

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

April 1, 2013

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Announcements:
 - April 9, 2013: 6:00pm Veterans Organization Meeting
 - April 14, 2013: 10:am CLUPC Meeting
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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

a) Expenditures:

1. Ratification **\$100.00** burial cost for the late Carl Ben.
2. **\$20,549.05** power line extension for Angela Brown
3. Requesting monetary donation of \$50.00 each:
 - Tyrese Thomas Ben, Band Field Trips to Las Vegas, Nevada.
 - Minnie Tsosie, to provide refreshment for Monthly NAAA Supervisor Meeting on April 11, 2013 at Tsaile Senior Center

b) Resolutions:

1. Farm Board requesting budget requested back in January 2013 using the tax funds.
2. Farm Board requesting to use backhoe to remove dirt from two reservoirs (Kee White and Rita Jishie area) and additional reservoirs.
3. Supporting Cellular One to construct tower with a corridor (land withdrawal)
4. Grazing Representative requesting support for a Weather Station proposal in Many Farms for the reservation area.
5. Supporting and approving the Navajo Division of Transportation Roads Department to maintain the following routes: _____ with a mileage of no more than fifteen (15) miles, within the Chapter area as part of the Navajo Nation Regional Roads Maintenance Plan.

c) Others:

III. REPORTS:

- a.
- b.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 21, 2013 @ 10:00am Regular Chapter Meeting

V. ADJOURNMENT:

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2013

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 3:33pm by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Stanley Kedelty, Wheatfield's community member
- d. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Mr. Brown, Max

Action items to Addition:

Announcement:

- Seed Sovereignty conference on April 3-5 at Dine' College
- Farm Board WUS April 14, 2013 at 1:pm

Resolutions:

- Oppose use of TTIP Funding for N20 paving
- Chapter Strategic work session Draft material

Votes: 16/00/05

- e. Announcements:

- April 9, 2013: 6:00pm Veterans Organization Meeting
- April 14, 2013: 10:am CLUPC Meeting
- April 8, 2013: 9:am DCD
- April 10, 2013: DCD Title 26 amendment in Albuquerque, NM
- Budget & Finance Committee meets on first and third Tuesday of each month
- Naby Committee meets on second and fourth Thursday of each month
- April 15-19, 2013: NN Council
- April 6, 2013, 9:00am Chinle Agency Council @ Hardrock Chapter
- Chapter Meetings with Nelson Begaye Region
- April 16, 2013: 9:00am Big truck with produce you can buy 60lbs of produce for \$10.00
- April 28-29, 2013: Wellness Trail opening in Tsaile, AZ
- April 12, 2013: Annual Pow Wow at Dine College
- NAAA on Aging at 9:am in Low Mountain Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. **Expenditures:**

1. Ratification **\$100.00** burial cost for the late Carl Ben
Motion by Max Benally, second by Stanley Kedelty
Votes: 17/00/03

2. **\$20,549.05** power line extension for Angela Brown
Motion by Max Benally, second by Mildred Sliversmith
Gave the proposal back to NTUA – as we can't afford it and now the representative has left NTUA. What about the chapter what has been done by the chapter.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- Delegate was suppose to schedule the meeting
- CSC: NTUA informed to do the resolution to connect the main line

Votes: 18/00/05

3. Requesting Monetary Donation of \$50.00 each:

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second Marie White

- Tyrese Thomas Ben, Band Field Trips to Las Vegas, Nevada. (student wrote a letter with date in discussion for travel)
- Minnie Tsosie, to provide refreshment for Monthly NAAA Supervisor Meeting on April 11, 2013 at Tsaile Senior Center. (**Will be a ratification**)

b. **Resolutions:**

1. Farm Board requesting budget requested back in January 2013 using the tax funds.

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Stanley Kedelty

\$33,700.00 NN Sales Tax approved in January 2013. February 11, 2013 DOJ put a restriction on the Sales Tax what becomes of the budget item. 2-Water Master Salary with benefits and to work on the reservoirs. Where are we at or do we need to do transfer of budget.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- CSC: Water Masters and Ditch Rider, Disallowable for Sales Tax for travel expenses. Budgeted line item for all as a whole. Funds identified for the Grader rental and the projects for replenished use of funds for the work session. General Fund activities.
- Recommended to reaffirm the resolution in amount the Farm Board requested for use and so they can be assured that funds will be guarantee for use by the Farm Board.
- DOJ only gave an opinion but where does the B&F stand with this?
- B&F Committee does not agree with the directive of Leonard Chee, DCD Director

Votes: 20/00/05 Reaffirm the resolution

2. Farm Board requesting to use backhoe to remove dirt from two reservoirs (Kee White and Rita Jishie area) and additional reservoirs.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Mr. Brown

Last year utilized \$10,000.00 for Kee White reservoir with repair of the catwalk. If there's an remaining cost of last year that can be used. On an average of prior work at about \$2,000.00 a reservoir. Water Resources is willing to work with us but they are so back logged.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- Who determines the depth of work in a dam?
- Assessment needs to be conducted
- These dams are implemented without maintenance plan with assumptions that its maybe the Farmers.
- If the chapter is going to invest and where is the return of funds. Not enough snow this past winter. How soon can you schedule a meeting with Water Resources and Safety of Dam. What perverts us from building bigger dam.
- What about the Blackrock dams and the windmills that a letter was send on? Only water resources in Blackrock area.
- Farm Board responsibilities on irrigated but the trying to work with the Water Users as a non-profit to work on these issues.
- No funds for Blackrock area for farm work. As voters the issues need in Blackrock is not being addressed. Anytime we go to the NN Resources they always say to go back to the chapter for services. Letters have been send without response.
- Water Management was given 2million but purchased equipments. Need to invite them for update meeting to provide us the information.
- Blackrock is on the list for earthen dam work. Once the areas is dry enough that is where the work is going.

Votes: 18/00/06 1. CSC to schedule a meeting before the next chapter meeting. 2. Earthen Dam to be assessed with a report.

NOTE: Water Users Association By-Laws (Tsaille/Wheatfields/Blackrock) Blackrock Representative is Violet Harvey, Aaron Begay, Vice and Myron Tsosie Secretary with members of Lupita McClannanhan.

3. Supporting Cellular One to construct tower with a corridor (land withdrawal)

Motion by Max Benally, second by Stanley Kedelty

Deswood Begay, Representative update of 2004 to date for a cellular one tower. Recent Cellular One Managers decided to work with NTUA. 10 months no work by NTUA. As of April 2013 Cellular One wants to construct tower. Worked with the T/W CLUPC and Grazing Representative.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- Will this tower be able to serve the Blackrock area?

- It should as this tower will be a 100 feet tower.
- Will Cellular One be able to use Navajo font for texting.
- Grazing will provide all the consent to the CLUPC at their next meeting which is ready to go.
Recommended to move this item to the chapter meeting for approval.

Votes: 17/00/04

4. Grazing Representative requesting support for a Weather Station proposal in Many Farms for the reservation area.

Motion by Stanley Kedelty, second by Lorena Eldridge

Resolution will be presented at the next chapter meeting for support proposal and the ideal location will be in Many Farms for the whole reservation.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- Why in Many Farms?
- Location is available there.
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Votes: 20/00/03

5. Supporting and approving the Navajo Division of Transportation Roads Department to maintain the following routes: _____ with a mileage of no more than fifteen (15) miles, within the Chapter area as part of the Navajo Nation Regional Roads Maintenance Plan.

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Stanley Kedelty

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- 638 routes can be reaffirmed
- Regional Transportation planning is to only be dirt roads
- Marco Sells selected the routes to move dirt
- Bus route in the Tsaile area was recommended prior years for maintenance and still is not maintained.
- In the chapter strategic work session N8077 was made priority which is at 21miles.
- Blackrock road was requested to be County some years ago and was not possible and now I am hearing it is given to 638. If we are going to prioritize the roads with gravel then we want work from Blackrock out to Tsaile.
- We need to bring NDOT back out as we are getting conflicting schedule.
- Split the 15 miles between Blackrock and Lower Wheatfields.
- If the 638 is to expire then what will happen? If we are talking improvement then we want full work.

Votes: 21/00/

c. **Others:**

1. Approving the newly selected Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Local Senior Advisory Council for Tsaile Senior Citizen Center.

Motion by Mildred Sliversmith, second Marie White

CSC: As of this pass Thursday they selected new members.

Votes: 21/00/05

2. Oppose use of TTIP Funding for N20 paving

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Max Benally

State route collapsed and the state is seeking funding. We don't want our reservation project funds to be allocated to this N20 paving. This will result in taking our funds from our projects.

Votes: 20/00/02

3. Chapter Strategic work session Draft material

Motion by Lupita McClannahan, second by Stanley Kedelty

Resolution by finalizing

Need time line to be identified and need to get a people together then we can put before the people.

Need to schedule April 11, 2013 at 9:00am.

Votes: 15/04/04

III: REPORTS: None

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

April 21, 2013 @ 10:00am Regular Chapter Meeting
Each committee to bring a dish.

NOTE: Get a map of what our chapter has.

NOTE: Name change would be too late for legislation. The last day is tomorrow for dropping legislation.

V: ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stanley Kedelty, second by Dorothea Litson at 6:13pm
Votes: All in favor