

**TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER**

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

*Monday* ~~Friday~~, March 17, 2017 *20*  
12:00 PM

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Meeting Called to Order:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Invocation:
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:
- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Chapter Meeting Minutes February 15, 2017
- F. Announcements:
  - 1. 3/19/17 Annual TW Dineh Water Users Meeting, @ 8 AM – Wheatfields Chapter
  - 2. 3/20/17 Chuska Regional Council Meeting, @ 1 PM – Lukachukai Chapter
  - 3. 3/26/17 TW ABNDN Workshop, @ 9 AM – Wheatfields Chapter
  - 4. 4/02/17 Monthly Joint Farm Board Meeting, @ 10 AM – Wheatfields Chapter

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Ratifications:
  - 1. Burial Assistance: Margaret Clark - \$100.00 / *Baby Chee \$100.00*
  - 2. Iwo Jima Flag Raising/ Parade - \$4,196.23
  - 3. 2017 Navajo Nation Governance Conference - \$3,257.97
- B. Action Items:
  - 1. Accepting and Approving Eric Deschine for CLUPc Membership.
  - 2. Accepting and Approving Margie R.S. Begay for CLUPc Membership.
  - 3. Accepting and Approving Chinle Unified School District – Indian Education Committee Member Selection.
  - 4. Accepting and Approving Scattered Powerline Extension Request for Yolanda Carroll in the amount of \$2,507.15.
  - 5. Community Concern – Police jurisdiction.
  - 6. Accepting and Approving the FY2016 Carry-Over Funds of Gaming Revenue in the amount of \$11,983.63.
  - 7. Accepting and Approving the FY2017 Supplemental Funds UUFB 110 Chapters. Stipend per CN-58-16 in the amount of \$9,196.00.
  - 8. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports February 2017.

**III. REPORTS**

**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

April \_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_\_ am/pm

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 20, 2017**  
**9:00 AM**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 9:48 am
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Provided by Delegate BeGaye
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:

**Motion) David Tsosie      Second) Charlotte Begay      Vote) 23-0-3**

- Correct Date and Time on 3/20/17 Agenda
- Add: Business Items: Ratifications – Burial Assistance: Bobby Chee

- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Chapter Meeting Minutes February 15, 2017

**Motion) Charlotte Begay      Second) David Tsosie      Vote) 23-0-3**

**Hardcopy of February 15, 2017 Minutes accepted.**

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- 4. 4/02/17 Monthly Joint Farm Board Meeting, @ 10 AM – Wheatfields Chapter
- 5. 4/11/17 Veterans Meeting, @ 5:00 PM – Wheatfields Chapter
- 6. 4/15/17 Community Trash Clean-Up Day, @ 9 AM – Wheatfields  
(Add to April 2017 Chapter Planning Meeting)
- 7. 7/1/17 Promoting Family Values, Chinle, AZ  
(Add to April 2017 Chapter Planning Meeting)

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**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Ratifications:

- 1. Burial Assistance: Margaret Clark - \$100.00  
Bobby Chee - \$100.00

Tsaile/Wheatfields  
Chapter      BY: 

**Motion) Max Benally      Second) Charlotte Begay      Vote) 23-0-6**

**Bring all Ratification Items together for one vote, motioned by Max Benally.**

2. Iwo Jima Flag Raising/ Parade - \$4,196.23

President James: Introduction.

David Tsosie: Presentation on the Sacaton Trip – Ira Hayes Celebration.

Frank Begaye: Presentation on Sacaton Trip – Ira Hayes Celebration.

Kirby Henry: Read by President James – Kirby Henry's written report.

3. 2017 Navajo Nation Governance Conference - \$3,257.97

President James: Sustainability for natural resource plans, and 110 chapters do not have sustainability plans across the Navajo reservation. I am a strong advocate for our chapters to create sustainability plans for chapters and regions across the Navajo reservation.

Sec./Tres. Nata'ani: Presentation on travel (Travel Report attached to Minutes).

CSC Paula Begay: Presentation on travel.

Charlotte Begay: Registered voter with Tsaile-Wheatfields Chapter to-date. Member of the Women's Commission – Government Development.

3/25/27 – Government Development up-date from Lillie Roanhorse, Jamie Henio, etc.

Bonita Begay: Concern on the last meeting, February 15, 2017, community leaders were not able to control the meeting. Who is responsible for controlling the meeting? I am deeply concerned. My late-father was mentioned twice in the Minutes on matters that were not factual. I disagree with the statements that were stated. There is a need to keep reverence for our community meetings. My late-father faithfully served the community, selflessly served our community throughout his entire administration. I am witness to my late-father's selfless service, and refute the inaccuracies of his character and integrity.

President James: Thank you for your kind and wise guidance to restore our community's leadership and community. To answer your question, I am responsible for controlling the meeting, and I have the ability to stop the meeting when a meeting might become disruptive. There is a large need to follow the laws and regulations, where at times, there are areas needed for flexibility. Through prayer, we will be able to restore our community's faith and progress; and we will have a healthy community.

Marie White: Introduction. There are so many areas for concern in regards to my sister's comment, Bonita Begay, and we will all commit ourselves to a healthy community built on kinship and harmony. Our elders and the proud legacy of our community remains restored to a harmonies state of kinship, gentle and meaningful words of truly progressive leadership void of unagreeable comments or actions. Please follow the need to lead in a matter that consistent with the greater good.

President James: I re-affirm that our community's meeting is sacred, housing healing spaces for our community members to be restored to a healthy mindset and peace. I remain committed to the constructive criticism from our community, including my own actions.

B. Action Items:

\*\*\*\*Delegate BeGaye Introjection: Reminiscing on the past. At Rough Rock Chapter, the toddlers were able to acknowledge advance kinship and conduct a proper prayer of advance character.\*\*\*\*

1. Accepting and Approving Eric Deschine for CLUPc Membership

**Motion) David Tsosie    Second) Lucinda Campbell    Vote) 24-0-6**

**Motion to combine both CLUPc membership approvals Eric Deschine and Margie R.S. Begay, motioned by David Tsosie.**

2. Accepting and Approving Margie R.S. Begay for CLUPc Membership

**Motion)            Second)            Vote)**

3. Accepting and Approving Chinle Unified School District – Indian Education Committee Member Selection

**Motion)            Second)            Vote)**

Vacancy: Announcement. Moved to April 2017 Planning Meeting, no interested candidate.

4. Accepting and Approving Scattered Powerline Extension Request for Yolanda Carroll in the amount of \$2,507.15

**Motion) David Tsosie            Second) Max Benally            Vote) 23-0-5**

Yolanda Carroll: Introduction and request for chapter powerline extension request.

President James: NTUA is a sorely needed utility providers, however, there are moments that NTUA is unclear on their intent. At the recent Governance Conference, I asked NTUA how they plan to continue the LifeLine Plan if the current Federal Administration cuts the budget? At the time, NTUA did not have a response, and informed me that they will have an answer at a later date.

Delegate Leonard Tsosie drafted a legislation for \$180 million for Infrastructure Projects to be given to NTUA. I inquired if there was a conflict interest for Delegate Tsosie to be a member of the NTUA Board to advocate for funds to be given to NTUA. Later, Delegate Tsosie resigned from the NTUA Board, and continues to remind me of my inquiry.

I asked NTUA where the \$180 million? Are there any funds being utilized in our chapter community? There were no responses to my inquiries. There are many concerns in regards to the funds.

5. Community Concern – Police jurisdiction

**Motion) David Kedelty      Second) David Tsosie      Vote) 30-0-5**

President James: Mr. Alfred James is the concerned citizen. Forward to April 2017 Planning Meeting. The concern is in regards to an illegal ‘boot-legging’ operation near his residence. The Navajo Police were informed of the activities that the police responded to as outside of their jurisdiction.

A similar concern was mentioned at an earlier chapter meeting, and the Police Department mentioned that they were going to develop a plan to present to the community. I will follow-up on the status on the plan from the Director of Public Safety.

Charlotte Begay: In regards to the matter, Many Farms Chapter had similar meetings with Apache County in regards to ‘boot-legging’ operations on NHA properties.

President James: If I may interject, since the discussion is continuing, let us get a motion and a second, to continue the discussion with a directive.

Charlotte Begay: Spoke with Raquel Chee, for a discussion with Ethel Branch, in regards to the Criminal Code – the harmful activities that are affecting our children trapped in a violence cycle. I was told that the presented topic was on Domestic Violence and Assault as the first priority, where illegal substance will be handled till April 2017. I will be meeting with Ethel Branch, 3/21/17, to continue the discussion. Jail-time and sentencing is not an effective deterrent. The Criminal Code is a current and widely spoken topic at the moment.

Delegate BeGaye: The Navajo Nation has a prohibition on all illegal substances. The current laws and statutes of the Navajo Nation are limited in their sentencing powers. Currently, all holding areas are fully operational, and there is a large movement from all Public Safety entities to commit to a full-scale operation across the Navajo Nation. I have be charged to create strong legislation to develop strong Navajo Nation laws with definite fines and punishments within the Criminal Code to address impediments of bias and short-staff operations. The location of 'proprietors distributing illegal substances' are already pinned with GPS, and are stored for records.

Lukachukai Chapter asked for my assistance to create such a legislation, it would increase the strength of the Lukachukai Chapter's Resolution to be supported by our chapter community. Lukachukai Chapter President Samuel Yazzie is already pressured by local 'proprietors of illegal substance,' and he is concerned for his safety. Mexican Cartels from the Phoenix area have already set-up their illegal operations on the Navajo Nation.

President James: We ask for the motion to add a supporting resolution to Lukachukai Chapter's resolution.

6. Accepting and Approving the FY2016 Carry-Over Funds of Gaming Revenue in the amount of \$11,983.63

**Motion) David Tsosie    Second) Charlotte Begay    Vote) 30-0-5**

President James: Explanation of FY2016 Carry-Over Funds of Gaming Revenue.

Delegate BeGaye: Explanation of carry-over funds from Gaming Revenue generated from the funds given to Navajo Gaming operations. We hope to utilize the funds before the Navajo Executive Branch continues to impede the funds that are viewed being unspent.

7. Accepting and Approving the FY2017 Supplemental Funds UUFB 110 Chapters Stipend per CN-58-16 in the amount of \$9,196.00

**Motion) Charlotte Begay    Second) David Tsosie    Vote) 32-0-6**

President James: On behalf of the chapter officials, thank you to the community for your support in receiving the last quarter funding.

8. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports February 2017

**Motion) David Kedelty    Second) Sarah James    Vote) 36-0-8**

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Financial Report Presentation (Hardcopy attached).

CSC Paula Begay: Detailed explanation of financial reports in Navajo language. Are the current PEP workers a threat? Certain individuals may not have dependents to support, but the PEP workers have children to support. Prior leadership authorized the extended time for PEP workers.

### **III. REPORTS**

1. Emerson Chee: Encourages everyone to participate in Farm Board planning. Farm Board and Water User Association next meeting is on April 2, 2017.

### **IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**April 3, 2017 at 1:30 pm**

### **V. ADJOURNMENT 12:44 pm**

**Motion) Frank Begay Second) Andy Begay Vote : All Vote Yes.**