

Tsaile – Wheatfields – Blackrock Farm Board and Water Users Joint Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2013
Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

Meeting Minutes

I. Order of Business

- a. Meeting called to order @ 6:10pm
- b. Roll Call: Farm Board – Lorena Eldridge and Dorthea Litson present. Lucinda Davis absent.
Water Users – Aaron Begay and Dorthea Litson present. Lupita McClanahan absent
- c. Invocation conducted by Lorena Eldridge.
- d. Reviewed agenda by Dorthea Litson. No items were added or deleted.
Action: The agenda was accepted as it was read.
Motioned by Merle Kedelty
Seconded by Steven Litson
Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained *Motion Carried*
- e. Read last meeting minutes, October 6, 2013, by Dorthea Litson. No questions, comments, or corrections.
Action: The last read meeting minutes was accepted as it was read.
Motioned by Aaron Begay
Seconded by Merle Kedelty
Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained *Motion Carried*
- f. Announcements
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Additional announcement was as follow:

Lorena Eldridge provided an opportunity for Steven Litson to speak. He stated his concern for the need to fix an earthen dam in Blackrock area.

Lorena Eldridge explained that this issue was brought before the Chapter, and now the Farm Board will follow up with the Chapter Officials at next Chapter Planning Meeting.

II. Reports

A. Farm Board

No reports provided by president or secretary.

B. Water Users

Aaron Begay reported on the following:

1. Water masters started their work in Upper Wheatfields. They increase the weir to 14 inches at control box, so Lucinda Davis can receive water, but not water at the raiser in

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her field; instead water leak out in other raisers. In addition, they built a control box near Kee White's reservoir. At this time, he asked the water masters to not do any further work in Upper Wheatfields until at later date. Needs further review.

2. Backhoe tractor has been rented from Franks Rental out of Farmington, NM. It was delivered Friday, October 25, 2013, and the water masters work for a couple of hours on Saturday, October 26, 2013, due to hydraulic leak. Tuesday, October 29, 2013 is when the rental's mechanic will come to fix the problem.
3. He received estimate of the coupling repair for the Tsaile irrigation pipe. The coupling will cost \$540.00 a piece.

Dorthea Litson explained that she has been using the credit card to pay for most of materials needed due to the two signatures required for the check. She also reported the Water masters will be working on weekend too, so the backhoe rental can be put to use.

Action: The Water Users report was accepted, and request the report of the progress with be provide at the next meeting too.

Motioned by Aaron Begay

Seconded by Merle Kedelty

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

III. Old Business

A. Old Farm Equipments

Lorena Eldridge explained there are farm equipments within the Chapter compound. These equipments were purchased a while back when the Farm Boards were committee. These equipments are now the Chapter's property, but many farmers have voice their concern to do something about them. According the Policy and Procedures the Vice President is the one responsible for negation with, and he has been invited several times to the meeting, but has not have a chance to be present here at the Farm Board meeting. The next are maybe to do the following if agree to do:

Write a letter to Chapter Officials to provide three options, and request for a dialogue at next Chapter Planning meeting on November 5, 2013. The options are 1. Repair Equipment (if fixable); 2. Trade in the equipment; 3. Auction the equipment to community people.

Action: Lorena suggestion to writing the letter to provide three options were accepted.

Motioned by Merle Kedelty

Seconded by Steven Litson

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. New Business

A. Land Use Permit

No land use permit related item s. No dialogue or discussion.

B. Water Users Bylaws

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C. Water Users Amendment Article of Incorporation and Resolution

D. Water User 2013 Annual Report

All three items, Water User Bylaws, Amendment Article of Incorporation, resolution, and annual report, were combined for dialogue and discussions.

Lorena Eldridge explained the Water User Board purpose and intend. In the bylaws it states to have 7 boards of directors; however, not all board has been attending. For this reason, it has been difficult to actual establish meeting. At the last meeting, we removed some officers from their position.

Dorthea Litson further explained the Bylaws need amendment, so the organization's board can actually conduct official meeting. The purpose amendments are as follow:

1. Reduce the Board members to three (3)
2. Two (2) Board members can be present to establish a quorum

Action: The bylaws amendments were accepted; also accept the amendment to the Article of Incorporation, resolution, and 2013 annual report. All will be moved forward to the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory for the annual approval for nonprofit status.

Motioned by Steven Litson

Seconded by Merle Kedelty

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

V. Others

No items added.

VI. Conclusion

a. Next agenda item

- Water Master's work
- Outcome of old farm equipment
- First Nation's Training
- Financial Policy

b. Next meeting date scheduled, Sunday, November 10, 2013 @ 1pm Wheatfields Chapter Hse.

c. Adjournment of meeting @ 7:26pm.

Action: Meeting adjournment was accepted.

Motioned by Steven Litson

Seconded by Aaron Begay

Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried