TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, February 11, 2018
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS
   A. Call to Order/Welcome
   B. Invocation
   C. Adoption of Agenda
   D. Approval of Minutes
      ➢ January 14, 2018 CLUPC Meeting Minutes
      ➢ January 26, 2018 CLUPC Special Meeting Minutes
   E. Announcements
      ➢ Monday, 2/12/18, NDOT Road 8777 Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
      ➢ Tuesday, 3/13/18, Veteran’s Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
      ➢ Wednesday, 2/14/18, T/W Chapter Special Meeting – Dine’ College Lease, 9:00 a.m.
      ➢ Wednesday, 2/14/18, Food Distribution, 10:00 a.m.
      ➢ Thursday, 2/15/18, ABNDN Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
      ➢ Tuesday, 2/20/18, Farm Board Permittee Meeting, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.
      ➢ Tuesday, 2/20/18, Grazing Permittee Meeting, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
      ➢ Tuesday, 2/20/18, Tentative CLUPC Special Meeting with CPMD
      ➢ Wednesday, 2/21/18, T/W Chapter Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
      ➢ 2/23-24/18, Veteran’s Travel – Ira Hayes Memorial, Sacaton, AZ.
      ➢ Saturday, 2/24/18, ABNDN Work Session/Committee Meeting, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
      ➢ Monday, February 26, 2018, Navajo Nation Election Office Training

2. REPORTS
   A. President
   B. Vice President
   C. Secretary
   D. Grazing Official
   E. Council Delegate/Staff/Others

3. OLD BUSINESS:
   A. Dine’ College 25 Year Land Lease/Boundaries
   B. CLUPC Stipend
   C. Tsaile Community Cemetery
   D. CLUPC 5 Year Revisions
   E. Rural Addressing

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. SCHEDULE SPECIAL CLUPC MEETING
   A. February 20, 2018, CLUPC Meeting with Capital Project Management Department

6. NEXT REGULAR CLUPC MEETING
   A. Regular CLUPC Meeting, March 11, 2018

7. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES

PRESENT:  Lucinda Davis, President
          Thomacita White, Vice President
          Marjorie Johnson, Secretary
          Charles Chee, Grazing Official/Member

ABSENT:  Margie S. Begay, Member

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS
   A. Call to order/Welcome
      With the presence of a quorum, the CLUPC President called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

   B. Invocation
      The invocation was offered by Charles Chee.

   C. Adoption of Agenda
      The proposed agenda was read into the record by the CLUPC secretary. A request was made by
      the CLUPC secretary to add CLUPC Membership to the agenda as 4.A. New Business. A motion
      was made by Marjorie Johnson to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Thomacita White.
      The motion was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

   D. Approval of Minutes
      ➢ January 14, 2018 CLUPC Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the January 14, 2018 CLUPC
         Meeting were read into the record by the CLUPC secretary. Two typographical errors were
         noted.
      ➢ January 26, 2018 CLUPC Special Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the January 26, 2018
         CLUPC Special Meeting were read into the record by the CLUPC secretary.
         A motion was made by Thomacita White to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Marjorie
         Johnson. The minutes were approved by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

   E. Announcements: The announcements were read by the CLUPC President.
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         Addition: 2/14/18 is the last day to file for Farm Board membership, by 5:00 p.m.
2. REPORTS

A. President: CLUPC President emailed the CLUPC letter to Mike Halona; no response has been received. The letter is requesting confirmation of a homesite lease to close CLUPC issue regarding an illegally parked trailer. The Grazing Official reported the area has been fenced in, has utilities and surveyed. He recommended the letter be sent to the Chinle Land Department for confirmation. CLUPC secretary will contact Chapter CSC to confirm the name of the individual. CLUPC President will scan the signed letter and email to CLUPC Secretary to forward to the Chinle Lan Department.

CLUPC President reported an email response was received from Jason Corral, NTUA, simply stating “Okay”. The Tsälí/Wheatfields CLUPC will not support the NTUA natural gas proposal, there will be no further action on this issue.

CLUPC President is not available for any meetings the last week in February as she will be on travel.

Grazing Official reported a complaint was filed by Grazing Officials, and confirmed, regarding the selective approval/favoritism of land leases/homesites by the Navajo Land Department Manager, Mike Halona. CLUPC should be aware of this issue, relative to Dine' College lease.

B. Vice President: CLUPC Vice President reported the Dine’ Nation President signed a proclamation on Friday commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the 1868 Treaty. He is appropriating $300K for activities; departments are collaborating on various activities and a logo has been developed. The Navajo Nation Council plans to host classes in April on the history of the treaty including a session on traditional foods. Plans by NABI are to bring the treaty back from D.C. to Dine’ Land. CLUPC Membership voiced their opinions.

C. Grazing Official (GO): On Thursday, 2/15/18, the GO will be addressing the Whiskey Creek boundary fencing issue. On 2/19/18, he will be attending a meeting with Central Agency in Many Farm to discuss $17 million allocated to their Department. He also reported Kee Allen Begay, Council Delegate is working on a proposal to amend the oversight by the Agricultural Department over G.O.’s, Land/Farm Boards. Dine’ College is hosting a Food Conference on 2/22/18.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Dine’ College 25 Year Land Lease/Boundaries: The Tsälí/Wheatfields Chapter scheduled a meeting on the lease on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The GO reported Michael Bahe provided additional information to him on sacred sites within the proposed area. GO will asked Mr. Bahe to document his knowledge and share with CLUPC prior to the meeting. The GO escorted Lindsey Benally to the proposed area on February 1, 2018, additional cultural sites were located; she has made two visits to the area.

Information required for the meeting include (1) all CLUPC minutes (available), (2) map with GPS notations of CLUPC recommended land withdrawal, (3) documents from HPD.
HPD, Dine’ College Board of Regents, Land Department and impacted community members will be contacted to attend the meeting. The GO reported he walked the area South of the Tsaile Clinic and found clearing of the land by Dine’ College, in violation of the Cease and Desist requested by Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter resolution. Dine’ College staff reported Mr. Paquin from the Shiprock Campus ordered them to clear area.

CLUPC President and Vice President will request documentation from Shiprock HPD stating their findings; CLUPC President will visit Timothy Begay and Tamara Billie of the Window Rock Office to request HPD documentation. CLUPC Secretary reported T/W Chapter President stated he received an email from Timothy Begay regarding the Dine’ College proposed area. CLUPC Secretary will ask T/W Chapter President to forward email to CLUPC members. All above items are required to support CLUPC recommendation.

B. CLUPC Stipends: CLUPC secretary stated her contention that the documents provided by the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter secretary does not give him authority to deny stipends. Furthermore, what regulations define a “duly called meeting” as followed by all other Navajo Nation organizations? The statement made by CLUPC Vice President was that the minutes did not reflect a motion and second in scheduling the meeting, which would make it a duly called meeting. This definition needs to be confirmed as the standard used by the Navajo Nation.

CLUPC President recommended more research be conducted on the issue. She reported on negative comments made by the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter secretary after the Chapter meeting, including CLUPC must hold a public hearing on the CLUPC amended Plan of Operation. It was reported the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Vice President stated they are following the Navajo Nation Budget Manual. Review of the Budget Manual does not address this issue. Requests to provide referenced documentation have been ignored.

CLUPC will send an email to the Chapter President requesting his assistance to provide all documents referenced by the Chapter Vice President and Chapter Secretary in denying CLUPC stipends, including all correspondence with external Chapter offices/officials. Reference must be made, including page numbers and sections, of all documents being used by the Chapter Vice President and Chapter Secretary to deny CLUPC stipends for hosting a public hearing. Documentation should include regulations and/or policies and procedures requiring CLUPC hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to their Plan of Operation. Further research will be conducted on the above issue.

CLUPC Secretary believes the Chapter Secretary’s comments to the CLUPC President are in violation of ethics regulations. CLUPC Vice President recommended a report be made to the Chapter on CLUPC activities to confirm achievement of CLUPC objectives, goals and projects. CLUPC Secretary stated she had the same thoughts and would work on drafting a written report.
C. Tsaile Community Cemetery: CLUPC Secretary reported on her visit to the Chinle Chapter on January 29, 2018 to meet with Walton Yazzie regarding development of the Chinle Community and Veteran’s Cemetery. Notes on her initial conversation with Mr. Yazzie were previously emailed to all CLUPC members. Pictures taken of the Chinle cemetery were shared with CLUPC members. It is noted the 6 foot chain link fence is actually a four foot field fence with two strands of barb wire at the top. The gate is a field gate. The area did not require clearing or grading. There is no specific designation of the Veteran’s portion of the cemetery.

CLUPC Secretary reported on meeting with Irma Julian of the Capital Projects Management Department. The final survey on the proposed cemetery site does not include the Cemetery access road. At a Twin Arrows Conference, CMPD stated the survey could be amended to include the access road. CLUPC’s request for technical assistance is to determine if an amendment will complete land withdrawal. Irma Julian recommended the February 20, 2018 meeting include a visit to the proposed site by CPMD staff. Future planning includes collaboration with Apache County District Manager to request site preparation and graveling of access road. CLUPC President will write a memorandum to the Chapter CSC to request archaeological and environmental clearance information. She will also contact Denise Copeland to request an update. She is unable to attend the 2/20/18 meeting due to conflicting Navajo Nation meetings. She also believes CPMD may be involved in the meetings and may not be able to attend the meeting. CLUPC Secretary stated she will contact Irma Julian to confirm the meeting and notify CLUPC members. If CPMD is not available, an alternative date will be proposed. CLUPC Vice President requested any meetings scheduled in Window Rock be lunch meetings to accommodate her schedule and attendance.

D. CLUPC 5 Year Revisions: CLUPC Secretary reminded CLUPC members the revisions require updated demographics to be compiled from the CLUPC survey approved last year. The survey needs to include enough responses to provide a thumbnail picture of our community. CLUPC members need to consider how to get the surveys completed. The demographics, review of goals and objectives and accomplishments will be a part of the revisions. Review of expired business site leases will require meeting with Chinle RBDO. CLUPC Secretary recommends designation of an economic corridor around the Tsaile Junction, as recommended by Navajo Nation with possible development of a Navajo Nation Shopping Center complex similar to the one constructed at Burnside. Other business site concerns including the Lake Side Store and Watson business site leases need to be addressed. CLUPC will return to this project upon completion of the Dine’ College 25 Year Lease approval.

E. Rural Addressing: CLUPC Secretary reported on the report given by Larry Noble at the November Chapter meeting and how rural addressing impacts future voter registration. At the meeting, Farm Board President Benita Litson also addressed the importance of completion of this project as it impacts Farm Board activities. The recommendation by the Chapter to assist CLUPC with this project was shared. CLUPC will return to this project upon completion of the Dine’ College 25 Year Lease approval.
A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson to approve and combine Old Business A – E, seconded by Charles Chee. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

4. NEW BUSINESS
   A. CLUPC Membership: CLUPC Secretary addressed the continued absence of CLUPC member Margie S. Begay from CLUPC meetings and activities. The Community Land Use Plan Committee recognizes the reason for her absence since June 2017 and the recent death of her mother. CLUPC President stated she received a call from Ms. Begay this morning stating she was ill and couldn’t attend the meeting. CLUPC President will contact Ms. Begay to ask if she wishes to continue her membership on the Committee and report back to CLUPC.

5. SCHEDULE SPECIAL CLUPC MEETING
   A. February 20, 2018, CLUPC Meeting with Capital Project Management Department: A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson, seconded by Charles Chee to schedule a Special CLUPC meeting with the Capital Projects Management Department on February 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

6. NEXT REGULAR CLUPC MEETING
   A. Regular CLUPC Meeting, March 11, 2018
      The next regular CLUPC meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The start time is in consideration of Daylight Savings Time will begin on that day.

7. ADJOURNMENT
   A motion was made by Charles Chee, seconded by Thomacita White to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Electronically Submitted
Marjorie Johnson, MBA; CLUPC Secretary
2/12/2018