

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Sunday April 7, 2019 @1:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
- B. Invocation
- C. Roll Call
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes – 3/24/19

II. OLD BUSINESS

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- 1. Crop Inventory

- B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

Goal Statement: Conduct 2 agricultural educational outreach/workshops for farmers per quarter per 13 FBs.

- 1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects
 - A. Project Update
 - B.

- C. Provide training and assist farmers in updating or developing a conservation plan as required by BIA and the Navajo Nation.

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

- 1. Training

- D. Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, each FB will implement 1 improvement per quarter according to conservation plan.

- 1. Tri-Party Agreement

- E. Each FB member shell inventory at least 3 ALUP/Farm Permit within respective FB area.

Goal Statement: With BIA and Farmer participation, reconcile and inventory as to the status of each ALUP or Farm Permit. (3ALUP x each 13 FB member)

1.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Report
- B. Joint Farm Board Meeting-April 12, 2019

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports
- B. Announcements
- C.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items
- B. Next Meeting
- D. Adjournment

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Minutes

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Invocation
Invocation was given by Evelyn Litzin
- C. Roll Call
Lorena Eldridge and Lucinda Davis – Present, Emerson Chee - Absent
Water Users Association – All Absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda read by Lucinda Davis
Motion to accept the agenda as is by: Evelyn Litzin
Second by: Evelyn Adhidley
Votes: 4 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 3/24/2019
Minute read by Lucinda Davis
Motion to accept the minutes by: Evelyn Litzin
Second by: Beulah Blackrock
Votes: 7 – 0 - 1

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1. Crop Inventory

Crop Inventory – Maps of three areas relate to the crop inventory. Lorena turned in the reports and there are not very many turning in. We only turned in 10.

1-Conservation plan - None

2-Education outreach – three (January-March) Permittee Meeting,

3-Crop Report – 10

4-Farm Improvement – None

5-Agriculture Land Use Permit – None

This was our report for second quarter – We need more crop inventory reports. The next report is April to June, we need to turn in more reports. Out of the 127, we need to turn

in more report that is how we got the money using 127 permits. We did not go out to do home visits. Patricia only spoke to Evelyn Adhidley, she visited Kenny's but he was in the hospital. Felix, Albert Allen but that was all she contacted.

Evelyn Adhidley – This is her first meeting here, she cares about the field her dad use to use. In her early days she use to watch her dad working on the field. She does not want to let the farm land go, she want to continue working on it. She does not have a permit and not sure if her dad had a permit. He had a grazing permit. She is not sure what route to take to get a permit. Her brother has the permit that her dad had but not doing anything. He is not doing anything about it. One of her daughter is interested in this. Her siblings are not doing anything about it. Her siblings are only staying in their home site lease. The soil is not good and there are prairie dogs.

Lorena showed her the land use permit and what is on the permit. The permit is 11 representing district, 3 represents the area then the sequential number. BIA, Water Resources and Farm Board worked together to come up with the maps, but some are not right and we are trying to get them in order. Glen has the grazing permit and she does not know who has the permit.

Lorena told her we will put her on the next meeting to try to take care of this. She went over the process of getting a permit. We will get this in the minutes and the secretary will write it up for Evelyn then have BIA do a research for her to see if she can get the permit. We will get it on the agenda, the action will be taken with votes and we can go from there. Soil testing was done in the funding that

1-Background, 2-soil, 3-where is it, 4-how you will work on it and what you will plant. This is what should be in the conservation plan. Evelyn wanted to know where she can go to get some assistant for fencing. Lorena explained that the outside fencing will be done with the WUA. BIA use to help with materials but not sure if they still do. NRCS can help but they want conservation plan. You really have to fallow through in or for something to be done. Her father passed 2005, it might be a quit title, and then you have to apply for it. WUA are just going through and entering into the fence without really getting permission from the farmers. There was no real plans as to how the projects were to be done.

Motion: Evelyn Adhidley

Second: Beulah

Vote: 6 – 0 - 1

B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

Goal Statement: Conduct 2 agricultural educational outreach/workshops for farmers per quarter per 13 FBs.

1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

A. Project Status Update

WUA meeting is tomorrow at 9:00. WUA is asking farmers to give the permits to them in order to work on their farms. She also told them she will not give them the permit. Aaron told her they can do half of the fields, she would have to pay 200.00 per year then she has to buy the seeds and then the gas.

Lorena told them that the funds were received using 127 farm permits.
According to Beulah said they told her it was free to do work for farmers. She said she thought the money was for helping the farmers.
Discussion was on the fencing and how not all the fencing were not complete.

Farmer participation, Implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

1. Training

AIF - Lorena explained what the program is, and 1,225,000.00 was requested, but only 302,000.00 was said that is all they can get because they have PTF funds.

On Wednesday we will be meeting with Ferdinand Notah.

C. Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.

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1. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Report

No one showed up

B. Water Shed Resolution

C. Plan of Operation/Policy & Procedures

D. Tri-Party Agreement

We need to get this agreement in order to work together again. We need a projector and we will be getting a video. Our common goal is the same but it is the way it being presented.

Marie - Question she is wanting to know why the group is working together. She is asking and she said at one time everyone use to work together and these meeting should be along with the officials because this has to do with farmland.

Motion B, C & D: Evelyn A

Second: Beulah Blackrock

Vote: 7 – 0 - 1

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

1. None

B. Announcements

Joint Farm Board Meeting – Cameron Chapter on April 12, 2019. There will be more info.

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before Tri Party Agreement

Next Meeting

April 28, 2019 at 1:00

Adjourned at 3:53