

Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock Chapter

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Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes April 4, 2016 at 1:00 pm

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:21pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Mr. Stanley Kedelty, Community Member
- d. Review and Accept Agenda
Motion by Nelson James, second by Orlando Charley
ADD:
 1. Requesting for Land Grant Office
 2. Emergency Response Team
 3. Questions and Update on Roads BIA
 4. Apache County Sheriff
 5. Requesting to hire a Maintenance
 6. Requesting to appoint representative with alternate member to attend the Chuska Health Council.

Votes: 11/00/01

e. Announcements:

- April 6 – RBDO Presentation @ 9:00 am; Round Rock Chapter
- April 6 – Chinle Agency Farm Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm; Wheatfields Chapter
- April 9 – Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ 9:00 am; Cottonwood Chapter
- April 10 – CLUPC Meeting @ 1:00 pm; Brick Building
- April 12 – Veterans Organization Meeting @ 5:00 pm; Wheatfields Chapter
- April 14 – Food Handlers Training @ 10:00 am; Wheatfields Chapter
- April 25 – Holiday – NN Sovereignty Day – Office Closed

I. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS: All business items are reviewed, discussed and moved to the next regular chapter meeting for final approval.

A. Ratifications:

1. **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Tanelle Begay of Tsaile.
Motion by Sarah James, second by Orlando Charley
Votes: 11/00/02

B. Resolution:

1. Supporting Mr. Amos Kee Yazzie Jr., requests to the Department of the Navajo Veterans Affairs for a Veteran Housing Assistance.
Motion by Sarah James, second by Verna Jim
 - Following formality of requesting process with the Department of Veterans Office.
 - Why is it that the veterans have to go through this process.
 - Veterans group of Wheatfields will address this in their upcoming meeting again.

- This resolution will justify the residency and support of Mr. Yazzie so when the veterans housing assistance is provided it will be done within the homesite of Wheatfields chapter.

Votes: 12/00/02

2. Requesting Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Department to include the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter on any planning and construction to the Wheatfields Lake Development.

Motion by Stanley Kedelty, second by Dorthea Litson

- Learned and obtained more information of the Wheatfields Lake at the recent Conference in Twin Arrows. There were residence of the lake who voiced their concerns regarding overnight campers.
- At one time this chapter had talked of hiring a security guard for the lake area.
- Is it feasible for the chapter to do a feasibility study for this chapter to run project.
- Once the chapter did oversee the lake development and gave it up by resolution. Is it possible to take back this resolution?
- This chapter can review and discuss this item. Shared the details of Lake Side Store contamination with a few years back. The overall thing is the enforcement.

Votes: 13/00/02

3. Requesting the Navajo Nation Resources Development Committee, Division of Natural Resources and Bureau of Indian Affairs to include the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter in any and all planning of the Integrated Resources Management Plan.

Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Sarah James

One of the biggest thing is water and drilling with identified sites. In terms of long range with impacts in example drilling oil. We have the cleanest water in the area. The drilling will damage clean water. We have to protect the water. A directive to the Division of Natural Resources should include this chapter for all planning aspects of this area. The chapter needs representatives to be involved for all aspects.

Votes: 11/00/04

4. Requesting for Land Grant Office

Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

Randy Joe with the Dine' College Land Grant Office. Requesting to be on the next chapter meeting for a presentation on the Forage Crop Research Program.

Votes: 11/00/04

5. Emergency Response Team

Motion by Charles Chee, second by Nelson James

Presented by Stanley Kedelty with the concern add. The emergency response team we have at this chapter. In the view and participation of and elderly aunt. Search was conducted at the request of family. Navajo Nation Police Department, Fire and Rescue. There was no direction of the search. There were people on foot and in back of the truck. I questioned the NN Police Officer if I should see something in search who do I report to? The Officer said I don't know maybe call the Chinle Police. There should be a command post with a person in charge to oversee the search. In the evening the person was found. Due to this type of situation we need to assure that this chapter.

A couple years ago this chapter encountered almost same. It is high time to revisit this manual.

Meet on this group this Friday, at 8:30am.

Votes: 13/00/05

6. Requesting to appoint representative with alternate member to attend the Chuska Health Council.

Motion by Charles Chee, second by Sarah James

- Presented by Health Representative of Tsaile Clinic. There are a few chapters that have representatives now with purpose of the community to participate on community issues. With getting involved issues can be solved. Will need a presentative and an alternate. This will be on a volunteer basis.
- Chapter will advertise and see if the stipend can be identified.

Votes: 14/00/06

7. Questions and Update on Roads BIA

Motion by Nelson James, second by Sarah James

Addressed by Vera Jim, community member; the concern with the cattle guard to be removed on a "BIA Road". This was supported by chapter resolution. A letter was furnish a support of use of the road in reconstruction of the Tsaile Dam. My concern is the trash dumping in the woodland. The road was not to be improved but it is still in full use. The wish is to close off the road right at the turn off to her residential area.

The chapter will schedule a meeting on this with BIA Road.

Votes: 11/00/05

8. Requesting monetary donation by the Apache County Sheriff's Posse

Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Charles Chee

Elaborated on the duties of the Posse duties in time of search and rescue. Shared some stories of assigned details and duties (requesting donation letter submit).

Votes: 12/00/04

9. Requesting to hire a Maintenance Worker

Motion by Danny John, second by Sarah James

Presented by Minnie Tsoisie, Supervisor who requested labor assistance to hire a maintenance worker for the Senior Center. At this time there is a volunteer help but need to look into the liability of help. The staff is on 64 hours now. Title 5 employment we have for a year and almost over. The position needs to be 64 hours. This position is to help me carryover into the end of June. Some of the services of the program will be put on hold (breakfast). We have a lot of elderly that appreciate services. Danny John, President; Mr. Billy, Vice-President; Security from Lukachukai.

- Is this position for the same person that is helping you or are you asking position for the same person. Isn't the Senior Center under the Navajo Nation?
- This presentation in understanding is for the exhausted Title 5 position until it starts up again in July.
- No document of cost or any paperwork is in place.
- NAAA is a Federally funded position. This Title 5 is no longer matched and if this is all documented so there are no questions. In overseeing the Program have worked with many. Delegated with the Senior Center and also work the schools. You have a really good facility in Tsaile. NAAA program with its funds it is not enough. The person that was under Title 5 was a real good worker. If the chapter advertise you will need a lot of certification required. Senior Centers are looking at budget cuts of 14% again beginning this year. We are still advocating the delegates for a 100% budget. If that happens we will get a driver back. The center is going really good. The Navajo Nation hire requires about 6 months with advertisement. Round Rock Center took about a year for hire. The Council

Delegates does not support us. Operation dollars is a lot to get. \$8.44 hourly for 6months. We are always told to find our own program dollars.

- Minnie will do all the needs to document the finances.
 - CSC will find the line item for possible hire.
 - This center took a long time to build and why is it not documented for request? I recommend the Senior Center Supervisor to get all the needs documents to together.
 - Our elderly needs the support of all services such as this new breakfast plan. The manly handy work is needed there is always a need to keep up with the compliance work. We certainly do need the p some of the services of the program will be put on hold (breakfast). We have a lot of elderly that appreciate services. Danny John, President; Mr. Billy, Vice-President; Security from Lukachukai.
 - We have a meeting coming up with the Kee Allen Begay and our Council Delegate. As the president's priority is elderly where do they stand? In addition, as a supervisor you need to care for your staff. The building constructed too a lot of planning and prayers so we need a report update at each meeting. This facility was construction to have enter action with the preschool.
 - This position will be outsourced for hiring. For immediate hire this person can start right away.
 - Just a question for record; is this a temporary position from now to ending June like Mrs. Tsosie said or the 6 months mentioned by her Supervisor?
 - The temporary hire of maintenance worker up to ending June 2016.
 - The Senior Center request is need to be considered not only at the election time.
- Votes: 15/02/01

II. REPORTS:

Motion by Dorthea Litson, second by Nelson James

1. Senior Center Supervisor: Brief on report with reestablished Local Senior Council officers, also elaborated on some activities for the month. Preschool and the Land Grant office. The local senior council will host its meeting in April. I have a problem with negativity when attending the chapter meetings. I have fear for myself and family.
 - Since there is a new local officers will you be sending anyone to the national senior conference?
 - We don't have funds for travel if any it we have to fund raise.
2. Apache County District II: from last month to delete.
3. Indian Education Policy Representative: No show
4. Community Health Representative: presented on many calls from the family of community. Family will call and ask to take members to the hospital. The job only require monitoring the client. Public health nurse can visit with the client. The only time to put a person in the vehicle is in case of emergency with approval of supervisor to closest clinic Tsaille or call ambulance. During the staff meeting we are told no funds. In January meeting funds covering to June. July to December advocate for own funds. We are always told we don't work but it is not recognized. We are required to see 100 client in a month with signature of the client. At times you forget to signature. In June we have JMI here at Wheatfields with 2 hours. We have much flu of many case taking the lives of our people. Get your shots.
5. Community Land Use Planning Committee: No show
6. Farm Board: First of all in any position is very hard we will never satisfied everyone. Last meeting of Water Users Association we had elderly talk on the plantation. Certificate of Farmers of the year presented in Tsaille, Upper Wheatfields and Lower Wheatfields. Logo design presented too. Youth conservation plan awarded too. Partnership assistance awarded to Land Grant Office. We gave outstanding partnership award to the Wheatfields Chapter. Appreciation extend for the assistance with presentation of the certificate.

Conference at Twin Arrows with the Natural Resources. The Sihasin funds information was shared with a worker and not our Council Delegate this concerns me. We had a meeting with invite to Nelson Begaye. We had a power point presentation with many questions. Attorney designated informed it might take about 9 months for this proposal. There is also talk to centralize the Chinle Agency needs with our proposal. Kee Allen Begay really encourages and wish our own Delegate would be same.
Kee Allen Begay wants to meet with the Farm Board on Wednesday.

7. Council Delegate: No show
8. Chapter Officials: None
9. Community Service Coordinator: None

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 19, 2016 at 1:00pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Orlando Charley at 4:41pm
Votes: all in favor