

**Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2016**

MINUTES

I. Order of Business:

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by Chapter President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chapter Vice-President
- c. Invocation provided by Ms. Begay
- d. Review/Accept Agenda
Motion by Adella Begay, second by Lorraine Johnson
Comment: Meth problem within the Chapter service area (use and selling). Need to look into the situation what the chapter can do to assist. (Distributer and sellers a problem) Add to the agenda – substance abuse
Report: Update on the 3.5miles update Ram Pasture
Resolution: Clearances on the BIA 8079
ADD: Scholarship Policy amending

Votes: 08/00/01

e. Announcements:

1. Oct. 4, 2016 @ 10am; RDC Meeting @ NDOT Complex, Tse Bonito
2. Oct. 5, 2016 @ 10am; Food Distribution from Fort Defiance, AZ @ Wheatfields Chapter
3. Oct. 6, 2016 @ 10am; Flu Clinic @ Wheatfields Chapter
4. Oct. 8, 2016 @ 10am; Chinle Agency Council Meeting @ Low Mountain Chapter
5. Oct. 10, 2016 @ 10am; Town Hall Meeting with NN President @ Wheatfields Chapter. Time was scheduled at 1:00pm – Information that the President does not want to meet with the local chapter people but to meet with the Key people only.
6. Oct. 11, 2016 @ 5pm; Veterans Organization Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
7. October 6, 2016 at 5:30pm Farm Board Meeting
8. 2 Vacant Positions under this chapter Farm Board and Grazing Preventatives
9. October 26, 2016 at 4:00pm-7:00pm Local Chapter Forum for Camping candidates

II. Business Items

a. Ratifications:

1. \$100.00 - Burial Assistance: Mae Bah Davis of Tsaile, AZ
Motion by Lorraine Johnson, second by Willis Becenti
No questions and comments
Votes: 09/00/01 to be forward to the chapter meeting

b. Action Items

1. Approving the Tsaile/Wheatfields/Black Rock Veteran Organization Officers.
Motion by Lorraine Johnson, second by Nelson Begay
Presented by Willis Becenti: New officers were selected at the last meeting.
Willis Becenti, Commander
Calvin Halwood, Vice Commander
Devin Begay, Secretary
Votes: 09/00/01 Moved to the next regular meeting
2. Approving and Accepting the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter FY'2016 Veteran Fiduciary Funds in the amount of \$40,376.05 in the Budget Line Item.
Motion by Devon Begay, second by Lorraine Johnson

Presented by Willis Becenti: this happens every year with assistance with food, wood and needs for monetary to the veterans and widows.

Comment by Delegate: This fund is not here at the chapter house but at the Chinle Agency Veterans Office. Only supplement comes here.

Votes: 09/00/01 Move the next regular chapter meeting

3. Substance Abuse Issue

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Devon Begay

Presented by Lorraine Johnson: Substance abuse in our area is getting worse. Use in a family member and now it's getting worse. Manufacture is here within our community and really sad. It is not only here but in Lukachukai too. This is a concern for our youth. Tried to get assistance from Chinle. Came to the Chapter for assistance for possible County Sheriff to assist since the local Navajo Nation PD is not wanting to do anything about it. Bog legging is also a problem. We need to find a solution for help. When addressing this I was told to leave it alone because they would come after you even to harm you and family.

Comment: it is true and it's very hard to address. We can have Jessie Delmar and Apache County Sheriff Dedman. At one time the Lukachukai Chapter did this by resolution and there was retaliation on the sponsor of the resolution. This meeting will be outside the chapter meeting. Send out an email to Jessie Delmar in hopes he responds right away. This needs to be addressed within your family. We have educated people, strongly elderly and youth in this community.

Comment: This issue with Meth is a problem with the young and its bringing more violence. It's a public safety issue but nothing is happening.

Comment: This is a community base issue and need to legalize alcohol the issue you can control and tax it. Marijuana is used for medical reason. Maybe teach our kids how to properly use alcohol and etc. Coming from the health field this needs to be addressed at the home level.

Comment: Meth and Alcohol the Veteran is working with this as an outreach. NHA is not controlling the no tolerance of this in the housing area. Veterans has treatment centers. NHA has a whole list with this in their housing policy.

Comment: Add to the Town Hall Meeting as agenda item. Law and Order to be aware. HESE has many issue addressing with Law and Order joint meeting on 14th. Dine College is looking at academy. It's an eye opener with it comes to your own family with alcohol and social issue.

Comment: Same situation in Many Farms NHA with same issue and a phaeton. Update plan of operation within the rent to own, non-rental not really enforced and update the criminal code. NHA really needs to monitor.

Comment: This is a sensitive issue. Everyone takes care of each other's as sellers. Maybe we can develop a team and contract from outside. We need someone with a solution. Don't want to depend on NHA or Police Department.

Comment: NHA Member Marlette Begay to contact. Bring in County Attorney beside Sheriff.

Comment: For the safety the police department needs to spear heard this.

Comment: NHA has in policy but there no enforcement to their tenants.

Votes: 11/00/01 Forward to next chapter meeting for action item

4. Requesting clearances on N8079

Motion by Devon Begay, second by Adella Begay

Presenting on the RFP for this route and to coordinate with Navajo DOT with developing a Scope of Work. In moving forward we need to get clearances on our dirt roads.

Votes: 11/00/01

5. Scholarship Police amendment
Motion by Robin Jackson, second by Willis Becenti
Presented by Devon Begay with her need for scholarship for who own money. Have contacted other chapters which don't ask for official transcript. Some people don't have money to get their transcript.
Comment: Unofficial transcript easier to get.
Comment: Chapters have policies and ours is that we support with official transcript and yes in the past it was like that before we accepted non official. But it was changed by a group that amended the policy. It was asked how were we evaluating the students and how they were paying their bills. Now we have 31 application all with official transcript.
Comment: I think this can be amended again. Yes some students owe a lot and need the funds.
Comment: Some parent don't work and need the help.
Votes: 09/02/01

III. Reports:

- a. Senior Center Supervisors: No show
b. Indian Education Policy Representative: No show
c. Ram Pasture Road: Presented by Charlotte Begay, Many Farms Chapter. 19.7 miles is of concern. 480,000.00 Congressional funds with scoping, design. At this time Windy Valley to The Tsosie of 4 miles with bridge and road in 2020 with 3 phases. 4th phase fence to N64 with drainage clearances. Many Farm passed resolution October 12, 2015 with culvert needs installation and supported by Wheatfields Chapter with Bio and Cultural clearances. Have maps of the work is in place too. Last meeting in September. Culvert installation need is 5 with 3 with support only. Alfred Reed indicated that culvert installation will be very difficult but a cable concrete might be good. The cable concrete is removable and could happen when the construction takes place. Cost would be \$19,620.00 to cover the 5 areas this location in Tempa, Florida. The transport and delivery is costly. The buses and grader can be transported. Copies will be provided for the chapter.
d. CHR: No show
e. CLUPC: No show
f. Farm Board: No show
g. Council Delegate: Upper Fruitland lost a Jr. Bull Rider. Budget fiscal year 2017 is given to Council with cuts and allocated to short fall. President line item the Senior Citizen, Chapter, Grazing Official. He approved some like scholarship. He also line itemed Delegate Legislative Assistant as negotiation. The budget signed with date when the President was in Washington D.C. outside the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation. The budget is in place now. The President and Vice are traveling together no one manning the office. President Begay has doubled his funding more than Shelly or Joe Shirley. President Begay's daughter is his legal counsel. Where will her loyalty be?
Comment: Some of the hired people in Navajo Nation does not match their performance or qualification. It is not ethical to have your own love child to be under your direction of employment. What can the grass root do to treat this at the local level?
The Controller only working 3 days a week. With a salary of over 100,000.00. There has been lot of things happening. When the lower staff are trying to ask for bonuses when higher position is getting 10,000.00 bonuses.

Comment: We are aware of what is happening and it's within all 3 branches. Just like Tom Tso said he can't use the chapter house for his Press Conference meeting this is the community building and don't see why he's holding the meeting at his house?
Comment: Tom Tso has filled out a facility form which is already paid by other member. The Apache County building was made unknown that it's available.

h. Chapter Officials: RDC Meeting tomorrow if people can make it we welcome your support.
When is the Dine College President to be selected?
The information is done but forward to the Board of Region to hire.

i. CSC: no report

IV. Date and Time of Next Meeting: October 17, 2016 at 1:00pm

V. Adjournment: Motion by Orlando Charley to adjourn the meeting at 3:50pm, second by Lorraine Johnson. All in favor.