October 16, 2016 @ 12pm
Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Invocation
- c. Adopt agenda
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2016
- e. Announcements:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Junk Food Sales Tax
- b. Land with drawl on Chapter Compound for Water User Operation & Storage Facility
- c. Resolution – Reaffirm support for Revitalization of Farmland Project

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc
None at this time

- b. Financial Report

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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MEETING

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Meeting called to order at 12:50pm

b. Invocation by Lorena Eldridge

c. Adopt agenda

Dorthea reviewed the agenda. No comments, questions, or suggestions.

Action: The agenda accepted as read.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2016

Dorthea read the last meeting minutes. No comments, questions, or suggestions.

Action: The last meeting minutes accepted as read.

Motioned by Teresa Chee

Seconded by Lucinda Davis

Voting: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

e. Announcements:

- Monday, October 17, 2016, Chapter Meeting, @ 1pm, Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ
- Tuesday, October 18, 2016, Provide Breakfast at Fall Session Council Delegate meeting. (Please note: We decided to service breakfast until Winter Session due to approval of providing food are during the session are required. We are unsure if we are on the list.)
- Wednesday - Thursday, October 19 - 20, 2016, Agricultural Expo all day event at Dine' College, Student Union Building. (Please note: Lorena took leave to attend Expo.)

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Junk Food Sales Tax

To put the survey into a graph, so data can be presented to Chapter for people to observe. Need to search someone to do that for us.

Action: Send a letter to Dine' College Land Grant Office Director to request an intern's help to input the survey data into some form of graph. Secondly, if the Land Grant Director DOESNOT have an intern available to help us then request for Ophelia, from the Chapter to help us out.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Kathy Johns

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

b. Land Lease Agreement between Chapter and TW Dineh Water User & Farm Board

The land is already withdrawn for the Chapter, so the language should be Land Lease Agreement between Chapter and TW Dineh Water User and Farm Board. To come up with the correct name we talked about the following:

Lease -

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TW Dineh Water User

Chapter (Title 26)
Farm Board (Title 3)

Based on the talk, we made a decision that the Agreement IS NOT a Government to Government because the Water User is NOT another government entity, but instead it is nonprofit organization.

Action: To develop a Land Lease Agreement between Tsaile / Wheatfields Chapter and Tsaile / Wheatfields Dineh Water User for 100years, and before November 13, 2016. Secondly, develop a Resolution to be attached to the request.

Motioned by Kathy Johns

Seconded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

The other addition update was provided to the people in regards to funding of Wheatfields Agriculture Project. The Farm Board and Water User set down with Ed McCool for a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. He wants us to draft a scope of service and he will use that to draft a MOA, and the money with still be drawn down from the department that is willing to house the money.

Question to Nelson:

Why will the money be drawn down to Water User? We want it as pass through direct funding as grant. So is it a grant or an MOA that needs to be file.

Nelson responded by indicated that it SHOULD Be considered a GRANT. He will call a meeting with Bitah Becker sometimes during the week of October 17 to 21, 2016. He will inform us of the dates. If it is not going to be accepted as a GRANT then he will DRAFT a legislation to accept it as a grant.

Loreana explained the following:

ID problem – There is 127 farmers, and 90% of the farm land is idling. A survey was conduct – the survey indicated that farmer do not work on farmland due to lack of Farm Equipment and lack of Financial stability.

The goal is to have 100% of the Farmland be in productive by 2020; 60% hay production, 30% vegetable crop, and 10% native food plant

The major additional goal is the do more Water Development for farmers, and this can only be completed if the land is in production for at least 2 years. Whatever, is being produce is be market for sustainability along with Education.

- c. Resolution – Reaffirm support for Revitalization of Farmland Project

Loreana explained that we need to reaffirm the Resolution number, 04062014, where it indicates that we are in support of the Revitalization of Farmland Project.

Action: To reaffirm the Resolution number, 04062014, where is supported the Revitalization of Farmland Project.

Motioned by Lucinda Davis

Seconded by Kathy Johns

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc
None at this time
Action: No action taken due to no request.

- b. Financial Report

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Dorthea reported that the financial report she provided at the last meeting on October 6, 2016 is still the same, but add \$40.00 to it. She received \$40.00 from the Operation & Maintenance fee.

Ending Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ 25,692.18
Deposit – Operation & Maintenance Fee	\$ 40.00
Balance as of October 16, 2016	\$ 25,732.18

Action: To accept the financial report provided.

Motioned by Kathy Johns

Seconded by Teresa Chee

Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

a. Farm Board

President reported: There was a legislation draft by Edman Yazzie, and it was pasted by the Council Delegate. In the legislation, it requests for proper and fast payment to be given to Farm Board, Eastern Land Board, and Grazing Official. As a result, the Office of Accounts Receivable under the Navajo Nation is working on the following with Department of Agriculture staff:

Direct Deposit for all Grazing, Farm Board, and Eastern Land Board officials

Submitting an online claim form using an E signature, and on FMIS system will have the direct deposit. This should eliminate travel and time.

No reports from Vice President or Secretary.

b. Water User

No report from Water User.

c. Others

V. CONCLUSION

A. Identify next agenda items

- Junk Food Sales tax data
- Lease Agreement
- Resolution
- Financial Report
- Create an Annual Plan
 - Strategic plan with SWOT analysis

B. Scheduled next meeting date, Sunday, November 6, 2016 @ 10am Wheatfields Chapter, Wheatfields, AZ

C. Adjournment

Action: Adjourned meeting at 2:45 pm

Motioned by Teresa Chee

Seconded by Dorthea Litson

Voting: 5yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried