

Tsaile – Wheatfields Farm Board and Water Users Joint Meeting
Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ
Monday, February 23, 2015

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Invocation
- d. Adopt agenda
- e. Reading and adopt last meeting minutes, February 16, 2015
- f. Announcements:
 - ✓ **Title:** Farm to School
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015
Time: 3pm
Place: Red Valley Day School, Red Valley, AZ
 - ✓ **Title:** Chapter Planning meeting
Date: Monday, March 2nd, 2015
Time: 2 pm
Place: Wheatfields Chapter House
 - ✓ **Title:** District 11 Grazing Official Meeting
Date: Monday, March 2nd, 2015
Time: 10am
Place: Round Rock Chapter House
 - ✓ **Title:** Community Use Planning Meeting
Date: Monday, March 16th, , 2015
Time: 3 pm
Place: Wheatfields Chapter House

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Community Water Plan
- b. Irrigation Projects for Upper Wheatfields and Tsaile Farmland Area – Work with NRCS
- c. Establish Indirect Cost for Water Users Associations

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land User Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
 - 1. No Request at this time
- b. Conservation Plan

IV. Reports

- A. Farm Board
- B. Water User

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
- B. Schedule next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:05pm
- b. Roll call
Farm Board: Lorena Eldridge and Dorthea Litson were present; Lucinda Davis absent
Water Users: Dorthea Litson present; Aaron Begay and Kathy John absent.
- c. Invocation by Lorena Eldridge
- d. Adopt agenda
Dorthea reviewed the agenda. No amendments, questions, or comments.
Action: The agenda was accepted as read.
Motioned by Dorthea Litson
Seconded by Lorena Eldridge
Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained *Motion Carried*
- e. Reading and adopt last meeting minutes, February 16, 2015
Dorthea read the last meeting minutes from February 16, 2015. No amendments, questions, or comments.
Action: The last meeting minutes was accepted as read.
Motioned by Lorena Eldridge
Seconded by Dorthea Litson
Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained *Motion Carried*
- f. Announcements:
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 - ✓ Title: District II Grazing Official Meeting
Date: Monday, March 2nd, 2015
Time: 10am
Place: Round Rock Chapter House
 - ✓ Title: Community Land Use Planning Meeting
Date: Monday, March 16th, 2015
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Additional announcement was as follow:

- ✓ Title: Community Water Plan under a Joint Farm Board and Water Users Meeting
Date: Thursday, March 12th, 2015
Time: 10 am
Place: Wheatfields Chapter House

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II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Community Water Plan

Dorthea explained she need to write the letter to different program offices, and she needs name of who will be getting the letter. For the Chapter committees, officials, and staff, we can contact them by using their email.

Lorena stated it important that when we talk about Community Water Plan were are talking about at two different level;

1. Water Study – Navajo Nation Regional Water Plan
2. Water Shed Study – to address the conservation, restoration side, etc.

Action: To all letters that will be going out to Department and Program Directors will need to be submitted as certified letters. Dorthea will need to work with Paula to figure out Director Name and mailing information for Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health, NTUA, and Water Resource and Management to work with Lucinda. The meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at 10am Wheatfields Chapter House.

b. Irrigation Projects for Upper Wheatfields and Tsaile Farmland Area – Work with NRCS

Lorena commented that NRCS staff will not be able to do anything until the Farm Board submits a Resolution to them. As a result the resolution needs to be written. In addition, she asked, “What is the status of applying for the Duns number?” Finally, for the Beginning Ranchers and Farmers grant, we need to write the resolution for the chapter so the official can sign it because the people already past the resolution.

Dorthea commented that she and Aaron work on the Duns application, but was lock out. Therefore, Aaron has to call to request for the application process.

Action: None, but a two resolutions needs to be written.

c. Establish Indirect Cost for Water Users Associations

Dorthea explained that she talked with Bryceson Pinto about establishing an indirect cost. Mr. Pinto stated that it is complex to establish an indirect cost. The request for indirect cost is determine by National Business Center. They have to determine why an indirect cost needs to be established; and if an indirect cost is establish then it is important to have an annual audit and submit that report to the National Business Center every two years to indicated if the indirect cost rate will need to be increased or decrease. As a result, he suggested that the Water Users needs to establish a history for two years and within those two years it is important for the group to establish a budget for the indirect cost.

Lorena commented that is the same information she receive from the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Office. The two reporting is very critical.

Action: To continue to revisit within the two years, so budget can be established for the request.

Motioned by Lorena Eldridge

Seconded by Dorthea Litson

Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

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III. NEW BUSSINESS

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2. No Request at this time

Lorena commented, there is no request for any land use permit issues, but we need to follow up with BIA Chinle Natural Resource Staff to continue for them to provide update status on current permit holders.

Action: No action, but Lorena requested Dorthea to follow up.

- b. Conservation Plan

Lorena explained that we need to set a time and date to work on this conservation plan.

Action: This item to put on next agenda. During that time we all need to select a time and date to meeting strictly on this matter. Also assign different task to develop the conservation plan.

Motioned by Lorena Eldridge

Seconded by Dorthea Litson

Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

- A. Farm Board
No report provided.
- B. Water User
No report provided.

Action: No actions taken.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
- ✓ Community Water Plan
 - Navajo Nation Regional Water Plan – Water Study Tsaile – Wheatfields – Blackrock area
 - ✓ Conservation Plan
 - Set a date to develop a conservation plan for all three Farm land areas.
- B. Scheduled next meeting date to Thursday, March 12, 2015 @ 10am Wheatfields Chapter House

- C. Adjournment

Action: Adjourned meeting at 6:00 pm

Motioned by Dorthea Litson

Seconded by Lorena Eldridge

Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained

Motion Carried