

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2016

- I. Order of Business
 - a. Call meeting to order @ 1:40
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance – David Kedelty
 - c. Invocation – Tom White
 - d. Review/Accept Agenda
 - i. Motion Dave Tsosie by and 2nd Angela
 - ii. VOTE: 20 in favor, 0 against and 5 abstained
 - e. Review/Accept Minutes from July Planning Meeting
 - i. Motion by Willis Becenti to defer to next meeting and 2nd by Bennie Litson Vote 20 in favor, 0 against, and 5 abstained
 - f. Announcements
 - i. Jul 22, 2016 @ 10:00 am – Farm Board Monthly Permit Meeting
 - ii. July 27, 2016 @ 5:00 pm – Farm Board Meeting
- II. Business Items
 - a. Ratification / Motion by Bennie Litson, 2nd by Dave Tsosie / VOTE: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained.
 - i. \$100.00 Burial assistance, Lillie Stevens
 - ii. \$100.00 Burial assistance, Leland Tso
 - iii. \$50.00 Monetary Donations, Carrie Henderson
 - iv. \$50.00 Monetary Donations, Lucita Luckton
 - v. \$50.00 Monetary Donations, Darlene Kedelty
 - b. Resolutions
 - i. Recommendation of Poll Officials for 2016 Navajo Nation Election / Motion by Frank Kedelty, 2nd by Charles Chee / VOTE 24, 0, 5
 - 1. Ms Becenti – Will there be a conflict of interest
 - 2. Lorena Eldridge – What about the former workers, can we just keep them on?
 - 3. Tom White – As a former board member, I would suggest that there would be a conflict.
 - 4. Melvin Gatewood – expressed interest in working
 - 5. Paula Begay –
 - a. There are three that are interested, Janie Henderson, Alanna Begay, Ophelia Yazzie,
 - ii. Supporting the Tsaile/Wheatfields Dineh Water Users Association written fund Management and software, grant tracker to handle the \$5 million for the Wheatfields Agriculture Project funded through the Navajo Nation permanent trust fund where the Tsaile/Wheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Association has written the proposals.
 - 1. Motion by Willis Becenti, 2nd by Bennie Litson / VOTE 24 in favor, 0 against, 6 abstained
 - 2. Lorena Eldridge – This is a result of the proposal through h the permanent trust fund. The Tsaile Wheatfields farm board put the proposal together. The plan is asking the tribal council and office of the president that we can do our own plan, it is saying

that we have our board resolutions, it is included. The articles of incorporation, by laws, strategic planning, support letter, chart of accounts and actual proposal that was presented by the tribal council. IRS certification and success stories, this is what we want to present to the B and F committee, we also have a new software that will track everything. \$5 million is in two phases, year 2 is the \$3 million and year 5 is for the remaining \$ 2 million. I am asking for your

3. Devon Begay – is that the fund management plan that Bryson did for you, do you have any extra copies that I can look at?
- iii. Supporting the endorsement of Ann Kirkpatrick for US Senate for the State of Arizona.
1. Motion by Marie Carrol, 2nd by Katherine Benally/ VOTE 24, 0 opposed, 8 abstained.
 2. Stan Robbins – how many senators do we have in the US and how many House of Representatives do we have. She will be running against Senator McCain, usually at this point Senator McCain would be far ahead in the polls, however right now they are running neck and neck. We need all Navajo's to vote in order to have her win. She is our link to the Washington. There are a lot of laws and regulations that we don't know about. One example is nursing homes for veterans, it was allocated and it says veterans, however it doesn't say "Native Veterans", she caught that and now they are redoing the legislation. John McCain is not here on Navajo, I have been to 38 chapters and I have never seen one of his workers, this is only an endorsement, however you vote as you please on Election Day. Also, Ann Kirkpatrick has endorsed Tom O'Halleran, the next resolution. She will be working with him and unfinished business. If you go outside, no one knows how the Navajo Nation Government works, if you go back east, they think we still live in teepees, they think Indian Tribes are rich due to casinos. That is the way they look at us, Ann and Tom know how we live, our new form of government, the process here on the Navajo Nation, starting from a planning meeting, chapter meeting, to window rock. This is why we have this resolution here, I have 38 chapters that support it, Chinle and Fort Defiance agency council have endorsed. Western Agency was only presented, we will go back and get their support later this year. All of you come out and vote, some chapters only have 18 – 20 votes, some only have 60, I have been here 3 times. This is my 3rd time here. Thank you for your support and then we will support Tom as well.
 3. Tom White – Hello Stan, I would also like to speak for Ann Kirkpatrick. During election year, most of us are democrats, several of you maybe republicans. She really helps Navajo, when I go to Washington, I visit her. She really helps veterans, I work nicely and closely with her. When we have bad weather,

she is aware of it. Now she is a congress woman but wants to run for the US Senate. Several years ago, she asked for my support and I gave her my support /endorsement letter. She comes to Window Rock for her awareness. Most of you young children, your vote counts. Last night, through the TV you saw the Democratic Convention, there is a large following with the Hispanic and African American following, they have those high ranking positions, what about us Native Americans. If we show a force, we can get into those positions, your vote is very important and needed on August 30.

- iv. Supporting the Endorsement of Tom O'Halleran to serve as Arizona's Congressional District One in the US House of Representative.
 1. Motion by Bennie Litson, 2nd by Sarah James/VOTE 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 10 abstained
 2. Stan Robbins – Tom O'Halleran is filling the slot for Ann Kirkpatrick, her district is large into the Tucson area, 26 Indian Tribes, if Tom and Ann get in, and we have the line of communication to Washington. If they both lose, we will not have a voice in Washington. If only one moves up, then we can still have a connection to Washington. We have no one that really understands our government, even McCain doesn't know how our tribal government works. Tom is aware of our government, Ann has endorsed Tom. There are some Navajo's running like Jamecita Peshlakai, from New Mexico council delegates to win, they say we are trying to work hard for Navajo in Washington and with a Arizona Democrat, they can get more accomplished.
- v. Requesting to approve a budget transfer in the net gaming revenue budget line item account #507091 for Internet and Equipment Rental (Solid Waste).
 1. Motion by Lorena Eldridge, 2nd by Louise Tso/VOTE 24 in favor, 2 against, 8 abstained.
 2. Paul Begay – Good afternoon and hello, back in January, gaming net revenue chapter allocation was disbursed. We did a budget and I have handed that out. On the top, there is a balance, Navajo Sanitation, Sewage, etc. the numbers at the top, that is how we did the budget. From the gaming revenue, they said communication and utilities, any project that is ready as well. That is how we submitted the budget back in January, the hand out shows the amount and balance. Last week, Division of Community Development, we have a senior accountant, Brenda Holgate that monitors all this. I was asked to go there and the funds for the trash we were running low at \$469 and telephone, we have two different charges. Basic calls and long distance and internet, we were asked to divide this up, that is what accounts payable wants we were told. That is why I am here today, the community has to approve it as well. Navajo sanitation, \$600 will be put in there. If there is no parenthesis,

it will come from there. The initial budget that was submitted, now we are being asked to resubmit it. The end of September, we may use this up or if not, we may have a carry over.

3. Willis Becenti – This is the gaming revenue, what about the allocation. According to this, we have waste disposal, an excess of \$5,000 then why do we have to move money into this. Are you paying waste disposal from two different areas.
4. Paula – in April they started wanting us to use this new account, it is the gaming revenue. We don't know if we will get more revenue. We are not using the chapter allocation. Sewage is for the portable. WIC also has the portable. We just started this in April.
5. Willis Becenti – On January 1st you had over \$10,000 in waste disposal, we have over \$9,000 in that. What if you use that, that way you don't have to do a carry over. The one you have from the chapter, you can carry over but the other allocation we can't utilize.

III. Reports

- a. Dine College
- b. Senior Center Supervisors
- c. Indian Education Representative
- d. CHR
- e. CLUPC
- f. Farm Board
 - i. Lorena Eldridge – we had our meeting last night, we have some interesting projects coming up. We are going to be working with Dine' College on a water data plan with Karletta Chief, contingency plan. We will come up with some protocols on the inventory, we don't really have the data for it. Our Water Users Associations, we are looking for a CPA for an audit. Those of you that didn't get an invoice, we are still working on it. Make sure you are up to date on your fees. Some time ago, the junk food sales tax and help us out with those surveys. In our strategic plan we had asked for trails but we want your input.
- g. Council Delegate
 - i. Nelson Begaye – Thank you for all the young students, just now our chapter president mentioned the elderly, the different stakeholders that help our chapter and I am thankful for that. From our community, we have a 102 year old veteran from Black Rock, next month on August 20th, in Tsaile at Dine' College we will honor her. We want you to come help us celebrate her, we don't hear this that often now days. Harry Clark's son will be our head gourd dancer, I will MC the event. From our previous stories, they say that old age is ideal at 102 years old. You young children please do not waster your life, your body. Keep up your education in the western way however please do not forget your culture, your Navajo language. With that you will reach old age. We are day people, we are not night people that is what my dad use to say. There are teachings for women and men in our culture, ask our elderly in our community. There are a lot of teachings that we are

losing, our language that we are losing. My brother sits there Leonard Chee, he use to be a council delegate, his brother sits on council, he explains it real well. Western education will provide you a mortgage, your job, put food on the table, and get you a degree, but it is your Navajo culture that will ground you. He also says that just because you have a degree doesn't mean you are smart, all it means is that you are literate in the dominate society. Please do not forget your culture and your language.

ii. We are embarking on budget season again, there are going to be cuts. Chapters only have an 8 month budget and they will have to fend for the last 4 months on their own. Recently we allocated Summer Youth Employment and hopefully you utilized that. The reason I mentioned the English portion, our farm board is very well educated. They recently were awarded \$5 million dollars and now Department of Agriculture wants to oversee that funding. We implemented a fund management plan to subsidize that. \$ 3 million dollars we will get on January 1st, we are getting ready for that. It would be ideal if we could oversee our own funding here at the chapter. We are working on several projects down through Ram Pasture area.

h. Office of the President/Vice President

i. Leonard Chee – Young children notice how I addressed our leadership that is how I was taught when I was your age. For some of you that don't know me, I often come here from time to time. I came here last week and we didn't reach quorum. Keep in mind that you all need to support your chapter officials, some delegates in Window Rock are talking about consolidating the chapters, it is being discussed now in Window Rock. I encourage you, to keep attending your meetings. I visit chapter houses, asking for the children clan and this is the first chapter that the children here are the only ones that know all their clans. I will take that home and to my office. The President and Vice President are strong on farming, growing your own, herding your own cattle and sheep. With that the farm board was allocated that the \$5 million was allocated. Also Senior Citizen Centers, the President says that no center will be closed without my permission. I talked to the student about the beauty of their land,

ii. Zane James –

iii. Marjorie Johnson – my yazh, George James is a code talker and need your help on housing for him. Right now my uncle was in the hospital and he is in the rehab. I need help to get his house to be completed. I am asking for your assistance with that. To the young children, we have a code talker and his name is George James and he was on Iwo Jima and the flag raising.

i. Chapter Official

i. David Kedelty – I want to thank all of you that are here and we sat here waiting for quorum several times. Thank you all for coming here, next meeting bring someone with you.

ii. Zane James – Formal relationship with Sierra Service Project.

j. CSC

i. Paula Begay – Next week on August 4 -5, 2016, we will be hosting a Fatherhood Training on those two days. Lukachukai Chapter will be hosting a Road Safety Assessment like the one we did in 2012. This one will be from the N12/N13 junction on August 17 – 19, 2016. Many of you have input and might want to get involved. All those notes will be documented.

k. Apache County

i. Tom White – Thank you elected officials, council delegate Nelson Begay, we served on the 20th council along with Leonard Chee. We have some newsletters in your hand. The front page, ADOT board met in Flagstaff, I thanked them for the work from Ganado to Window Rock, thank them for those services. There was a recommendation last year to split Apache County and we voted against it, we said no and we stressed our opposition. Their reason was that the funding was streaming into Navajo Nation, they accused the Navajo Nation of not paying taxes, we adamantly opposed it. This coming Saturday, they are having a political forum at the chapter. Please attend that if you can, the other board member does not attend board meetings in Ganado and in Chinle, he claims it is illegal to have meetings on Navajo Nation, which is not true. We help with roads when the weather gets bad for your information.

IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

a. Tuesday, August 2, 2016 @ 3:00 pm

V. Adjournment

a. @ 4:05 pm