

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER  
PLANNING MEETING  
March 01, 2012**

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call meeting to order/Invocation
- b. Review/Accept Agenda
- c. Announcements:
  - March 1, 2012: CLUPC meeting at 4:00pm
  - March 5, 2012: District 11 Grazing Meeting at 10:00am Round Rock Chapter
  - March 13, 2012: Veterans Meeting at 10:00am
  - March 18, 2012: Chapter Meeting at 10:00am
  - March 22, 2012: Public Hearing –IHS 638 @10:00am

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a. RATIFICATIONS:
  1. \$829.79 travel cost-Zane James for attending the Charter School Visit/Meeting 2/23-25/12.
  2. Chapter monitoring tool (policy)
  3. \$\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Spring 2012.
- b. RESOLUTIONS:
  1. Supporting and recommending the approval of five (5) Bond Projects within the Tsaille/Wheatfields chapter's service area to be financed by Bond Financing being recommended by the Division of Economic Development. Sponsor: RDBO
- c. OTHERS:
  1. \$50.00 monetary donation by the Tsaille Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year activities
  2. Azee' Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation requesting funds from the T/W Chapter in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the NN Sales Tax line item to pay for 3 functions so the ABNDN Officers and Board of Directors to carry out the their role and responsibilities to work the their community members.
  3. Farm Board requesting the T/W Chapter to match the difference in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more to repair Reservoirs used for farming irrigation purposes, and using the funds from line item Capital Improvement.
  4. Supporting the Navajo Nation Farm Board Plan of Operation
  5. Strengthening the Community – Sponsor by Bennie Litson
  6. Supporting the Navajo Gardening, Nutrition and community wellness surveys.
  7. Supporting the Apache County Sheriff Department and the Navajo Nation Public Safety for all needs of assessment on illegal alcohol and drugs.

**III. REPORTS:**

- a. Indian Health Services Public Hearing Status – Rosita Tsosie

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

March 18, 2012 at 10:00AM

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER  
PLANNING MEETING MINUTES  
March 01, 2012**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Call meeting to order at 3:37 pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Invocation provided by David Kedelty, Chapter Vice-President
- c. Review/Accept Agenda – Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

Motion by Danny John, Lorena Eldridge

Comments/Questions:

Bennie Litson- Concerns of road being developed near the Ram Pasture and damaged windmill with report to the Navajo Nation Water Resources. Back to the local chapter for support of diesel fuel purchase might be possible.

Add: BIA Road 8064 and Windmill damaged

Through the Azee' Bee Nahaga meeting the Dine College Employees are not provided staff rights. What would the chapter be doing with this?

Votes: 15/00/08 to add 2 items to agenda

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- March 7, 2012: Azee' Bee Nahaga of Dine Nation Meeting at 6:00pm
- March 16, 2012: National Nutrition Health Fair at 10am-1pm
- March 24, 2012: Farm Board Meeting at 6:00pm
- March 25, 2012: District Azee' Bee Nahaga of Dine Nation Meeting at 10:00am
- March 27, 2012: Violence Prevention
- Land Grant Office met every Tuesday evening 6:00pm
- Monday Grazing Meeting
- March 14, 2012: Chinle Agency Roads Community meeting at Pinon Road Yard
- March 14, 2012: Local Senior Council meeting
- Yeibichi at Lukachukai

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a. **RATIFICATIONS:**

- 1. \$829.79 travel cost-Zane James for attending the Charter School Visit/Meeting on 2/23-25/12. Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Danny John  
Phoenix Charter school –to involve agriculture/equine science (kg-12) Procedures already developed in compliance with the State testing. Carter education in the school system, as long as the AIM is met. You can include the Navajo studies. We talked on this for 2 days.

Questions/Concerns:

- Dorothea Litson: Dine Education Math and Science – know we have already developed the Dine Standards. Charter development is already in corporate. Assessment is inclusion and looking for a school that is willing to be a polite project.
- Marjorie Johnson: Was your travel in compliance with the set chapter policy and the community did not approved and now it's request for ratification? The cost of travel is high.

Votes: 12/02/06

2. Chapter monitoring tool (policy)

Motion by Bennie Litson, second by Dorothea Litson

Presented by CSC FY2012 approved by Budget and Finance. Wells Fargo training – every chapter planning meeting it was suppose to be signed. January what at the first check number. Monitored by the LGSC the chapter for travel approval. Meeting are the claims signed by individuals. Payments to IRS etc. We will be updated on the finding of any miss haps. This monitoring is towards the Chapter Certification. Every month the statement from the Bank. Reconciling of expenditure. Revenue and change, balance, sheet, etc. Are all resolutions completed and forward, every planning meeting to be discussed. We are pushed by the LGSC that we need to comply with. We comply with all the demands. This should not be only for the Chapter Officials it will be everybody. On line banking is available. The only way to be LGA Certified is the accountability. Signature sheet be to reviewed and signed at every Chapter Planning Tool. If we don't comply with this the Chapter Officials stipend will be withheld.

**Comments/Questions:**

Nelson Begaye: This is cause of chapter miss use of funds. Tuba City Chapter is now closed due to miss use. Audit at the chapter level showed the compliance was not followed. Chapter Officials did not know the process of the expenditure. Community Development in posed this process and Budget & Finance Committee only approved it.

Votes: 14/00/01- reviewed and will be on every

3. \$\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Scholarship Assistance for Spring 2012.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Dorothea Litson

Presented by CSC that at the last meeting about 6 incomplete application were pending which all become complete at that time. The amount is at \$8,000.00 in total with a budget transfer from the Retail Sales Tax to the Chapter Financial Assistance.

**Comments/Questions:**

Lorena Eldridge: what happen to the revision of the policy? PHD and Masters degree.

Votes: 11/00/05 – supporting the Assistance of scholarship with the budget transfer of \$8,000.00.

b. **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Supporting and recommending the approval of five (5) Bond Projects within the Tsaile/Wheatfields chapter's service area to be financed by Bond Financing being recommended by the Division of Economic Development. **Sponsor: RDBO.**

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

Presented by Mr. Harvey as a need of support for the resolutions. There will be a lot of questions i.e. how the funds are to be loan and payback.

Votes: 13/00/03 - support the 5 proposing projects

Note: Nelson Begaye made a directive to the RDBO to make report on the status of other possible business sites available at the next chapter meeting.

David Kedelty: also to include the old buildings with broken windows etc.

Margie Begay called Point of Order as a need for amendment for the directives

Nelson Begaye withdrew his directive.

Votes will only cover the resolution to be forward to the chapter meeting.

c. **OTHERS:**

1. \$50.00 monetary donation by the Tsaile Elementry School 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of the year activities  
Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by

Presented by Paula Begay requested on behalf of the students as a parent.

Votes: 15/00/00

2. Azee' Bee Nahagha of Dine Nation requesting funds from the T/W Chapter in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the NN Sales Tax line item to pay for 3 functions so the ABNDN Officers and Board of Directors to carry out their role and responsibilities to work with their community members.

Motion by Bennie Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

Presented by Dorothea Litson: as a non-profit organization it consists of Board of Directors, Officers and local with 250 Members. The collaboration at the local level with the chapter within 4 areas (annual convention, education day, veterans day, appreciation day or spiritual day). A presenter to do a presentation is at about 500.00. Requesting your support for chapter meeting approval.

**Comments/Questions:**

Margie Begay: to allow and support the request and the organization can utilize the funds within the 4 areas elaborated on.

Votes: 13/00/01

3. Farm Board requesting the T/W Chapter to match the difference in the amount of \$10,000.00 or more to repair Reservoirs used for farming irrigation purposes, and using the funds from line item Capital Improvement.

Motion by Bennie Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

Presented by Dorothea Litson: Identified 4 reservoirs (Kee White, Roanhorse, Rita Gishie, Walter Begay) In future to lighten up the fields again in the future. Estimate cost with total. The Cat walk have all deteriorate which will cost  $\$5140.00 \times 4 = \$20,560.00$ . Without the catwalk and only the gates are at  $\$5,525.00 \times 4 = \$20,500.00$ .

**Comments/Questions:**

Rita Gishie: I went to Chinle (NRCS) for this yesterday. There are no funds available for pipe installation as replacement and there are no funds for such a project. However if the pipes are laid out near the fields it would be possible but will require consent of other people.

Nelson Begaye: requested for copies to have him ask for funds from a legislation which is already going through. 2<sup>nd</sup> a 4% for Farm Board is a separate legislation. March 21 is a joint meeting where it might go before the joint meeting.

Zane James: for documentations to include a map and is there an immediate need. With Tar's office they might conduct an assessment. The supporting resolution should that.

Votes: 11/00/03

4. Supporting the Navajo Nation Farm Board Plan of Operation

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Danny John

Presented by Dorothea: requesting a supporting resolution of the amend Plan of Operation.

Lorena Eldridge: the Tribal Council from 88 to 24 reflected according to name changes of the subcommittee.

Votes: 13/00/02 – Farm Board will forward their supporting resolution.

5. Strengthening the Community – Sponsor by Bennie Litson

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Benita Litson

Presented by Bennie Litson: Elaborated on the past developments as still in the planning stage for improvements:

- Dine College – The way of life, as Dine people we value our tradition way of life (prayers, offerings, etc). In our community we have our kids that hold degrees. The college itself holds the tradition but still lacks to be learned. We have our own kids employed. In the Azee Bee Nahaga meeting I heard a concern (is it possible to extend appreciation to our mother earth). Dine College has a club who favor the idea and to hold offers at the Dine College. Round Rock and Lukachukai are participating. 2 people questioned if this is possible as the Dine College has opposed the employees and staff plans. Our young and community people are kind-a restricted to do their job. Do not like what is happening at the Dine College. Would like to see youth camp through the Dine College and activities and etc. Maybe we can support a document through the Navajo Government. We have a lot of kids that are going to be at the age of college life and employment.
- Road Issue N8064 BIA Natural Resources should know that there are people residing in the area.

**Comments/Questions:**

- Possible to invite the Dine College President
- Town Hall meeting
- No established working relation with Dine College until now with the new staff of Land Grant. Registration cost was denied and why are they called Land Grant? Land Grant office should work with us.
- In the University/College sitting they write proposal/grants and as informational to assist the community. Therefore don't understand why Dine College does not take part in our community participation. How can we overcome that piece of it? If a Task force is developed don't know how that will work.
- We need to research the agreement in the development of Dine College with community involve or participation.
- Resolution with minutes of Dine College/Budget & Finance Committee.
- Let bygones be bygones and work together.
- We don't have informative participation with the Dine College and it's Regent. Our Representative Loretta Draper has never been here.
- Chapter President to write a letter to Dine College requesting a one day public meeting.
- Community fully participated in the development of Dine College for future collaboration and to date it is not same. We want our kids to achieve in education and employment which maybe the President of Dine College does not know. We need to request the surround chapters for support.

Votes: 10/00/00

6. Supporting the Navajo Gardening, Nutrition and community wellness surveys.

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Benita Litson

Presented by Flex Nez: questioner and resolution is required for this proposal. IRRB is required for the survey.

Votes: 13/00/00

7. Supporting the Apache County Sheriff Department and the Navajo Nation Public Safety for all needs of assessment on illegal alcohol and drugs.

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Bennie Litson

Draft resolution will be presented at the chapter meeting for this chapter to support the assessment of these joints.

Votes: 11/00/01

8. N8084 Discussion:

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

Presented by Bennie Litson: Public hearing was done and at this time there is still concern.

Many Farms to Ram Pasture at the public hearing supported the idea with where the road was.

As of last week there was survey conducting. Per the Many Farms Chapter Vice-President.

Field meeting was last Tuesday and with our Grazing Representative. We were told that there were monies available for construction. Visited Harold Riley and he was surprise.

David Kedelty: update with information was that Paul Socerino and Bennie Litson approved.

Realignment papers

Recommendation to oppose the right of way.

Votes: 10/00/01

9. Windmill Issue

Motion by Benita Litson, second by Dorothea Litson

Presented by Bennie Litson: I visited Water Resources they can repair but funds are allocated to the Cottonwood area. Staff recommended that we request for funds from the Chapters.

**Recommendations:**

Chapter President will write letters to Navajo Nation Water Resources on the \$5,000.00 how they were used?

Grazing Representative to conduct assessment.

There was a proposal of a 5years plan. Was that ever done.

Bennie Litson provided update on the \$5,000.00 with repairs to the mills, water turf. Further down the pump is not working now.

Votes: 10/00/00 – directive to write letters to Water Resources.

Motion by Nelson Begay to amend agenda for, second by Dorothea Litson

Votes: 09/00/01

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Danny John

Supporting the Delegate tracking #0049-12 Approving Supplemental Funding from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of 12, Chapter \$12,936,762.00. \$5,000,000.00 for Navajo Nation Chapters – **Wheatfields will receive \$50,164.00.** 332,337.00 for NN Grazing – **Wheatfields will receive \$4,261.00.** \$183,211.00 for NN Farm Board – **Wheatfields will receive 12,782.00.**

Votes: 08/00/02

**REPORTS:**

a. Indian Health Service Public Hearing Status – **NO SHOW**

Zane James: Directive to CSC to advertise through the KTNN on the public hearing schedule.

Margie Begay: shouldn't that advertisement be by the Indian Health Services to do?

Zane James: No CSC can do from here.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

March 18, 2012 at 10:00 AM

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Bennie Litson to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, second by Lorena Eldridge.

Votes: 11/00/00