

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING  
Sunday October 14, 2018 @2:00 PM  
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order
- B. Invocation
- C. Roll Call
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 8/30 and 9/23

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II. OLD BUSINESS

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1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects
- A. Project Status Update
  - B. Fencing

- C. Provide training and assist farmers in updating or developing a conservation plan as required by BIA and the Navajo Nation.

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1. Training

- D. Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.

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1. AIF Proposal

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1. Lula/Melinda Kenny
2. Allen Begay
3. Freddie Sarracino/ Angie Wilson
4. Rena/Carlene Charley

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Financial Report
- B.

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports
  1. Emerson-Training & Report
  2. Joint Farm Board Meeting
  3. Plan of Operation 2
- B. Announcements

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items
- B. Next Meeting
- C. Adjournment

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Minutes

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting called to order  
2:00 pm meeting call to order
- B. Invocation  
Lucinda Davis
- C. Roll Call
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials  
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda  
Agenda read by Lucinda Davis  
Motion to accept the agenda as is by Manuel Charley  
Second by: Emerson Chee Votes: 4 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 8/30 and 9/23  
Minutes were read by Lucinda Davis for August 30, 2018 and September 23, 2018.  
Motion to accept both minutes by Allen Begay, second by Manuel Charley.  
Votes: 6 – 0 – 1  
Allen Begay asked if it was on the chapter website and yes it should be it was sent to the Chapter so maybe it should be sent to all the minutes to people that have email address.

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- 1. Crop Inventory

Lorena explained the purpose of the crop inventory reports and it is very important for all farmers to submit one. This is part of the quarterly report that has been submitted, this is part of the detail of the quarterly report.

- B. Facilitate farm improvement/outreach activities for farmers in collaboration with tribal, state and private sectors.

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- 1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Status Update

There is project that is going and we are having some problems that we are having. We try to tell you what ever we know and how the paper work is going. It all has to do with all the paper work that is going through the process. There is a letter that was submitted to Auditor General. The directive was submitted to the Auditor General to conduct an audit, and this was submitted from Budget & Finance, Seth Damon. It appears that this became a family business, who are the family members, how was the funds used, who is benefiting from the funds, is there gain and loss. On Tuesday there will be a meeting. There is still funds that have been ear marked for Tsaile/Wheatfields. The invoices have not been corrected, there is still minor problems. There is still 59 thousand left as of September 14, 2018. Account number is N01352.

According to Fred he said they had put a hold on the audit, there will be a legislation by Tom Chee to give all the money to the Organization and do the audit until the whole project is complete, then the audit will be done. This will cancel the MOA. Allen Begay has a lot of questions on who is the planner and who has the say so on what is going on.

Marie White-Brought up what issues of why the WUA and Farm Board do not work together. She wants to know what happen to the hay, it is just greed. The plan was good at the beginning and it sounded good when it started. It is all greed and manipulation. The meeting is not together and anymore it should be all together.

Lorena – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the meeting was supposed to be a joint, but the WUA did not want to meet with us and since then they have not come back in.

According to Marie she want to continue the audit.

Allen Begay, there is a lot of people that want the WUA to come back together with the Farm Board, that would be the best. He is also wondering if they will be asked how much our bill will be. He talked about bring the Tsaile dam back up to irrigate the Tsaile fields. Someone said that it would cost 800.00 to work on your field.

Fred explained that there will be a water shed training that will be taking place and Mr. Begay will be good for Mr. Begay to attend. According to Fred he said there is no charge unless you keep all the crop then you will be charged.

Marie – WUA should be explaining what is happening, there is no communication or coordination of the projects. The farmers did not get notified.

Manuel – Question, is he charged for the disk, he was not notified.

Fred there is a meeting every first Monday of each month. Farmers should come to the office or meeting

Stanley said he did not get good communication from the WUA and even when he got the water for irrigation but someone kept shutting off the water so that put him behind.

Lorena said we need to redo the agreement.

Manuel said he thought the Farm Board should be the main people that are to plan for the farm. He says the WUA should be under the Farm Board. That is the way it should be. We are not allowed to have an account that is why the money went into the WUA account.



B. Fencing

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**1.** Training

October 27, 2018 Water Shed Study. It will involve the Chapter and Water User Associations. This will be information

- D. Assist with farm area improvements such as land leveling, erosion control: with funding sources such as USDA.

**Goal Statement:** With farmer participation, each FB will implement 1 improvement per quarter according to conservation plan.

**1.** AIF Proposal

There has not been any proposal that has been funded yet. We have not heard from Department of Agriculture yet.

We will be scheduling an inventory of ALUP again.

- E. Each FB member shell inventory at least 3 ALUP/Farm Permit within respective FB area.

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1. Lula/Melinda Kenny-got the permit number, BIA to check the status.

2. Allen Begay-Letter to Aaron Begay

3. Freddie Sarracino/ Angie Wilson-No show

4. Rena/Carlene Charley-BIA will reschedule the resurvey

Motion to accept: Emerson

Second: Charles

Vote: 3 – 0 -1

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WUA Financial Report

No show

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports

1. Emerson-Training & Report

Equip-training, how they can help the farmers and a green house. They also teach the farmers how to maintain having a greenhouse. They even talked about the traditional culture.

2. Joint Farm Board Meeting

Lorena – Joint Farm Board Meeting, it's kind of difficult. Southwest Climate Hub – Helena Deswood was the presenter.

Plan of Operations to review and update the plan. CD-76-14 is the approved Plan of Operations which was approved on 12/31/2014.

CO-61-17 was approved in 2017 and this is the one that the JFB want to revise. This is the one that they want to put the different meetings and dollar amounts in there, but Roxie June did not agree with it so she did not put it on the resolution. Then Gilbert took it upon himself to redo the Plan of Operation. SS 60.C he changed and SS 62 D, SS 63 A this is the part that took the longest. Also the C and SS 64 A, B, C, they wanted to include agency meetings. SS 65 F – Family matters. SS 65 F, Q, S, T. SS 66 A, B, C were amended by Gilbert and Roxie. SS 67 A, B – Regular pay 600.00, Bi-Annual 484.52 x 2, Chapter Planning and Regular 125.00 each, Joint FB meetings 200.00, Permittee Meeting 250.00. 67 C – Office Supplies 500.00 per quarter. At the end Teresa Showa motion to table the plan, but that 7 y and 7 n and Gilbert brook the tie and went to not table. Dondi did the FY2020 revise. At the end the vote was taken so it was not amended. 10 y, 12 n, 3 abstention.

Permit Management Plan which Gilbert wrote up was submitted to DOJ, but it has not been reviewed, pending at DOJ.

Conservation Plan – Template has been made and was approved by RDC so we told to go by that. Arch and Bio – what about the money we were asking for and Teresa said she will work on that.

9/28/18 was the deadline- if the stipends and mileage were turned in after the deadline you will not be paid, now we are using the FY"19.

The quarterly meeting will be schedule 1/11/19 and 4/12/19 and the next two will be schedule later.

Training will be Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) 12/10-13/2018 in Las Vegas.

Farm Board regular pay will be 600.00 per month (regular farm board meeting) Agenda, sign in sheet, minutes. Chapter Planning and Regular Meeting which requires Agenda and sign in sheet. Mileage will have to have 10 entries. Permittee meeting requires sign in sheet, resource needs, flyer, and more than 5 permit holders beside the officials.

Motion: Emerson Chee,

Second: Lucinda Davis

Vote: 3 – 0 - 2

B. Announcements

1. Chapter meeting tomorrow 10/14/2018 at 10:00

V. CONCLUSION

A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before

C. Next Meeting

October 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm

D. Adjournment

Motion Adjourn: Emerson Chee,

Second by Lucinda Davis – All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 6:42

