

\TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTERMEETING

April 21, 2013

PROPOSED AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call Meeting to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Review/Accept Agenda
- f. Announcements:
 - April 22, 2013: **HOLIDAY** - Navajo Nation Sovereignty Day (Chapter Office Closed)
 - April 23, 2013: 11:00am, Wheatfields Chapter; Life Preservation Planning Meeting
 - April 28-29, 2013: Wellness Trail opening in Tsaile, AZ
 - April 25, 2013: Farm Board/Water Users Assoc meeting
 - May 5, 2013: 3:00pm CLUPC meeting
 - May 6, 2013: 10:00am Grazing Meeting
 - May 7, 2013: 9:00am Lukachukai Community School Board Meeting

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

a) Expenditures:

1. Ratifications
 - i. **\$100.00** burial cost for the late Carl Ben.
 - ii. Minnie Tsosie, to provide refreshment for Monthly NAAA Supervisor Meeting on April 11, 2013 at Tsaile Senior Center
2. Requesting monetary donation of \$50.00 each:
 - Tyrese Thomas Ben, Band Field Trips to Las Vegas, Nevada.
 - Apache County Posse
3. Burial assistant Avilia J. Bahe (8months old)
4. Requesting powerline extension at 50% @ **\$180.63** out of \$361.27.
5. March 2013 Chapter Financial Budget

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.
6. Approving the newly selected Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Local Senior Advisory Council for Tsaile Senior Citizen Center.
7. Requesting NTUA to connect the main trunk line at Black Pinnacle.
8. Oppose use of TTIP Funding for N20 paving
9. Requesting BIA and Federal Highway Fund to include the Right of Way fencing on Route 12 construction

c) Others:

III. REPORTS:

- a. Indian Education Rep/Parent Advisory Committee
- b. Community Service Coordinator
- c. Council Delegate
- d. Chapter Resources

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: May _____, 2013 @ _____am/pmChapterPlanning Meeting

V. ADJOURNMENT:

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTERPLANNING MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2013

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Zane James, Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance by group
- c. Invocation provided by Honorable Nelson S. Begaye
- d. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Nelson James,

NO Additions

Votes: 21/00/05

- e. Review/Accept Minutes

Motion by Max Benally, second by Daniel Haskie

1. March 18, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes – No questions
2. April 1, 2013 Planning Meeting minutes – No questions

Votes: 21/01/04

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- May 18, 2013: 10:00am Chinle High School Graduation Wild Cat Den
- 2days Monday/Tuesday Seed Conference
- 3Water Master positions application available in the front office with deadline of April 30, 2013.
- Margie RS Begay will be leaving the meeting early due to important needs to attend to.
- Honorable Delegate has 3 meetings schedule for today
- Navajo Nation has meeting with Navajo Generating Station meeting
- Veterans Organization information and the next meeting on May 14, 2013.
 - Veteran George James will be royalty to attend the Gathering of Nation pow-wow
 - Posting of Colors done at Dine' College
 - Will post colors at Dine' College Graduation
- Youth group of Baseball starting again and signing up for team now (Ages 11-12). Yesterday played in Kirtland, NM. Now have 4 from Lukachukai and the rest are from here. There is another team calling Tsaile Rockies with 8 and under coach Val Adakai.

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Motion by Lorena Eldridge to combine both, second by Sarah James

Comments/Questions:

The NAAA meeting real good meeting with many praises and the information is that Tsaile facility is one of the real good facility on Navajo.

Number of services for elderly is really low.

Navajo Nation President wants to combine the 3 communities to Tsaile and Minnie Tsosie, Coordinator needs to make reports here at the chapter house.

Votes: 22/00/04

12:22pm Grazing Representative arrived for the meeting

2. Requesting Monetary Donation of \$50.00 each:
 - Tyrese Thomas Ben, Band Field Trips to Las Vegas, Nevada. (student wrote a letter with date in discussion for travel)
 - Apache County Posse
Motion by Sarah James, second by Justina Yazzie
Comments/Questions:
Posse requesting for funds to provide for emergency items.
Votes: 21/00/04

3. Burial assistant Avilia J. Bahe (8months old)
Motion by Mr. Sorrell, second by Sarah James
Votes: 21/00/05

4. Requesting powerline extension at 50% @ \$180.63 out of \$361.27.
Motion by Wilson Brown, second by Nelson James
Presented by son, we have a big family and the need is to assist the family
Votes: 23/00/02

5. March 2013 Chapter Financial Budget (requested to defer to the May Planning Meeting)

b. **Resolutions:**

1. REAFFIRM Farm Board requesting budget requested back in January 2013 using the tax funds.
Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Wilson Brown
Approved already and to be used \$33,700.00 NN Sales Tax approved in January 2013.
Where are we at or do we need to do transfer of budget.
Votes: 23/00/02
2. Farm Board requesting to use equipment to remove dirt from two reservoirs (Kee White and Rita Jishie area) and additional reservoirs.
Motion by Daniel Haskie, second by
Resolved – and work is in place with heavy equipment.
Questions/Comments/Recommendations:
 - Still need to document and request to Water Resources for assistanceVotes: 22/00/03
3. Supporting Cellular One to construct tower with a corridor (land withdrawal)
Motion by Nelson James, second by Max Benally
Deswood Begay, Representative update of 2012 for additional towers and the need by request of Wheatfields area. This plan is of 2007 to date for a cellular one tower. North of this chapter house NTUA had designated a site but did not go in place. But Cellular One Managers decided to continue with the tower due to emergency need We would like to construct before 2014.
Questions/Comments/Recommendations:
 - Grazing Representative still need 1 consent. Now, to do is field clearance and no concern on behalf of the grazing representative. Then process is Grazing will review and sign.
 - The site where is it and will it really help the valley?
 - RESP: near the Jordon River Church and will help this area with another one in Chinle to assist Blackrock area.
 - What would be the next process?
 - RESP: Once the consent is done, survey will be by Cellular One at our cost, EA, Arch, ROW, within one mile radius. Thereafter the NN Land Department with HPD, NEPA, DOJ and others to obtain the final document. It will take about 8-9 months to start construction. The actual tower construction is only 3 weeks; hook up with electricity will be alone the process.
 - Honorable Delegate and his Assistant will provide their assistance with the process.

Votes: 25/00/01

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

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Alta Begay

Location will be in Many Farms for the whole reservation to service the grazing and other needs.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations: NONE

Votes: 20/00/05

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 Nelson James, second by Max Benally

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

- This will only be a flat blade with no major improvements. The Blackrock community has about 9 elderly and biggest need for road improvement. This route is a major bus route where the bus is always getting stuck.
- We all want our roads improved and to keep Lower Wheatfields as bus route.
- Recommendation:
 - 3 miles 8084 Ram Pasture Road
 - 3 miles 8077 South of Dine College towards Blackrock area
 - 3 miles 8079 South of Chapter House towards Lower Wheatfields
 - 3 miles 8080 Whitecone to Upper Wheatfields
 - 3 miles 8089 Bear Springs Road off 8077 west of Blackrock Canyon
 - Total: 15 miles
- Is it feasible to take BIA routes and assign to County or Navajo DOT for services.
- According to the last Road meeting, Apache County Kirk Arviso said say not feasible
- What is the plan of the chapter's for a grader as Navajo DOT is limited to 15miles and the County is only maintaining their routes.
- Empire \$340,000.00 and we have already invested about \$20,000.00. Where are we to get the funds and where. Delegate will meet with the President and see what can be done.
- CSC during our roads meeting BIA's priority is the N12, County's priority C320 of 3.7 miles of gravel on Blackrock road and the Navajo DOT with the 15miles.

Votes: 22/03/06

1:40pm Margie Begay excused as mentioned in the announced.

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

Motion by Sarah James, 2nd Mr. Becenti

- No Questions and resolutions was passed

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

Votes: 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 10 abstained

7. Oppose use of TTIP Funding for N20 paving

Motion by Mr. Becenti and 2nd by Leonard Teller

- Explained the process by which Zane James stumbled upon a meeting with

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: 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstained.

8. Requesting NTUA to connect the main truck line at Black Pinnacle.

a. Motion by Mildred and 2nd by Lorena Eldridge

- i. Gave a history as to the result of this resolution.

- ii. Resolution passed by 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 6 abstained.

9. Requesting BIA and Federal Highway Fund to include the Right of Way fencing on Route 12 construction

a. Motion by Lucinda Davis and 2nd by Willis Becenti

- i. Paula Begay presented the resolution request. On Monday when the meeting with Roads Department, BIA indicated that the construction of Highway 12, ROW fencing is not included in the cost. It was instructed by BIA to draft a resolution from the Chapter. Chapter indicated
 - 1. Questions/Comments: David Kedelty, if ROW is the wishes of the chapter, it would be a part of the construction costs.
 - ii. Votes passed by vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstained.
- 10. Travel request for chapter official to Sustainable Community
 - a. Questions/Comments – Lorena Eldridge would like for the CLUPC to be included in this travel as well
 - b. Passed by vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstained.
- c. **Others:**

III. **REPORTS: Motion by Lorena Eldridge and Frank Begay, 2nd**

1. Indian Education Rep/Parent Advisory Committee

Nelson Claw presented on the Chinle Unified School District information of Navajo Language within the studies of Kg to 6th graders survey. Survey shows that kids really cannot carry on a conversation in Navajo. He also shared a concept of the Navajo history orgain the school has developed but no in the classroom yet. From a previous meeting, there was a misunderstanding presented from cuts in Federal Funding. There was conception that budget cuts would affect bus routes. From Chinle Schools, budget cuts will not affect our work and we will continue to work for the next 4-5 years. Budget cuts will not effect CUSD, at the district the Business Manager, various funding came from various areas. Business Manager invested and put away funding for future and that is what will sustain the district. Will not reduce bus routes, will not lay off staff and the individual is Quincy Natay, son if the late Ed Natay. Just recently got 10 new buses, tsaile elementary has a new school, wildcat den is paid for, he was very effective in planning for our future. Work with at risk kids, kids with no home, less fortunate and single parents or no parents. We do have kids like that in our community, with that said, help the kids that are in those situations. During Thanksgiving kids were asked what they were thankful for, more then half those kids were thankful for animals, horses, sheep, dogs, etc. You would think kids would draw their parents but majority drew animals.

During Christmas kids were asked the same thing, what do you want for Christmas? More then half the kids said they wanted a Dad. Are they telling us something.

2. Community Service Coordinator

- a. Paula Begay – Thank you for the food. 2 weeks ago there was Public Hearing in Low Mountain and the topic was federal funding. Local senior centers brought their staff, people were allocated 3 minutes to talk. Service provided to seniors was something that was voiced. My main reason for going was to advocate for our new center. Some of the things I brought were the staffing, we need more staff. Also the operation and maintenance for facilities. Both Max Benally, Rita Jishie and Minnie Tsosie all spoke. All those voiced concerns were documented and will be sent to the state of Arizona.
- b. From a Roads standpoint, when we rented that grader, we got what was available and the high tech grader was basically assigned to us. Some areas were really assisted by the grader, there are some areas that are still frozen and muddy. Price quote was given to us for the grader, it was quoted at \$340,000.00 Some homes are still not assisted, additionally we are getting requests for home site cleaning, weddings, clearing ceremonial grounds, etc.
- c. They also had a public hearing at Dine’ College on certified chapters and the problems they encountered. Upon certification, chapters assume all payroll responsibilities, such as insurance programs and others.
- d. The chapter website is tsaile@navajochapters.org and we are planning for summer activities. Black Rock residents stressed the need from water line issues, resolutions were forwarded to OEH and they will do an assessment. Some applications were hand delivered and those will all be combined.
- e. Electrical line request, NTUA is stressing the need for Mobil Homes to live there at least 9 months and need a homesite lease. They will be having a public hearing on 25th, the Browns have moved back they want these services.

3. Council Delegate

- a. Nelson gave report on recent council session.

- b. Also gave the floor to Mr. Leonard Teller.
4. Chapter Resources
- a. Farm Board – Lorena Eldridge restressed the chapter Farm Board membership. Also introduced the Water Users Association. Our main focus is Land Use Permits. That is the main of our discussions at farm board meetings. In April residents will be getting invoices for annual invoicing. Wheatfields Lake draining will happen on May 9th for lower Wheatfields irrigation purposes. Upper Wheatfields will happen around the same time. Please get ready for that. Farm Board was going to submit for grant with Water Users under First Nations, 5 farmers were identified to work with the youth. Funds were earmarked for seed purchase. We are also working on a logo for the Water Users Association.
 - II. Questions: Pearl White asked how many individuals were funded for these projects. This grant, exactly how does it work? Is it on an individual basis or for the whole community. There are 42 fields in Tsaile, 128 fields combined. How many acres, 570 acres in Tsaile, 643 acres in Upper Wheatfields and 465 acres in lower. All together there is 42 farmers in Tsaile, 52 in Upper and we are not sure on some residents correct address. The funding is only for \$10,000.00, not much. The funding is for land use permit and farmers that are not cultivating. We have until 2015 to have at least half of all the lands being utilized. One is for an individual to attend a 1st nations conference, \$1000, stipend for 5 farmers, whoever wants to for \$2000 and consultant to assist for \$500.00. One for home visitor and take statistics or survey assessment, an individual for organic farming. 5 farmers are Freddy Yazzie, Kathy Johns, Danny Johns wife, Patricia Johnson and Merle Kedelty.
 - b. CLUPC – Cindy Davis, we have been working on rural addressing and ready to finalize. Our CLUPC is certified and at that time, the manual was outlined and we are revising that. We are have a work session and revise the manual on the 25th. The 2nd Sunday of each month is our set date for meeting.
 - c. Grazing – Thomas Litson mentioned the Water Users plan of operation and it references ALL water users so it indirectly involves me as well. On May 6th, we will meet with Farm Boards to address non farm users. There is growing voice of lack of water for farming, we are not working to well with Navajo Nation Agriculture and looking at set aside funding. On May 2nd, NRCS will be here to meet with us.
 - d. CHR – Alta Begay reported that she had some announcements. 2 things at the end of April 30 and May 1 for 1st responders. After that we are working with Teec Nos Pos people who work with diabetes, will be a training, but only tentative right now. If you are trying to get a hold of me, call the chapter, leave a message with Leanna. Immunization is one of our major things, we had pertusis case in Tsaile so we really request everyone to get them immunization. We have to have 15 different shots that we should have. Local kids have had high rise in head lice. Severe case is not in our community so we are grateful. Over the counter meds for lice are becoming ineffective. Produce was selling in chinle this past week. We really need to get our ALERT team reorganized and need it for certification for the chapter. Other question I have is for Zane, Chapter bought me a computer, printer. I buy my own cartage and who will maintain that computer, since it is under the chapter.
 - II. Zane – What kind of maintenance is needed?
 - III. Alta – Need security on it?
 - II. Leanna Thompson – Said she will take care of it.,
 - e. Max Benally – indicated that they advised the local senior council that they need to be involved in chapter planning and meetings. There are a lot of people out there that need help. According to the charts that were handed out at the NAAA meeting and we are at the bottom. Those charts however are not reflective of the current operations.

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:
May 01, 2013 at 1:00pm Chapter Planning Meeting

V: ADJOURNMENT:
Motion by Max Benally @ 3:30 pm, second by Frank Begaye
Votes: all in favor