

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING
April 15, 2012

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call meeting to order/Invocation
- b. Review/Accept Agenda
- c. Review/Accept Minutes:
- d. Announcements:
 - Alton Sheppard
 - School Board position vacant for Many Farms Community School
 - April 20, 2-012: Navajo Nation & Hopi AZ Legislative Summit
 - Tom White Apache County Supervisor
 - May 5,2012: Azee' Bee Nahagha Azee' Bee Nahagha Convention at Dine College
 - May 8, 2012: Veterans Meeting at 6:00pm
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II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a. Opposing Senate Bill#2109 Water Rights
- b. Accept Veterans Organization Trust Funds Carryover in the amount of \$8,832.67
- c. Supporting Bathroom/Waterline extension in the Ram Pasture area under the Office of Environmental Health.
- d. Increase of Navajo Nation Sales Tax by one percent (1%)
- e. Ratification of \$100.00 of burial assistance for the last Mae Edison, Tsaile area.
- f. Requesting powerline extension in the amount of \$867. 00 for Sarah Begay, Tsaile Creek
- g. Supporting the CUSD#24 reauthorization of Impact Aid Program
- h. Accepting two (2) new members to Veterans Organization: David Kedelty, Vice Commander/Frank Begay
- i. Chapter Financial Budget of ending March 2012.

III. REPORTS:

- a. Indian Education Representative/Parent Advisory Committee – Janie Henderson
- b. Veterans Organization – David Tsosie
- c. Council Delegate – Nelson Begaye
- d. Comprehensive Health Board – Rosita Tsosie

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: May ____, 2012 @ ____am/pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2012**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call meeting to order at 11:12am by Zane James, Chapter President with invocation.

Review/Accept Agenda – Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

Motion by Rosita Tsosie, second by Eli Jackson

Comments/Questions:

Add under Reports: Comprehensive Health Board

Votes: 18/00/09

Review/Accept Minutes – Reviewed by Margie R.S. Begay

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Rosita Tsosie

Comments/Questions: NONE

Votes: 20/07/00

Announcements:

- Alton Joe Shepherd, Candidate for the Apache County Supervisor as of April 1, 2012. Mainly for introduction and to announce that a candidate information next month. Briefed informed of his past employment in Management capacity, Also serve as a Council Delegate/Law and Order Committee and served as prior Public Safety. Plat form of increase of funding that we need to work on for the people. St. John capacity to view and serve people equally. Also would like to establish a good working relationship with the Apache County District I & III. Locally would like to work together with the local chapters. Public Health district/public safety funds are all increasing. Platform and notices are available.
- School Board position vacant for Many Farms Community School
- April 20, 2-012: Navajo Nation & Hopi AZ Legislative Summit
- Tom White Apache County Supervisor: Culvert wash out will be replaced. \$15-20,000 with a low water crossing at the county road #270 and at the irrigation dam.
 - How many miles of County road miles
 - How many miles of bus routes are being maintained?
 - Blackrock road plans to be shared (prior documents each year road to be graveled 1mile a year –Undone)
- *Community requests a full written report at another time.
- May 5, 2012: Azee' Bee Nahagha Azee' Bee Nahagha Convention at Dine College
- May 8, 2012: Veterans Meeting at 6:00pm
- May 8-10, 2012: Road Safety Assessment N12-NDOT will invite Schools/County/etc.
- April 23, 2012: Community Clean up

BUSINESS ITEMS:

a. Opposing Senate Bill#2109 Water Rights – Sponsor: Adella Begay

Motion by Rosita Tsosie, second by Ray Redhouse

The Bill takes the rights of our water rights (aboriginal water rights). Navajo/Hopi will only be allowed very little to Ganado/Dilcon with 200million with pipes. The Bill does not have water piping to homes.

The Navajo Nation President already supports.

Comments:

Mr. Nave- Once upon a time Oklahoma was like this reservation therefore you need to dam up the creeks and washes.

Ray Redhouse-Water rights issue has been in the effect for years. Actually we don't have any rights in this country. This Bill will probably go through as the practice has been with the federal government. There are ways but the Attorneys will not defend us even the U.S. Constitution of the indigenous people we are not recognized until for the war life. I support the resolution.

Marjorie Johnson: I support this resolution and where to address is the NN Council and have Nelson to address this and stop Ben Shelly.

Anette Begay: this Bill is not ready and the original waters belong to the Native American. You are welcome to a hearing at the Tsaile School. We request you (Nelson) to get this and sponsor it for us. We have to think of our children in the future.

Natannie Begay: We can't pay back the foreign government anymore. The Nation has continued to borrow monies from Chinese. Therefore we need to think of our forefathers who have done a lot. We can't bow to the federal government like other Tribes have.

Danny John: We always need and use water. This is not just now but the land issue of taking land from our people (JUA). The issue of planning in leadership has been set for us which hinder our needs. As elected leaders need to listen to each other (Council Delegates and Officials). We respect our Ke' system and we need to stand on that in resolving issues. When addressing the issue to invite the news media. The four elements of life is hard to take on the calls which results in payment. I appeal to you leaders for future generation. We need to come together and pray individually.

RESP: if the Bill goes we will be closed off to water usage and therefore we need to dam off the waters and to back to farming. We need to write our own water settlement.

Votes: 35/00/04 With a directive to the Navajo Nation Council to conduct a public hearing and invite the Washington Office to address with a presentation.

- b. Accept Veterans Organization Trust Funds Carryover in the amount of **\$8,832.67** – Sponsor: David Tsosie
Motion by Sarah James, second by Lorraine John
Votes: 32/00/04
- c. Supporting Bathroom/Waterline extension in the Ram Pasture area under the Office of Environmental Health.
Motion by Bennie Litson, second by Mr. Nave
Votes: 30/00/06
- d. Supporting increase of Navajo Nation Sales Tax by one percent (1%)
Motion by Rosita Tsosie, second by Sarah James
Comments:
-Current we pay .4 sales tax this is to be increased to .5.
-Shared that Western, Eastern & Chinle Agencies TABLED it with Northern and Fort Defiance supported it with lacking information.
Votes: 01/28/08 – resolution failed

NOTE: Council Delegate Report as he has to attend another meeting.

- e. Ratification of **\$100.00** of burial assistance for the last Mae Edison, Tsaile area.
Motion by Lorraine John, second by Eli Jackson
Votes: 31/00/05
- f. Requesting powerline extension in the amount of **\$867.00** for Sarah Begay, Tsaile Creek – Sponsor: Sarah Begay
Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Sarah James
Votes: 28/00/04
- g. Supporting the CUSD#24 reauthorization of Impact Aid Program – Sponsor: Nelson Claw
Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lorraine John
Introduction of Nelson Claw and the Principal Mr. of the School. Encouraged the community to continue the strong support of the Leadership here at the chapter. Impact Aid on the military and Indian land for school support. Impact aid was developed because of trust land due to no taxes across the country. NCLB supports the Impact Aid. HR1342 Bill poses this effort of a Stand-A-Long Bill. . The Super committee

that was suppose to address some funds but a cut across the board of 40% it means a large cut for the public school across the nation. Treaty rights give the opportunity to have the federal government provide operation budget for education. Legislators of Jon McCain and Kly did not support the effort. Therefore the school is traveling to Washington D.C. this week Wednesday to request the operation of Impact Aid. Petition was routed for support of the public schools. (students can sign or write letters). This impact will hinder student service.

Votes: 31/00/02

- h. Accepting and approving two (2) newly selected members to Veterans Organization:
David Kedelty, Vice Commander and Frank Begay, Member. – Sponsor: David Tsosie
Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Eli Jackson

Due to members not attend and called for replacements and the 2 mentioned named volunteered to the organization. Also informed of meeting attendance has been difficulty. Meetings are scheduled on 2nd Tuesday of each month with next meeting May 9, 2012.

In a discussion talking on a center for Veterans which we are in hopes to achieve like the Senior Center has done. Also a Veterans banner has been done and participate in the Sacaton, Az Veterans parade. Other items to pursue is the a possible bus with our own logo. All branches of military participate in this event.

Comments:

Lorraine John: Elaborated on the veterans status of limited participation. Regardless of the type of discharge they are all veterans with respect. During election is possibly the only time veterans are remembered. According to the hand out provided a million has been allocated.

Votes: 31/00/03

- i. Chapter Financial Budget of ending March 31, 2012. (Total available budget of \$355,680.52)
Motion by David Tsosie, second by Mildred Sliversmith

Comments:

Rosita Tsosie: is there any way chairs can be purchased these chairs are very uncomfortable.
Might look into it.

Votes: 28/00/02

REPORTS:

Motion by Lapita McClannahan, second by Mildred Sliversmith

- a. Indian Education Representative/Parent Advisory Committee – Janie Henderson
Cultural teaching introduced to students which has been reported very effective. 20% of that budget is covering. This week AIMS testing scheduled all week long. School site with parent/teacher conference on 4/26/12. Encourage parents on the 4/27/12 with poster being advertised. Impact Aid
- b. Veterans Organization – David Tsosie
Just as a reminder with defination of a military means 180 days or more and honorable discharge. The reason of the 180 days is National Guard only serves 180 or less is the difference. National Guard is used in primarily national disaster. Recent war the National Guard was used and possibly it might be changed.
- c. Council Delegate – Nelson Begaye/Amber Crotty, Legislative Assistant a power point presentation on Update on Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise/Loan Refinancing and Supplemental Funding Legislation. As attached.
In addition he clarified his selected Assistant position due to if this funding was not position the fund would be transferred to the Tuba City Council Delegate who requested 2 Assistants.
- d. Canyon DeChelly Comprehensive Health Board – Rosita Tsosie
Report on the Public Hearing as reported at the Planning Meeting with good questions. There will be no more public hearing by the Health Board however on going keeping it open for people will be good. Another session can be done again. Resolutions can wait and be put before the community members at another time. Questions can be posed at anytime.

Votes: 29/00/02 with the Council Delegates reported to be included.

Announcement:

Extend appreciation for the Tsaile Elementary school with trip to visit the Arizona College.

April 22, 2012 at 10:00am Farm Board Meeting

April 29, 2012: CLUPC meeting

May 10, 2012: Senior Council Meeting at 10:00Am

April 24, 2012: Water Rights Forum at Dine College

July 7, 2012: Chinle Agency Council Meeting maybe at the Senior Center at Tsaile.

May 5, 2012 Appreciation Day

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

May 1, 2012 at 1:00PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by David Tsosie at 3:48pm, second by Lapita McClannahan

Votes: All in favor.

Chapter Officials did not reviewed or signed the Chapter Monitoring.