

TSAIL - WHEATFIELDS - BLACKROCK CHAPTER  
Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda  
~~Friday~~ January 31, 2018 @ 10:00 AM  
(tentative agenda - subject to change)

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Invocation:
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:
- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock meeting Minutes 12/18/17
- F. Announcements:
  - 01/30/18 @ 2pm, Grazing Permittee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  - 01/31/18 @ 6pm, ABNDN Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  - 02/11/18 @ 10am, CLUPC Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  - 02/13/18 @ 5 pm, TWB Veterans Meeting @ TWB Chapter

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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

Monetary Donation:

- 1. 01-6720: Family Health & Wellness Summit for Students, Elder and community on December 19, 2017 at NAAA Senior Center, Round Rock, \$50.00
- 2. 01-6720: Orlando Charley, \$50.00
- 3. 01-6720: Lillie Ben, \$50.00
- 4. 01-6720: Fred Benally, \$50.00
- 5. 01-6720: Monetary Donation: Victoria Notah, \$50.00
- 6. 01-6720: Ophelia Yazzie, \$50.00

Burial Assistance:

- 1. 17-6722: Danon Jim of Tsaile, \$100.00
- 2. 01-6722: Shynoh Jim of Tsaile, \$100.00
- 3. 01-6722: Christopher James Yazzie Sr., \$100.00
- 4. 01-6722: Marie N. Begay, \$100.00
- 5. 01-6722: Cecil Chee Henry, \$100.00

B. New Expenditures:

C. Action Items:

- 1. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports ending December 2017.
- 2. Approving the Budget Revision, Transfer Sales Tax and General Activities Funds to replenish funds from 23-6819 to 23-6202; 6203; 6204; 6607 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and General Activities Funds from 01-2219 to 50-6604 in the amount of \$108.47.
- 3. 15-6101: Requesting approval of Public Employment to hire Jeffrey Hobbs for a community project, \$1,785.60. Sponsor Norman Begay
- 4. Approving the FY'2018 Junk Food Sales Tax for seeds and greenhouse, a cost-share for the Tsaile/Wheatfields Project in the amount of \$21,265.00.
- 5. Supporting the Navajo Nationwide Coordination of an effective, comprehensive Amber Alert Communication Network. Sponsor:
- 6. Accepting and approving the current existing Dine College Boundaries for the 25 year lease. Sponsor: CLUPC
- 7. Accepting the FY'2018 Annual Disbursement of Retail Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$86,270.00.
- 8. Requesting a cost-share for travel expense to Sacaton, AZ for Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade. Sponsor: Veterans Organization

III. REPORTS:

IV. NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2018, 9 am @ Wheatfields Chapter

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER**  
**Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday – January 31, 2018 @ 10:00 AM**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Meeting Called to Order:** 11:01 am
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by community
- C. Invocation:** Led by Delegate BeGaye
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:**

**Motion) Marjorie Johnson**

**Second) Lorraine Sorrell**

**Vote: 31-0-5**

Add to Agenda:

- Marjorie Johnson: CLUPc Stipends under Action Items C. on Agenda
- Delegate BeGaye: Change the date to Wednesday, January 31, 2018
- Lucita Roy: Request for Monetary Donation to be added to Agenda
- Vice President Begay: Correct: 01-2219 to 01-6619

Report from Delegate BeGaye concerning Navajo Nation Council legislative, voting results presented at the last meeting; where all the voting participation by council delegates were displayed and discussed to ensure that delegates were representing the best interests of the Navajo Nation and people.

- E. Review/Accept Minutes:** Tsaille-Wheatfields-Blackrock meeting Minutes 12/18/17

**Motion) Daniel Staley**

**Second) David Tsosie**

**Vote: 39-0-3**

**\*\*\*Approved by the community\*\*\***

**F. Announcements:**

01/31/18 @ 6 pm, ABNDN Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter  
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*President James:* Referring to December 2017 meeting, when Vice President J. Nez was encouraged by the President James to assist the seven Navajo schools, meeting set for February 6, 2018 between the seven schools. DMFC ABQ, Dr. Lewis.

*Delegate BeGaye:* HEHSC was very instrumental in encouraging Dr. Lewis to contact and coordinate a meeting with the seven schools.

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**Motion to Combine) Marjorie Johnson Second) Stanley Kedelty Vote: 38-0-4**

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**B. New Expenditures:**

1. Lucita Luckton – medical travel \$50.00

**Motion) Sarah James Second) Max Benally Vote: 37-0-5**

**\*\*\*\*Approved by community\*\*\*\***

**C. Action Items:**

**1. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports December 2017**

**Motion) David Kedelty Second) Winnie Henry Vote: 37-0-8**

*Marjorie Johnson:* What is the reason for the negative \$29K remaining on the financials.

*President James:* Explanation of the precarious situation of preparing chapter financial statements, where chapter staff, chapter officials, and Navajo Nation departments must be conscious of the laws, rules, and ethical preparation in financial statements.

*Marjorie Johnson:* \*Complements on CSC for the excellent work done on financial statements\*

*CSC Paula S. Begay:* Explanation walk-through of chapter financials.

*Daniel Staley:* Question on Federal funding.

**\*\*\*\*Financial Statement Approved\*\*\*\***

2. **Approving the Budget Revision, Transfer Sales Tax and General Activities Funds to replenish funds from 23 – 6819 to 23 - 6202/6203/6204 & 6607 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and General Activities Funds from 01-6619 to 50-6604 in the amount of \$108.47.**

**Motion) Lorraine Sorrell Second) Marjorie Johnson Vote: 35-0-7**



**\*\*\*Resolution Approved, without inquiry\*\*\***

**3. Requesting to hire Jeffrey Hobbs for community project. Sponsor Norman Begay**

**Motion) Nelson BeGaye**

**Second) Sarah James**

**Vote: 39-0-6**

*Norman Begay:* Building for a police substation to meet the community needs, in construction processes for completing.

*Delegate BeGaye:* Lukachukai already withdrew the land for church building purposes, which is now given to

*President James:* (read letter from Navajo Nation Police Department)

**4. Junk Food Sales Tax.**

**Motion) Anelda Benally Second) Nelson BeGaye**

**Vote: 34-0-7**

**\*\*\*Resolution Approved, without inquiry\*\*\***

**5. Supporting the Navajo Nationwide Coordination of an effective, comprehensive Amber Alert Communication Network.**

**Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Lorraine Sorrell**

**Vote: 40-0-4**

**\*\*\*Resolution Approved, without inquiry\*\*\***

**6. Dine' College 25 Year Lease Update.**

**Motion) Sarah James**

**Second) Lorraine Sorrell**

**Vote:**

*Marjorie Johnson:* Presented on CLUPc Recommendation.

*Charles R. Chee:* Presented on CLUPc Recommendation. Inquiry on the 50 Year lease consent.

There are several burial sites, and other home-snake pits in the proposed 25 Year Lease.

*Delegate BeGaye:* The initial beginnings of the historical land withdrawal for Diné College. The current situation regarding the land lease was not efficiently addressed from all stakeholders till this current year 2018.

Once it was discovered that a lease was needed to receive outside funds, it started the process to secure a lease. Outside the funds will not be eligible for requesting if no lease is available.

I proposed a fully comprehensive meeting among all stakeholders, particularly from our chapter's CLUPc.

*Ruby Griffith Ramirez:* Concern for the College's peyote ceremonial site.

*Stanley Kedelty:* Recommending *Substitute motion*) Stanley Kedelty *Second*) Shane Johnson

Calls for a comprehensive presentation on the 1967 activities on the historical knowledge of the proposed area.

Determine what is being offered from all involved stakeholders.

*President James:* The need for further documents are needed to determine an actual, informed vote by the community. The current presentation is very ambiguous to support an informed vote by the community.

*Charles Chee:* The GPS to the college to the corner of THC. Not at the treeline. GPS along road. GPS not on original. Dean Gamble has not worked with us on a comprehensive disclosure. I travelled for many hours and miles to obtain the historical information on land use and occupancy. There are many areas of unanswered questions for all stakeholders.

**Stanley Kedelty: Motion to Table) Stanley Kedelty and Second) Shane Johnson; Call a special meeting on February 14, 2018, at 9 am Vote: 26-0-10**

*President James:* Dine' College involvement is necessary.

*Delegate BeGaye:* Board of Regents will receive a letter from the chapter.

**7. Accepting the FY'2018 Annual Disbursement of Retail Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$86,270.00.**

**Motion) Bennie Litson      Second) David Kedelty      Vote:) 31-0-5**

**\*\*\*Resolution Approved, without inquiry\*\*\***

**8. Requesting a cost-share for travel expense to Sacaton, AZ for Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade. Sponsor: Veterans organization**

**Motion) Max Benally      Second) Angie Brown      Vote: 28-0-5**

*Dorthea Litson:* How much is the total cost?

*Willis Becenti:* Actual cost is estimated from the prior costs of last year's travel. A more detailed cost will be brought before the chapter community.

**Motion to Table) Angie Brown      Second) Lorraine Sorrell      Vote: 28-1-5**

**9. CLUPc Stipends Inquiry.**

**Motion) Sarah James      Second) Nelson James      Vote:**

*Marjorie Johnson:* I hoped our CLUPc President would be in attendance. In our plan of

operations, there is language that supports our activities. During the public hearings, we had an agenda, and invocation. That is what Paula told us, if you have an agenda, invocation, it is considered a meeting. That we followed her guidance. Thereafter, the Secretary/Treasurer disapproved it, stating that our public hearing is not a valid meeting.

Now, what is a meeting, an assembly of people, that is what it is, at our public hearing.

I am concerned that he (Secretary/Treasurer) sent-out two documents, one that states he (Sec./Tres.) monitors the chapter finances, it doesn't give him the authority deny our stipends. The issue should be addressed by the chapter community. Instead, he (Sec./Tres.) runs to Window Rock. Window Rock prepares their consideration, where the consideration should be at the chapter according to the chapter policies and procedures, it belongs here.

We have a lot of things that we are working on, a lot, and we are committed. It is really disheartening when we are treated that way. Where all our efforts go. My understanding of our chapter's policies and procedures, you (Chapter President) has the authority to make a final decision.

*Willis Becenti:* Form 4, every year has one, special meetings are listed, where the meetings are budgeted.

*Marjorie Johnson:* What the Plan of Operations states, allows for two meetings. When the allowance for two meetings was being considered by the chapter, he (Sec./Tres.) casted his approval vote.

What we are up against, is his (Sec./Tres.) definition of meetings. We consider that a meeting, and he doesn't consider that a meeting.

*Vice President Begay:* Hi. When this came up. I looked and read, now the Plan of Operations that does state a call for two duly, called meetings. If you look at meetings, there is a motion, a second, and vote. Yes, you (CLUPc) have Minutes and an Agenda, that lacks a motion, second, and a vote during the public hearing. Work Session is considered a training. A Public Hearing is considered a public hearing, a public forum, not a meeting.

I called Hard Rock and Tohatchi Chapters because they announced public hearings hosted by their CLUPc. They stated that no pay-outs can be made because it is not in the plan of operations. I sent our Plan of Operations for their review and they agreed that a duly called meeting is only a CLUPc Meeting, that is what it has to state.

Now, if we look at the BIMs, budget instruction manual, it does state stipends for a duly called meeting, and when I talked to Jamie Henio, he stated that no pay-outs for public hearings or work sessions which is why I agree with the Secretary/Treasurer.

We (chapter) are in a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). We had an audit, resulting in CAP. The pay-out for Public Hearings will be a finding. It is not... I am sorry



you (Marjorie Johnson) feels disheartened, but we are following the rules. It is really difficult, now that we are doing things right, it slower, that is true, but we are following A to D, and not forgetting B, we are doing everything correct. We appreciate everyone knows what we're doing, that it is correct. And it takes time when you are doing things correctly.

So, Shirleen Rentila-Jumbo of Division of Community Development also stated what does our plan of operations state. And, that the Secretary/Treasurer is within his right, because he monitors, due to the fact that we have a CAP. Therefore, that is why, even if the community approves, we still cannot find a stipend because it is not a stipend for a duly called. That is where DOJ comes in, because should this come before the community and is approved, we can't because our hands are tied.

*President James:* Thinking other avenues, the Plan of Operations for CLUPc could be considered for amendments to include public hearings. During our budget preparation, two public hearings could be added into the plan of operations.

Currently this situation is with the DOJ. I will inquiry if another form of compensation can be paid-out that is not a stipend.

*Marjorie Johnson:* We amended our Plan of Operations, and we are using the definition for community-use...business definition. When we revised or plan of operations we included.

*Willis Becenti:* We have a similar plan of operations, in there we have allowed \$150 for travel to workshops, seminars, and training for each chapter. Plan of Operations approved by the NNC HEHSC, that is what we use to fund our activities.

*President James:* the funding source is different for Veterans, as our CLUPc stipend is from chapter funds. Allow me to inquiry with DOJ to find a suitable path for our CLUPc stipends.

Additionally, we have a prior legal matter awaiting DOJ opinion on CLUPc Travel Claim after the deadline.

*Marjorie Johnson:* I actually dropped that (Travel Claim inquiry)

*President James:* We know. But it is there (DOJ legal opinion on Travel Claim, remains active). They haven't responded.

*Marjorie Johnson:* They're (NN DOJ) not going to respond, that's just Window Rock.

*President James:* But it's there, and they haven't responded.

*Marjorie Johnson:* They're not going to respond.

*President James:* Delegate BeGaye will assist us in expediting a quick response on our legal opinion.

*Charles R. Chee:* The matter being discussed by the Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President,

where did you find the documentation? Show us. I want to see it. And if what you're saying that you are both seeking consensus and equitable governance behavior among all Navajo chapters by seeking the truth in chapters governance on our chapter's behavior – why are you sharing our inconsistencies with other chapters. We should isolate our chapter activities without seeking consensus and equitable behavior.

Another thing, if the chapter has a resolution to pay our meetings, it state a duly called meeting, we followed the resolution. As a CLUPc we do a lot of things, it is a lot of work, and ask for compensation for our efforts, time, and resources.

I stand by my stance. Please forward the documents to us.

*President James: **No Vote. Before the chapter is able to get involved in the situation, I will visit with the Navajo Department of Justice on the pending matter.***

*Willis Becenti: Kindly request to revisit Action Item #8.*

***Recall Motion on action item #8) Nelson BeGaye Second) David Tsosie   Vote: 25-0-6  
Defer Action #8 to February 2018 chapter planning meeting.***

### III. REPORTS:

1. Legislation Report Presented by Delegate BeGaye.

**Motion) Benny Litson**

**Second) Marjorie Johnson**

**Vote:**

*Delegate BeGaye: Report on Legislation news.*

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*Jerry Henry: Presentation*

### IV. NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2018, 11 am

### V. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion to Adjourn) All**

**Second) All**

**Vote: All Vote Yes**

**Adjournment at 2:55 pm**