

TSAILE WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER

Regular Meeting Minutes

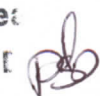
Sunday- September 17, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:16 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Led by Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter 

Vice President Begay: Per the Memorandum from the Attorney General's Office, addressed to the Division of Community Development – Administrative Service Centers, dated February 21, 2017; Explanation of lawful Deferment of Action Item #6. Accepting and Approving CLUPc Mileage Reimbursement for Marjorie Johnson, to the rightful reviewer, Division of Community Development – Administrative Service Centers.

Lukachukai Chapter President Samuel Yazzie: Requested for Lukachukai School Board to be placed on Reports.

Motion) Silas Begay Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: 33-0-5

- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Tsaile-Wheatfields-Blackrock Meeting Minutes 08/20/17
Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) Silas Begay Vote: 32-0-7

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Read Minutes for approval.

F. Announcements:

- 9/17/17 – CLUPc Special Meeting, after Chapter Meeting, TWB Chapter
- 10/02/17 – Planning Meeting, @ 9 am, TWB Chapter
- 10/10/17 – CLUPc Meeting @ 10 am, TWB Chapter – SW Building
- 10/12/17 - Veterans Meeting @ 5 pm, TWB Chapter

Lorena Eldridge: Farm Board Meeting, 9/24/17, @ 1 pm. Land-use permit holders need to be in attendance.

Lukachukai Chapter President Samuel Yazzie: School Board Meeting, 10/03/17, LCS

Veterans Commander Willis Becenti: Chinle Agency Veterans organization, 10/29/17, @ 9 am, TWB Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

- Burial Assistance:**
 1. Arthur Harvey, Sr. (\$100)
 2. Jeremiah Ned (\$100)

Motion) Annette Blackhorse Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 41-0-4

Ratifications Approved

B. New Expenditures:

Monetary Donation: 1. Zedriaelle Thompson- Storytelling Project (\$50)

Judy Martin: Inquiry, if Storytelling Project is sponsored by an institution or an independent project.

Zedriaelle Thompson: (Response) Storytelling Project is an independent, self-initiated project.

Judy Martin: If Diné College could afford you further assistance through funding, it would be great to find some help to fundraise for your initiative.

Motion) Emma Yoe

Second) Willis Becenti

Vote: 43-0-6

New Expenditures Approved

C. Action Items:

1. ALTCS request for office location.

Vice President Begay: Request to defer to next planning meeting

****All Agree****

2. Accepting and Approving Financial Reports August 2017

Motion) Angie Brown

Second) Silas Begay

Vote: 47-0-10

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Presented Financial Reports August 2017.

David Kedelty: Inquiry on Action Item #5 is not funded yet, why are we approving scholarships if there are no funds to cover the expense.

Judy Martin: Shares the same concern over Action Item #5.

Willis Becenti: Disagrees with the present course of pre-approving Scholarships, and other funds for the upcoming FY18 Chapter Budget.

Judy Martin: One more thing, regarding the budget, it was an embarrassing event when the audit findings were in the media.

Cognizant of lawful administration, such as scholarships, need to be conducted in a lawful manner as scheduled. The budget is not available at the moment, and no funds are available.

Winnie Henry: This happen to us, undermined during the administration of Margie R.S. Begay, regarding the negative and low fund balances. We are asking for people to be present. We are on the wrong streak, and we are moving too quickly.

Regarding the scholarship, potentially utilized the General Fund and leave the other fund till later, we are hoping to move forward.

Delegate Begaye: Being here with the availability of the current chapter leadership; and when the community accepts their ownership of their leadership in the community.

There are funds that need to be expensed.

Bernice Harvey: Motion to move on to the next agenda item, because Action Item#5 is being addressed in the wrong order. ****All Agree****

*****Approved*****

3. Accepting and Approving Chapter Housing Applications – 12 Applicants \$18,780.44. (FY 2017).

Motion) Willis Becenti

Second) Silas Begay

Vote: 60-0-7

Vice President Begay: Explains the historical process in the policy; opening floor for applicants to present their request for assistance.

Lucy Bahe: (Represented by Delegate BeGaye)

Kee White, Sr.: (Represented by Darlene White) Explaining the need for assistance.

Jason Perry: (Represented by Marjorie Johnson) Explaining the need for assistance.

Mercede Kinsel: Explaining the need for assistance.

Evelyn Litzin: Explaining the need for assistance.

Freeman Henderson, Jr.: (Represented by Delegate BeGaye)

Lawrence Yazzie: Explaining the need for assistance.

Carl Davis: Explaining the need for assistance.

Rose M. Davis: Explaining the need for assistance.

Clara Litson: Explaining the need for assistance.

Louise Davis: Explaining the need for assistance.

*****All Approved*****

4. Accepting and Approving Chapter Fiscal Year 2018 Budget.

Motion) Angie Brown Second) Silas Begay Vote: 51-0-9

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Presented Chapter Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for acceptance. FY18 Budget was created through the assistance of DCD-ASC.

The Chapter community should not interpret the current budget as the only amount for FY18, as the Navajo Nation Council is known to disburse other funds to chapter governments.

Vice President Begay: Re-iterated the assistance of DCD-ASC

Judy Martin: Inquiry on the Action Item – for Acceptance and Approval?

Delegate BeGaye: The FY18 Budget for all chapters was meticulously prepared by many agents and agencies of the Navajo Nation central government, and we are only formally accepting and approving the FY18 Budget at this time.

Judy Martin: In the end, we must be mindful of our every step is lawful and accurate.

David Kedelty: Are we absolutely getting the funds integrated into the FY17, once we approve the Budget? I feel that we are not following the necessary steps that are accountable or transparent? What are the steps for lawfully accepting a Chapter Budget?

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: (Responding to David Kedelty) The current process is lawful, and I am willing to sit with you for a one-on-one session.

Resolution Approved

5. Accepting and Approving Chapter Scholarship Applications – 34 Applicants \$19,200.00 (FY 2018).

Motion) Silas Begay Second) Bernice Harvey Vote: 18-2-14

Vice President Begay: Explains the historical process in the policy; opening floor for applicants to present their request for assistance.

Danielle Ben: Represented by Annette Blackhorse

Nemelia Begay: Represented by sister-in-law, Drea Begay.

Jarmando Lee: Represented by Bernice Harvey.

LeTanya R. Thinn: Represented by Annette Blackhorse

Corey L. Negron: Represented by Marjorie Johnson.

Mercede Johnson: Represented by Hannah Deschine.

Jocelyn Frank: Represented by Winnie Henry.

Mikayla Ned: Represented by Annette Blackhorse.

Zedraielle Thompson: Represented self.

Kayeona D. Teller: Represented by Silas Begay.

Travis Teller: Represented by Lupita McClanahan.
MauKenzi K. Moore: Represented by mother – Laurinda Moore.
Suzanna Clark-Nakai: Represented by Lupita McClanahan.
Kayley M. Sorrell: Represented self.
Glennis Yazzie: Represented self.
Heather Davis: Represented self.
Micheal Tsosie: Represented by Robert Bia.
Audrey Begay: Represented by Marjorie Johnson.
Damien James: Represented by mother – Rochelle Harvey.
Karla VanWinkle: Represented self.
Arlene Lee: Represented self (detailed).
Hannah Bah Deschine: Represented self.
Micalson Bahe: Represented self.
Shane Harvey: Represented self.
Olivia R. Benally: Represented self.
Bryanna Yazzie: Represented by aunt – Loretta Yazzie.
Charmayne B. Henry: Represented self.
Querida J. Tallwood: Represented by Julian Perry.
Gilberta Ann Yazzie: Represented by Olivia R. Benally.
Zedrakah Thompson: Represented self.
Nicholas Begaye: Represented self.
Cynita S. Begay: Represented by father - Silas Begay.
Gabiellynn Yazzie: Represented by Olivia R. Benally.
Jared L. Begay: Represented self.

Frank Kedelty: Congratulate the students for their efforts to pursue their education.

Motion to combine did not pass; per policy, student must introduce themselves.

Approved

6. Recommending the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter Support and Approve the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter FY 2018 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Navajo Nation FY 2018 Funding.

Motion) Lucinda Campbell Second) Marjorie Johnson Vote: 33-0-5

CLUPc Vice President Margie R.S. Begay: Presenting ICIP packet.

Angie Brown: The projects are being set in the middle. Cemetery has been an issue on the agenda for many years; this has been on the agenda.

What is the difference this time?

CLUPc Vice President Margie R.S. Begay: Mentioning that there are many instances of unfinished project that, at one point, were faithfully started projects.

Vice President Begay: Supports ICIP.

Delegate BeGaye: Appropriations Act has been integrated into the community land-use plan. ICIP is an integral part of the new chapter system.

Lukachukai Chapter President Samuel Yazzie: Responding to the Angie Brown. Responding to the new Homesite Lease Policies, and the new policies of our current age have changed.

Daniel Staley: Blackrock Chapter Area, where the road is severely unaccommodating during inclement weather. Thankful for the new ICIP

Winnie Henry: Thankful for the priority of Blackrock area on ICIP list. Please continue to follow the rules.

Please find the money that disappeared, I am not going to stop talking about it, till it is fully revealed.

Farm Board had asked for funding but never successful, suddenly, there was money available.

Ke' – where is the ke'.

Resolution Approved

7. **Recommending the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Request the Diné College Cease and Desist Further Development of the 25 Year Land Lease until the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter has Reviewed and Addressed Community Concerns.**

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Winnie Henry Vote: 30-0-4

Noted: Chapter President should be at the meeting, per the policy, for the past meetings this quarter, president has been late or left early, and absent.

CLUPc President Lucinda Davis: Grazing Official notified all the affected community members.

Winnie Henry: Commending efforts of CLUPc

Resolution Approved

8. Recommending the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Support and Approve Tsaile/Wheatfields Community Land Use Planning Committee Request FY 2017 Funds Pursuant to the CLUPc Plan of Operation.

Motion) Marjorie Johnson Second) Julian Perry Vote: 25-0-4

Delegate BeGaye: Recommend the FY 18 Budget be as detailed, and consider the extra funds from the FY 217 Budget Carry-over.

Willis Becenti: Utilize the FY 2017 budget carry-over, additional money will come from FY17 Carry-over, where CLUPc is treated as a priority.

Resolution Approved

9. Recommending the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Allocate Available Funds with the Fiscal Year 2018 Chapter Budget Line Item 25-9014 in an Amount not to exceed \$41,000 for the Purpose of Fencing the Tsaile/Wheatfields Community Cemetery.

Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) Daniel Staley Vote: 21-0-6

Marjorie Johnson: Paula stated, the money is going to be used by Carry-Over FY 2017, after reconciliation

Willis Becenti: Earmark an additional \$6K with the \$35K request.

Resolution Approved

10. Recommending the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter support the Navajo Nation Fish and Wildlife Initiative to complete the Wheatfields Lake Development through Request(s) for Sihasin Funds.

Motion) Margie R.S. Begay Second) Julian Perry Vote: 23-0-4

CLUPc Vice-President Margie R.S. Begay: Presented resolution.

Resolution Approved

11. FirstNet Presentation.

Motion)

Second)

Vote:

*****Defer to Next Meeting*****

III. REPORTS:

1. Diné College: Student Outreach – Mr. Harvey (no show)
2. Lukachukai School presentation by Samuel Yazzie.

Lukachukai Chapter President Samuel Yazzie: Explaining proposed school.

Winnie Henry: There are plenty of work involved in the developing large-scale projects.

Delegate BeGaye: Recommends for Lukachukai to lobby HEHSC for support.

Angie Brown: Constituency needs to express their concerns.

I will continue to pursue the lost funds, where did it go?

My words might seem harsh, but I am only one of many frustrated constituents.

Rosie: Question on School: High School included?

Tsaile Public School is discussing a potential site for high school

*** Resolution is being requested for the *****will be brought to the planning meeting.

Lupita McClanahan: A local high school is greatly needed. We could use the high school 'card' as our demand with Diné College.

Concern for budget, and the article in the newspaper; must be mindful of the process, where there is much effort to be lawful.

******Lost Quorum 5:50 pm******

Motion) Nelson Begay

Second) Willis Becenti

Vote:

IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Planning-October 2, 2017 @ 9am

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn)

Second)

Adjournment at _____

*****Meeting fully ended at 6:10 pm*****