

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2013**

**AGENDA**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- a. Call meeting to order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Invocation
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
- e. Review/Accept Minutes:
- f. Announcements:
  - June 18, 2013: Food Distribution at 10:00am  
: Life Preservation Planning Meeting at 11:00am  
: "Just Move It" Wheatfields Chapter at 6:00pm: **Requesting all chapter officials and committee members to donate one (1) case of water. Thank You!!**
  - June 22, 2013: Farm Board Workshop at 8:00am
  - July 1, 2013: District Grazing Meeting at Lukachukai Chapter House
  - July 19-21, 2013: Intermountain Reunion at the Wheatfields Lake
  - Navajo Nation order of Fire Restriction effective June 11, 2013.

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**a. Expenditure: New Business:**

1. May 2013 Chapter Financial Budget
2. Ratification of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for chapter official travel to the 1st Annual NN Safety & Health Conference in Albuquerque, NM from June 10 - 13, 2013.
3. Requesting Monetary Donation of **\$50.00** each:
  - Just Move It Event to purchase fruits from Bashas
  - Emery James
  - Jennifer Mitchell
  - Herbert Clark
  - Vernon Clark
  - Victoria McCraith
  - Marlene Lee
  - Danielita Haskey
4. Requesting burial assistance of **\$100.00** for the late Harrison Lee to Sliver Creek Mortuary
5. **\$6,500.00** for 11 requesting Chapter Scholarship Assistance for 2013 Summer Session

**b. Resolutions: New Business:**

1. Sublease of farm plots
2. Horse Round -Up
3. Requesting NTUA to connect the main trunk line at Mummy Cave

**c. Others:**

**III. REPORTS:**

**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

July \_\_\_\_, 2013 at \_\_\_\_am/pm Chapter Planning Meeting

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

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**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by Zane James, Chapter President
2. Pledge of Allegiance by group
3. Invocation provided by Zane James
4. Review/Accept Agenda

Motion by Lorena Elridge, second by Sarah James

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation:**

Resolution word heading change:

Supporting resolution to the Farm Board to carry out their task could be realignment, farm plots release, etc.

Farm Board meeting tomorrow June 18, 2013 at 6pm

Senior Council members to address the facility building with some issue (trails, etc.)

Votes: 25/00/04

5. Review/Accept Minutes:

Motion by

- May 20, 2013 Regular Chapter Meeting
- June 4, 2013- Chapter Planning Meeting
- June 10, 2013- Special Chapter Meeting

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation:**

June 10, 2013 – Farm Board Proposal motion had Nelson James, second by Nelson James.

NOTE: that was Sarah James, second by Nelson James which was already corrected

Votes: 29/00/08

6. Announcements

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- Local Senior Council Meeting on
- George James Senior Citizen Vice President -

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- a. **Expenditure: New Business:**

1. May 2013 Chapter Financial Budget

Motion by

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation:**

Votes:

2. Ratification of \$2,289.12 Travel request to attend the 1st Annual NN Safety & Health Conference in Albuquerque, NM from June 11 - 13, 2013.

Motion by Nelson James, second by Max Benally

Each Chapter Official provided their review and insight of the conference according to their knowledge gained. From the start of the Conference general work session and into the breakout session that was provided from Planning, electrical, pipeline, asbestos, safety 101, etc. It was a huge eye opener.

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation:**

Votes: 35/00/0

3. Requesting monetary donation of **\$50.00** each:  
Motion by Sarah James, second by Lettie Nave
  - Just Move It Event to purchase fruits from Bashas
  - Emery James, medical travel expenses to Albuquerque, NM weekly visits
  - Jennifer Mitchell, daughter in basketball tournament in Oklahoma City
  - Herbert Clark, hospital visit
  - Vernon Clark, assisting parent during medical hospital visits
  - Victoria McCraith, assisting during medical hospital visits
  - Marlene Lee, assistance requested for medical related needs
  - Danielita Haskey, presented herself to pay outstanding tuition cost

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation: NONE**

Votes: 35/00/04 Total amount assisted **\$400.00** in monetary donation.

4. Ratification of \$100.00 burial assistances for the late Harrison Lee  
Motion by George James, second by Daniel Haskey

Votes: 34/00/05

5. **\$6,500.00** for 11 requesting Chapter Scholarship assistance for 2013 Summer Session  
Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by James Becenti

<b><u>NAME:</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATON:</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENTED AT CHAPTER:</u></b>
Tekayle Bitsilly	San Juan College	Presented by Zane James
Shawna Yoe	Dine College	Presented herself
Ravianna Nez	Dine College	Presented by Margie Begay on her behalf
Gilonda Yazzie	Dine College	Presented herself

Votes: 36/00/05

**b. Resolutions: New Business**

1. Supporting resolution to the Farm Board to carry out their task of could be realignment, farm plots release, etc.

Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Lettie Nave

Presented by full Farm Board Committee of introduction and the : 127 Farmer/farm plots in community, 90 farm lands idling,

Primary reason: Probate, quite title, no one wants to work on farm. BIA will be informed for information on probate and quite title status. Thereafter to review and see if the sublease will be supported. The District Grazing supported the sublease.

**Comments/Questions/Recommendation:**

Votes: 28/00/18

2. Horse Round-Up/Branding

Motion by George James, second by Daniel Haskey

We are late in the summer for branding Horse Round Up proposal with setting date and need your assistance. I will need 10 helpers at 15 days with CSC budgeted 120 hours at \$9,000.00 plus. 10 days advertise and notification. Possibly horse owner will house their horses again. July 29 to start which will be unknown to August 2, 2013. This horse round up will be in compliance with laws.

In September 5 days and 5 days in October with un-announced. Rangers indicated it is allowable. This will be stated in the resolution.

Stallion need to be useful and have a location on site. Cruelty to animals is covered. Risk Management will not allow castration. This will apply to donkeys.

Banding Schedule: August 6, 2013 Blackrock with no corral

August 7 & 8, 2013 Tsaille

August 8 & 10, 2013 Wheatfields

This past Wednesday met with new Grazing Officials.

Cows \$ 4.00 a head and Horse at \$. Medication will be set.

Votes:

4:00pm: Margie RS Begay excused as in prior notification of email.

A. Resolutions

a. Supporting

b. House Round Up/Branding **MOTION: Nelson James and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Haskey**

i. Questions/Comments

1. George James – spoke of support for the round up. Too many horses in the Tsaille Area.
2. Lorena Eldridge – Supports the round up and there are policies in place preventing that.
3. Thomas Litson – position advertisement will be advertised and will advertise for positions for branding as well. Also, in reference to waivers and daily cash logs, there will be some fees and we are still working on that. As Charles Chee did and we will revisit that. We will also accept donations for the workers as well.
4. Danny Haskey – in reference to horse round up, one horse keeps coming around my place. He ate my hay and later I roped him. I noticed he had a state brand, I thought state brands were only given in enclosed fields. Also, I've noticed a lot of horses with the same brand. I have horses but I keep them penned up. Also, I noticed horses with fresh brands, no one ever told me about a branding that took place. What about individuals who don't have permits but do have horses. Laws state that there should not be cruelty to animals and how will those be handled. Last week I mentioned that long ago people were given horses and they took upon those names, Blackhorse, Whitehorse and Bluehorse.

a. Response: Thomas Litson, you mentioned that you roped the horse and we need to be careful because if you rope another individual's horse and chase them, there is a penalty for that. So if you will be in the horse round up, make sure you get that waiver in place. Those that have their own brands, it is not allowed. I have not really addressed that, my main priority now is overgrazing and round ups. State brands in reference to Navajos, you can request from the state and the state cannot deny that. Upon branding that animal, grazing official should be notified once the animal will be released to grazing. So state brands are allowed on the reservation.

b. David Kedelty – The mule that is mentioned, he seems to be a hazard, I've seen him chase horse and the horses almost ran over some kids.

5. Stanley Kedelty – I have question and comment. Those horses that will not be released, where will they be taken? Is there any profit that will be made from those horses? Any profit in the past would be given to the Navajo Nation, is that still the case? Is there any possibility that any profits, can that be utilized for scholarships?

a. Thomas Litson – that is what I mentioned, we will look at how the past officials conducted round ups. Additionally any profits to my understanding would go back to general funds if the chapter is not satisfied.

**ii. MOTION PASSED: 34 in Favor 0 Opposed and 4 Abstained.**

c. Requesting NTUA to connect main trunk line at Mummy Cave. **MOTION by Lorena Eldridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan Yazzie**

- i. Denise, my mom moved back to Mummy Cave area. We have no utility connection to that area.

**ii. MOTION PASSED: 32 in favor 0 opposed and 6 abstained.**

B. Others

a. Senior Center Fencing Project **MOTION by Nelson James and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah James**

- i. George James – we were asked to sit on Local Senior Council, I'm not quite sure who our president is, we've only met twice. We have talked about why the center doesn't have any

decorations. They also asked about the funding for the facility. I spoke to my mom about the issue, there is a remaining balance of about \$5,000.00.

1. Zane James
2. Nelson James – this Local Senior Council to date has only met 2 or 3 times. In the meetings it was discussed that animals infringe upon the facility. We discussed the idea of temporary fencing around just the senior center facility.
3. Paula Begay - \$5,000.00 balance for the facility was discussed with Minnie and she had mentioned the balance she would like to utilize for couches. The north side windows have been drawn on, vandalized to some extent. A chain link fence is not as expensive and maybe we can fence off the facility. The whole acreage fencing right now is too expensive and we are still seeking funding. My son George asked a lot of questions in reference to the facility and what plans are in place for that.
4. George James –
5. Marie White – in reference to the fencing, it is true and we did talk about it. However some of us didn't quite understand and some are old. My belief is to just fence off that facility for now as a temporary fix to avoid vandalism.
6. Mildred Silversmith – thanks for the prayers at the beginning of the meeting. I support the idea of fencing the facility as a temporary fix immediately.

**ii. MOTION PASSED with directive to Chapter to advocate for fencing utilize balance to fence off facility. 30 in Favor, 0 oppose and 2 abstained.**

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**V: ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by

Votes: