

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016 at 1:00pm

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Meeting called to order by Zane James, Chapter President
2. Pledge of Allegiance by the group
3. Invocation provided by Zane James
4. Review and Accept Agenda
Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Nelson James
Requesting to ADD:
Announcements:
 - a. February 9, Veteran Meeting
 - b. 71st Annual Celebration Ira Hayes in Sacaton, AZ for request at the next Planning Meeting
 - c. Council Session next week: is the legislation
 - d. February Planning Meeting for discussionResolutions:
 - a. Devon Begay: Dine College financial issue.
 - b. Water Infrastructure on add to agenda
 - c. Council Delegate: \$2 million dollar resolution and \$1 million dollar for elderly eyewear.Votes: 31/00/04
5. Review and Accept Minutes:
 - a. December 21, 2015 – Regular Chapter Meeting
 - b. January 4, 2015 – Chapter Planning MeetingMotion by Sarah James, second by Marie White
Votes: 41/00/05
6. Announcements:
 - January 21, 2016 @ 8am – Reservation Wide Grazing, Farm Board, Land Board Meeting @ Window Rock.
 - January 21, 2016 @ 10am – Appreciation Dinner for Completion of Tsaile Dam Rehabilitation @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - February 2, 2016 @ 9am – District Grazing Committee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

- Motion by Devon Begay combine accept #2 to vote on separate, second by Orlando Charley
1. **\$50.00** Monetary donation for Darlene Kedelty for medical travel to Flagstaff 01/04/16
 2. **\$100.00** Burial assistance to the late Myron Carroll
Comment:
Charles Chee extend appreciation on behalf of the family.
 3. **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Vincent Lester Kinlichine
 4. **\$1,240.60** 2015 Basic Payroll Tax and End of the Year Reporting Work Session, Flagstaff, AZ / Jan.6-8 (Paula & Leanna).

Report: CSC was on leave and elaborated the ratifications. The training was based on the return tax earning of each worked employed and the elected officials. The total amount for the year is reconciled with the IRS base that the W2 forms are ordered.

5. **\$1,811.80** Rural Addressing Partnership Conference, Twin Arrows / Jan. 12-14 (Zane, Lucinda, Paula & Thomas).

Report: CSC was on the updating of the E911 work. Ameri Corp and students worked was reviewed with us. Partnership of Division of Community Development and Apache County got together and hosted the conference. In the past Marjorie Johnson attend the Train the Trainer. Chapters provided their update and how they were successful. It was very interesting. Thomas, Lucinda and CSC got together as to how to move forward.

ADDED by Lucinda Davis: attended 1 day of the conference for the chapters update. This past summer there were homes visited by consultants hired by the Apache County. The data was compared and different with needs work to continue. Questions were who will continue the work and where the funds will come from in the discussion it would be the chapters to allocate funds for the need. I had no knowledge that Ameri Corp worked up here. In the CLUPC meeting will get back together in February with work in March.

ADDED by Zane James: in addition they will have to view the verification with adjustable needs and measure for the LRAC to continue. Be aware that this chapter will have to look at funds and to know that we can't use Navajo words.

Question:

Is this for sole purpose of the emergency need?

Only for emergency purpose

Votes: 48/00/04

6. **\$1,158.00** Appreciation luncheon for Chapter Resources on 12/28/15
Motion by Devon Begay, second by Thomas Litson

Comment: 1,158.00 is a lot of money. This sale tax money could have been used by the chapter and its community. This kind of money is 2 car payments for someone.

Zane James: it was my idea and extend appreciated to staff and a guest. To me it was the least to do. Any criticism can take.

CSC: the information went out for all the chapter resources by invitation. Land Claims Trust funds line item. At times we forget to be thankful for anything. Anything good to do or to say is very hard for us. When negative its so ease to do. I supported the effort. We don't use the funds look at our carryover. Look at the resources and the officials they have accomplishments. We also did same for the Senior Center.

Angela Brown: I understand where the concern person is coming from. That money using could be used for the elderly. The bad talk is coming from here and that is why we didn't attend. These people work and get paid.

Lucinda Davis: This item is very where in a work place. As supervisor you extend appreciation to your staff. I accepted the invitation and I am thankful for the meal shared. It is done and we feel better in moving forward.

Votes: 23/07/11

B. Resolution:

1. Chapter Financial Report – December 2015
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Lorena Eldridge

Votes: 32/00/13

2. The recommending 110 Consolidation
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Marie White

Presentation by Jamie Heno, Office of Navajo Government Development. The Chapters govern all the 110 chapters with responsibilities of policies. In Window Rock we have President/Vice President as well as here at the chapter level. The hand out of the Title 26 Task Force. 1st the Navajo Nation as a whole, the Seal, Flag, the Dine' Fundamental Rights and the Bill of rights. 2nd the Council Delegate responsibilities and goals, committees, and the different branches and the qualification of leadership. 3rd the Agriculture. Title 7, Title Education, Title 12 Appropriation with LGA Trust Funds, Title 26: Local Governance Act. If approved the codes will be amend to fit the new code. 1989- Approved by the council and the officials work and implement with the people. LGA authority at the local level with Window Rock to hold back. Albert Hale posed the Title 26 with amendments of local level authority. The 110 chapters was reviewed and the approached was that 110 is too many and it has caused separation of communities. Some chapters voiced the quorum is an issue in reaching and conducting business. For the plan of the younger generation is also another factor. Compact was another plan for some chapters as a regional council. The Navajo Nation standing committee are aware of this. The move is that the chapters are already in the regional status. The chapters will remain of 110. Plan 1- 22 region, Plan 2-Stateline 23 Regions, Plan 3- proposed regional staff. Many people have said they don't get the assistance they want. Some have very little population at chapter. Some of the chapters are facing that they are not informed of the process for LGA phase, no assistance, and the funding is not enough. 110 chapters will remain with no more add unless they have a number of 1,000 plus population. Through the census office there are chapters with less than 1000 and one chapter has 60 population with the largest. Elaborated on the benefits and the barriers. Informing the 110 chapters with regions to be implemented. This election will allow the officials to stand aside and only recognized one with one agency council representative. This plan will have a regional manager with staff. The other will be pre legal to assist the officials.

Comments:

This plan is presented as only in the talking status but it's already and they sponsor is running with this. The Council is supporting this effort with RDC directive. The intend of the authority and respect is taken from this. The Veterans rights, the fundamental right to vote you need to say and understand this. Now this information is just a quick and fast notation. We need a detail information of a day session. The legislation to postpone the election for 2 years what are your thoughts. We are being grouped into some of the concerns as lacking quorum, negatives voices, we here have good discussions. Public hearings are at the Window Rock level not at the local level. Don't think our elderly are aware of this.

Annette Blackhorse: the authority given to the people should and amends the tribal code. A lot of times we say No and yet the Council Delegate votes Yes at the Tribal level. At times the Council Delegate vote on what benefits them.

Willis Becenti: Did you host public hearings? What happens if the resolution say No and yet you delay the election what happens. What happens to the regions and the agency you eliminate?

RESP: the public education is in process December 1, at Window Rock, January full scheduled with this is my first at the chapter. Government Development Staff is presenting on these presentation. Legislation is up to the Council Delegate and we do research present. This is a major change and up to the people. If yes, then the change is made.

Margie RS Begay:

Nelson S. Begaye: The Government Development has been in the process for a long time now. I was also alarmed by this. RDC voiced that the way the direction was made it is different from what it's suppose to be. The whole election is to be posted. He has a right to implement a legislation but it's up to the council to vote on it or not. This is not fixed as the educational awareness is still going on. Government Development has other duties to do but they are not doing so. Back in the 1986 fast alternative is not fixed yet. I don't support this effort and will vote against this. Provided hand out on the Leonard Tsosie legislation for record.

Zane James: how many of you want your Delegate to vote for this show of hands NONE raised and how many you want your Delegate to vote against this ALL hands went up. Delegate to request for work session with his 5 chapters.

Nelson S. Begaye: Hired Vida Begay from Rough Rock Chapter as his LDA.

Jamie Henio: Meeting at Dine' College to be set up. This information is to announced.

Lucinda Davis: the information needs to be forward to the chapter as information.

Votes: 23/00/24 Delegate and his Assistant to spear head this and inform us.

3. Accepting the FY'2016 Annual Disbursement of Retail Sale Tax Funds in the amount of \$76,131.00.

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Max Benally

Presented by CSC this funding will cover the audit, travel and the maintenance of the building furnace, community trash.

Comment:

If the 5 Management System is approved for this chapter we would receive our own sales tax. Chinle Chapter is certified and wants 80% of the Chinle Agency sale tax where the rest of the chapters will fight for the 20%.

Votes: 41/00/05

4. Accepting the Gaming Revenue Funds in the amount of \$20,241.50 for the Chapter Communication and Utilities Expenses.

Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Jamie Henderson

Presented by CSC we are considered a non-hosting chapter. The hosting chapter will receive 75%. During the public hearing it was noted that all the chapters to received equal distribution of funds for chapter usage. We have no say on everything.

Votes: 44/00/07

5. Requesting and approving the FY'2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant and Community Housing & Infrastructure Department to fund the Tsaile Scattered Powerline Extension Project for 11 homes.

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Kenneth Sorrell

Presented by CSC the advertisement of proposal is announced now and this proposal is submitted with a copy to Delegate. Total at \$233,300.16 is need - \$41,674.50 by the chapter, NTUA contribution is \$16,500.00 and proposal is for \$175,125.66.

Questions:

Which location in Horseshoe Canyon are you talking about?

RESP: the cost for Horseshoe Canyon is \$1 million and a separate proposal.

Votes: 40/00/08

6. Approving the Spring '2016 Chapter Scholarship Assistance.

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Betty Allen

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| a. Tyson Benally | presented himself working on 2 nd AA degree |
| b. Gilroy Yazzie | presented himself first year 2 nd semester |
| c. Gilberta Yazzie | presented herself and will apply to books no s |
| d. Danon Jim | presented by Father as son attending NTU |
| e. Dionca Jim | presented herself with receiving BA in education |
| f. Jocelyn Frank | presented by Aunt she's attending classes now |
| g. Charlotte Notah | presented by Mother this is her 2 nd year in CNA |

Comments:

- ❖ One young lady extend her appreciation for prior assistance of chapter scholarship assistance.
- ❖ Can I get my daughter's name on the list? Ms. Yazzie one of her instructor did not sign off on her application and it is in the mail.
- ❖ RESP: CSC we received the application today and need a completed justification for awarding amount.

Votes: 39/00/04 Total \$3,400.00 - checks will be ready Friday.

7. Dine College financial issue

Motion by Annette Blackhorse, second by Orlando Charley

Presented by Devon Begay a student with need for complete of classroom renovation. She feels that the students that did not pass is due to the in completed classroom. Reimbursement of financial rendered.

Comment:

Who will the resolution go to? And you are talking about 2 resolutions. We need to find out where the resolution will go. To expedite the renovation. The other is the reimbursement of financial aid? Do you think this is suable by the chapter?

RESP: yes.

Votes: 33/00/06

8. Requesting the chapter for water infrastructure in the amount of \$101million renovation legislation #_____.

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Orlando Charley

Presented by Zane James: \$101million with plans of over 5 years plan with tied monies each year with possible \$85million to NTUA. What is the wrong with the small businesses with consultant assistance? There should be language in this legislation.

Comment:

Willis Becenti: NTUA is in the Electric Business and they have said they are not in the water or solar system. There are businesses but they can't come on the reservation.

Paula Begay: I disagree with Leonard Tsosie's legislation. They need to open to the Nation. Navajo nation says to bid.

Lorena Eldridge: The trust settlement is based on agriculture and I disagree with this legislation too.

David Kedelty: have problem with NTUA with electric pole placement which will cost over \$3,000.00. I asked for another company and NTUA will not recognize work.

Nelson S. Begaye: This legislation went to RDC with meeting in Shiprock today. 85million to NTUA and next week to Council. This legislation will be on loan base. Multi year plan. Water plan for the communities is now going to Budget and Financial. 20million form the Sihasin is being allocated. 6million for Lakeside development is being added too just a matter of approval.

Votes: 29/00/07 Recommend language to have NTUA outsource the water work.

9. Undesignated Reserved Funds for the Tsaile/Wheatfields
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Thomas Litson
Votes: 25/00/09

10. Legislation 0007-16 Supplement funding for Students and Elderly Eyeglasses
Motion by Max Benally, second by Paula Begay
Votes: 26/00/07

III. OTHERS:

1. Concern of a community awareness: Continuous awareness of grazing of cattle. Please oversee your cattle and livestock.

Comment:

Road Department to repair cattle guard.

The enforcement is not done livestock roaming around people are not taking care of them. Water situation is another issue into home and electric is not hooked up. Gave paperwork to Delegate and he informed he delivered my paper work to the Veterans office.

IV. REPORTS:

1. Senior Center Supervisor: I have myself and 1 staff at 64 hours with open services Monday to Thursday. At agency office they are still on 80 hours. Regardless we had thanksgiving dinner with invite to the chapter. Had a good turn out with cost shared by the chapter. We gave to the elderly turkey. Christmas dinner with staff only. Apache County Supervisor provided turkey to elder. Halloween treats were done too by fund raising by staff. Also had a visit from the OEH with violations which were corrected. Chapter provided fire wood to elderly which is appreciated. Recommendation for summer students to assist with wood. A comment to the chapter with scholarship assistance.

Lost Quorum:

2. Indian Education Policy Representative: when it get to the reports everybody takes off. This year with CUSD testing all year round with the students. This school year all the testing is on computer. Reading is upgraded from 3rd grade up to 8th grade. As parents and grandparents help the students. Achieve 3000 reading on the computer with each child assigned reading level material. You can go to the school and login on to your child's grade reading level and performance. Tribal clothes are in and pick up your childs application of clothing. The school will host a Valentine dinner as fund raising. 2 for \$10.00 or 1 for \$7.00 children will be \$3 or 2 or \$7.00. Also appreciate the road blading allocated by the chapter.
3. Community Health Representative: Attend training last month. A lot of referral for immunizations. September over 100 shots. We need to be prepared for winter travel if you don't need to go anywhere stay home. Many people slid off the road and we couldn't assist. Internet is a problem and have to go to Chinle with ID cards.
4. Health Board Representative: No Show
5. Community Land Use Planning Committee: No Show.

6. Farm Board: The announcement of January 21 is crossed out. Farm Board meeting on January 23. March 19 water users annual meeting. 2016 Annual Plan is done.
7. Council Delegate: Land at junction will be relinquished. Director was taking along time. Quorum status is being lowered by chapters. Legislation for Farm Board is in process. One says one time a meeting with the permittee. Chinle agency has over 4,000 permittee. One biggest concerns is the safe ride with over 400 services and from Phoenix. School Board lowering is also in the works. Veteran's are voicing they are forgotten and Arizona Legislator Indian Day. Utah Water Rights requesting support with work session on Friday.
8. Chapter Officials: None
9. Community Service Coordinator: None

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

February 1, 2016 at 8:00 am

V. ADJOURNMENT: 6:00pm