

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2014

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MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Thomas Litson, Secretary

VISITORS:

Three visitors present.

Due to the absence of the Secretary, Marjorie Johnson was requested to take 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 10:20 a.m.

B. Roll Call:

Lucinda Davis, Lupita McClanahan, Kathy John, and Marjorie Johnson were in attendance to constitute a quorum.

C. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Kathy John, Member.

D. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was read into the record by the CLUPC President. A motion was made by Kathy John, seconded by Lupita McClanahan, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

E. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Community Land Use Planning Committee were read/reviewed for the record by Kathy John. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy Johns to approve the minutes as read. The motion was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Tsaile/Wheatfields Planning Meeting will be held at the Senior Council Center in Tsaile on August 4, 2014.
- B. Life Preservation Meeting on August 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at Senior Center in Tsaile.
- C. District Grazing Meeting on August 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter
- D. Chuska Regional Council at Round Rock at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014.
- E. Campaign Rally for Myron McLaughling at Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter on Sunday, August 9, 2014.
- F. Veterans Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. with Potluck.
- G. NHA Development Meeting on August 13, 2014 at Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter at 9:00 a.m.
- H. Farm Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 2014.
- I. Senior Council on August 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- J. Primary Election on August 26, 2014.
- K. Life Preservation at Wheatfields Lake at 8:00 a.m. on August 28, 2014.
- L. Navajo Nation Code Talkers HOLIDAY, on August 14, 2014; Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter office will be closed.
- M. Navajo Nation Oversight Budget Hearings are being held beginning this week on Navajo Nation FY 2015 Comprehensive Budgets.

2. REPORTS – Committee Reports

Lupita McClanahan reported that she attended the Farm Board/Water Users Committee meeting on July 23, 2014. She stated the Committee(s) had the Community Water Plan on their Agenda under Old Business and reviewed the past proposed request for a joint meeting. They set the date before and CLUPC didn't attend. Another joint meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Lupita also stated she resigned from the Water Users Association as a Committee member which was approved by the Farm Board.

Lucinda stated the Water Users Committee is important for Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter to receive funding for irrigation, water studies, etc. from various organizations through grants and proposals.

At the meeting, the Farm Board disseminated a Ten Year Implementation Plan for Farmland Subleased to Owners of Tsaile/Wheatfields/Blackrock farmland.

A recommendation was to make the Plan more acceptable as a visual presentation.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. CLUPC RESOLUTION: The CLUPC resolution on relinquishing a portion of a Business Site Lease for Samuel Yazzie was read for the record by Marjorie Johnson. Clarification was provided by the CLUPC President on Mr. Yazzie's request to relinquish a portion of his existing business site lease for his family's personal use. Mr. Yazzie was requested to submit documentation from the Chinle RBDO office supporting his request. It is assumed that the requested information may have been submitted to the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter CSC. The resolution was reviewed and revised until it was suitable for passing. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan and seconded by Marjorie Johnson to approve the resolution as revised, pending receipt of requested support documentation from the Chinle RBDO office. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. CLUPC President will check with the Chapter CSC to determine if documents were provided.

B. Road Naming: Discussion on how CLUPC will do road naming.

The Committee reviewed the Rural Addressing Standards. A recommendation was made to designate Tsaile/Wheatfields roads by local land marks or specific area names, i.e. Tse' Naaglinii could be called Stacked Rock. Category A roads are those designated by the BIA or County. Lengthy discussion was held on how various areas were named and to seek recommendations from local community members.

A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan to request a comprehensive list of all BIA and County roads from the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter CSC; request the PEP Worker, Olivia Benally, to be present for the next meeting to assist with identifying roads that need to be named (Category B and Category C roads), and to defer additional discussion on the matter until the next meeting (possible Special Meeting). The motion was seconded by Marjorie Johnson and passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

A MOTION was made by Lupita McClanahan to amend the CLUPC meeting Agenda to add 4.C. CLUPC Budget Discussion, seconded by Marjorie Johnson. The motion was passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Tsaile/Wheatfields Community Cemetery -- Plan of Operation. CLUPC received the Plan of Operation from the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter CSC at the last meeting. CLUPC President stated there were many recommendations from community members presented at the last CLUPC meeting for inclusion in the Plan of Operation, i.e. security, chapel, burial fees, etc. There may be

CLUPC recommendations for specific sections that need to be added or deleted. The CLUPC commenced review of the Cemetery Plan of Operation.

CLUPC Recommendations:

II. Purpose and Objectives, A General: change the word “decent” to “an appropriate”, and change last sentence to “... for Veterans and community members.

CLUPC discussion was held on the word “eligibility.” What guidelines are being followed to determine if deceased are “eligible” for burial. Question for CSC.

A review was held of T13 regarding burials and cemeteries generally. T13 provides for allotment from Navajo Nation of \$10,000 annually to pay all cost of funeral and/or burial expenses and transportation of bodies of indigent Navajos. Question for CSC – does the Chapter receive \$10,000 annually as required by T13?

T13 says the Nation shall provide for maintenance and administration (operation) of cemeteries. CLUPC is requesting clarification of this statute? What funding is provided to Chapters for burials?

Subsection 1951 – states that following approval by the Chapter, the resolution would go to the Government Services Committee; this would now be the NABI Committee.

Question for CSC: Are these funds appropriate each year to T/W chapter? If so, what is the balance remaining and can these funds be used for to maintenance of the cemetery?

III. Daily Operations: The CLUPC Committee has questions on “shall be secured on weekends.” Lengthy discussion was held on this section and how other community cemeteries are secured.

The CLUPC recommendation on “Security” is to have a strong fence surround the cemetery with intent to keep animals out of the cemetery. Discussion was held on permitting access to community members outside stated hours and generally, traditional views on burials and cemeteries.

What is the parameters for “layout of the burial sites.”

Site Personnel: Revise to “The Tsaille Wheatfields Chapter Coordinator may designate burial plots pursuant to Section VI below.”

The CLUP Committee recommends the Chapter purchase a backhoe for use

by community members to be in compliance with the purposed Plan of Operation.

Fees: Question for Chapter CSC: What amount does the Chapter policies state for burial financial assistance to Community Members? The amounts are not applied consistently. How does T13 regard charging burial fees?

The CLUPC reviewed Title 13 but continues to have questions. It also reviewed several Chapter resolutions regarding burials and cemeteries; and the Resources Committee resolution that directs Chapters to withdraw 10 acres of land for community cemeteries. References to private family burial plots are not covered in the resolve clause. A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John for CLUPC members to continue research on the Resources Committee resolution RCD 216-99 with regards to Clause 5., that references 2 NNC, subsection 695 (B) (5 and 6) (obtain copy) and continue discussion of the proposed Plan of Operation at the next meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. The Committee will continue with its review of the proposed Community Cemetery Plan of Operation – Layout.

- B. **E-911: Mapping activity:** Discussion was held on Road Naming, public hearings and steps necessary toward approval of the E-911 project. PEP worker, Olivia Benally, was not available to guide the Committee on data information and she needs to be here for this. CLUPC also requires maps – Question for Chapter CSC: Paula needs to provide maps given to the Chapter for this activity. CLUPC President was requested to write a memorandum to Chapter CSC to request the maps. Marjorie Johnson will continue efforts to obtain copies from the Navajo Nation. Motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy John to defer continued discussion and action on this issue until the next meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- C. **CLUPC Budget Balance Report:** Discussion was held on possible CLUPC budget savings that may have occurred due to several Committee members missing some meetings. Any savings should be covered by the two Special Meetings held in June and July.

A motion was made by Marjorie Johnson for the CLUPC President to request a worksheet from Paula that shows CLUPC committee attendance at meetings and payout for those meetings to determine if any funds remain available for Committee use, seconded by Kathy John. The motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, - opposed and 1 abstention. The information will be used to determine if another Special Meeting can be scheduled for August 2014.

5. NEXT MEETING

Tentatively, based on availability of funds to be determined by Chapter CSC, the CLUPC scheduled a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. The proposed Special Meeting will be confirmed by the CLUPC President after discussion with the Chapter CSC and receipt of the worksheet.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lupita McClanahan, seconded by Kathy Johns for adjournment. Motion passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. The Tsaille/Wheatfields Community Land Use Planning Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.