

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) Meeting
Sunday, June 29, 2014

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Lucinda Davis, President
Lupita Litson, Vice President
Kathy John, Member
Marjorie Johnson, Member

ABSENT:

Thomas Litson, Secretary

VISITORS:

Kory J. Klee, Community Member
Ray Redhouse, Lukachukai CLUPC Member

Marjorie Johnson, member, volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Calling of Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the CLUPC President at 10:30 a.m. with confirmation of a quorum (4 of 5).

B. Roll Call:

Lucinda Davis, Lupita McClanahan, Kathy John, Marjorie Johnson in attendance.

C. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Lupita McClanahan.

D. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was read into the record by the CLUPC President. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John, to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

E. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2014: The minutes of the May 4, 2014 CLUPC meeting were reviewed for the record by CLUPC President. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John, to accept the minutes as read and reviewed. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

F. Announcements

- Chapter Planning Meeting, July 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
- Farm Board Meeting, July 19, 2014

- Grazing Committee Meeting, July 7, 2014
- Rangeland Improvement Act Presentation, Dine College, June 30, 2014.
- Veteran's Meeting, July 8, 2014
- Fundraising Song & Dance, T/W Chapter, July 5, 2014 at 12:00 noon.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Studies:

CLUPC President reported the CLUPC Committee members were to meet with the Water Users Association on July 8, 2014; only the CLUPC President was in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Navajo Nation officials to discuss the \$3 million supplemental funding allocated to Water Resources to repair windmills throughout the Navajo Nation. Discussion was held on windmills located within the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter boundaries. The Nation reports 3 windmills; Dorthea Litson had a list of all T/W windmills that include more windmills. Unanswered questions existed that resulted in time lapsing for consideration of Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter. Another meeting is proposed for the CLUPC, Water Users Association and Farm Board to provide input for a proposal for other funds to have windmills repaired.

Mr. Ray Redhouse, Lukachukai CLUPC member shared his thoughts on the Water Shed Study conducted years ago on the depletion of the T/W water table. He states he provided the Study team a tour of the mountains; now the ponds and springs are dry and the streams are low. According to the study, over 1,000 roads were made by NFPI doing logging on the mountain. NFPI/the Navajo Nation Forestry should be requested to correct the problem. He recommended the Chapter send a resolution to Forestry Department stating the roads are causing the depletion of the water table; the roads were created by Forestry, and the water table study was sent previously to the Navajo Nation Forestry with no response. How can Forestry correct this problem?

Other discussion focused on

- Sending Chapter members to receive training on repairing windmills; this was determined to be a liability.
- Lupita McClanahan recommended CLUPC consider drafting a Plan to address the Flood Plains and how the Chapter would handle an emergency in the event of a flash flood.
- The Navajo Nation shows only 3 windmills in Tsaile/Wheatfields area; Dorthea Litson has list of all windmills. The number and location of windmills are in the CLUPC manual. This question needs to be resolved.
- Attempts should be made to obtain other studies previously completed and current studies being done on water sheds.
- CLUPC should conduct on-line research on water shed studies to determine who conducted the Tsaile/Wheatfields water shed study and obtain a copy.

A motion was made by Kathy John, seconded by Lupita McClanahan to invite the Water Users Association and Farm Board to the next CLUPC meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

B. Mr. Redhouse:

Mr. Redhouse proposed the CLUPC consider land withdrawal for a hospital for the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Black Rock, Round Rock, and Lukachukai area. He recommended the 10 acres previously set aside for the NECA gravel yard. The current clinic is over capacity and community members are requested to return the next day to receive medical treatment. With the increase in population, incidence of diseases and other health issues, this should be a priority for the Navajo Nation and the Chapters. CLUPC President updated Mr. Redhouse on current plans for the 10 acres recommended. She requested a letter from the Tsaile Clinic Health Board requesting land withdrawal for the CLUPC consideration; this will be forwarded to the Tsaile/Wheatfields Planning meeting. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John to support Mr. Redhouse's request pending receipt of requested letter. Motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Cemetery:

Paula Begay, CSC, provided an update on the Chapter's progress on this issue. The CSC has a draft of a Plan of Operation for the approved Community Cemetery. She will provide a copy to CLUPC Committee for review. Ms. Denise Copeland, Division of Community Development, CIO has agreed to do archaeological clearance once the survey is completed. CSC has one quote for the survey and is working to receive the required 3 bids. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy Johns to approve the update report. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

B. Mapping: Paula Begay, CSC, reported the Chapter has located the maps issued for the E911 Rural Addressing project. The hard data and USB with information on the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock surveys were provided to Chapter CSC by Marjorie Johnson, CLUPC member. CSC will have the PEP worker begin updating data so CLUPC can begin mapping as required. CLUPC President will email the CSC on Monday (June 30, 2014) to request the PEP worker to be present at the next CLUPC meeting and during the mapping sessions. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John to accept the update as presented. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

4. REPORTS

A. CLUPC Members:

CLUPC President reported on doing a presentation for the Tsaille Health Board, along with a co-worker, on water issues. The Board wanted to know how long it would be before the water will be piped down from San Juan to the Tsaille/Wheatfields community, as proposed by Mr. Maryboy's study. It was reported they are now collecting data; but it would be 30-40-50 years before the water begins flowing. \$8.6 Million were allocated to conduct the study; presently 5 studies are on-going on by Water Resources with one more to be implemented.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Tsaille/Wheatfields CLUP Committee was scheduled for July 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The Water Users Association and Farm Board will be invited to the meeting.

The CLUPC will meet on July 27, 2014 to do rural addressing mapping.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.