

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting
November 5, 2013 @3:00pm

AGENDA

I. Order of Business:

- a) Call meeting to order
- b) Pledge of Allegiance
- c) Invocation
- d) Review and Adopt Agenda
- e) Announcements:
 1. November 10, 2013 @10:00am Veteran's Gourd Dance at Dine College
 2. November 10, 2013 @ 10:00am CLUPC Meeting at Wheatfields Chapter House
 3. November 10, 2013 @ 1:00pm Farm Board/WUA Joint Meeting at Wheatfields Chapter House
 4. November 11, 2013: National Holiday (**chapter will be closed**)
 5. November 12, 2013 @10:00am Local Senior Advisory Council Meeting at the Tsaile Senior Center
 6. November 12, 2013 @5:00pm Veteran's Day at Wheatfields Chapter House
 7. November 13, 2013 @9:00am CSC/AMS Meeting at Round Rock Chapter House
 8. November 18-19, 2013: Navajo Division of Transportation sponsoring Community Work Session in Albuquerque, New Mexico "Map out your transportation planning efforts"

II. Business Action Items:

- a) Ratification of **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Leroy Hobbs service 11/6/13
- b) Monetary Donations of **\$50.00** each per chapter policy:
 1. Charles R. Chee for travel expenses to Washington D.C.
 2. Annual Turkey Trot
- c) Extending Appreciation to the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee for prioritizing N-12 Road Rehabilitation Construction
- d) Accepting the Tsaile/Wheatfields Vision and Mission Statement
- e) Addressing the Navajo Nation Head Start Center with the Tsaile site on non-compliance of student teaching (12 center student and 12 home base students)
- f) **Others:**
 1. Farm Equipment
 2. Request Travel to the 13th Annual WUA conference in Las Vegas ,Nevada
 3. Request travel to the Chapter Work Session in Albuquerque, NM November 18-19, 2013.

III. Reports:

- a) Community Services Coordinator

IV. Date and Time of Next Regular Chapter Meeting: November 17, 2013 @10:00am

V. Adjourn:

Thank you for your meeting attendance

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes November 5, 2013 @3:00pm

Order of Business:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm by Zane James, Chapter President
Pledge of Allegiance by group
Invocation provided by Lorena Eldridge, community member

Review and Adopt Agenda:

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Angela Brown

Proposed agenda read

- Change: Local Senior Advisory Council meeting date *November 12, 2013* change to **November 21, 2013** (monthly meeting will be third Thursday of each month)
- Add Resolution: NHA NAHASDA funding under Others

Votes: 08/00/01

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- December 10, 2013: Special Election (**chapter will be closed**)

Business Action Items:

a) Ratification of **\$100.00** Burial Assistance for the late Leroy Hobbs service 11/6/13
Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Willis Becenti
Votes: 12/00/02

b) Monetary Donations of **\$50.00** each per chapter policy:

Motion by Lucinda Davis, second by Lorena Eldridge

1. Charles R. Chee for travel expenses to Washington D.C. (should have been under ratification as funding has been applied)
2. Annual Turkey Trot – November 14, 2013 by Tsaile Health Center

Votes: 10/00/01

c) Extending Appreciation to the Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee for prioritizing N-12 Road Rehabilitation Construction

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lucinda Davis

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- Resolution to wait until the construction is in process
- Resolution to stand and address the N12 construction to be fully carried out with the priority schedule.
- Do we want to provide a token of appreciation or just to host them?

- When do we want to do this soon or at a later time? Will need to obtain a listing of RDC Committee meeting schedule.
- Resolution will speak to ensure N-12 will continue to be as a top priority to assurance for rehabilitation construction is completed

Votes: 09/02/02

d) Accepting the Tsaille/Wheatfields Vision and Mission Statement

Motion by Dorothea Litson, second by Lorena Eldridge

The intent was to have the whole work session packet be addressed and accepted for implementation and not just the proposed vision and mission statement.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- Amend the motion to add to accept the whole working document since this has been worked on back February 2013.
- Chapter Administration to provide copies to the new Local Senior Council and schedule a date for review.
- November 16, 2013 for review schedule here at the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter House at 8:30am
- For those that cannot make the work session submit comments by email to the chapter office staff prior to November 16, 2013.

Votes: 12/00/02

e) Addressing the Navajo Nation Head Start Center with the Tsaille site on non-compliance of student teaching (12 center student and 12 home base students)

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Thomas Litson

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- Write a letter to Sharon Singer and Andrew Tah regarding the issue
- Chapter Administration to draft a letter
- Resolution will still be address to this issue
- Parents with 24 students to address their concern to the chapter
- Head start is funded however going through restriction to do house cleaning with qualified teachers. Corrective action is a need and maybe our community has qualified teachers
- Head start is encountering a large audit findings
- Federal funded school is very hard to run. It will be hard but it is under someone's administration with directives and a need to get these kids in the classroom for teaching.
- Staff of Head Start was under another entity and then it went under the Tribe. This changed the salary for the staff and hindered the program. We probably do have qualified people but they don't want the salary scale.
- Is the Head Start under the Tribe? Yes.
- Email to Sharon Singer, Andrew Tah and cc to Vice-President's Office.
- Resolution will be worked on and presented at the chapter meeting.

Votes: 16/00/02

f) Others:

1. Farm Equipments

Motion by Angela Brown, second by Willis Becenti

The farm equipment has been address many times and they continue to seat there and not being used. According to the Chapter Plan of Operation it has been discussed by the Farm Board Committee and move to date with photos of the equipment. Recommending with option of Repair/selvage/Auction

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- Has all the equipment been inventoried?
- Has the appraisal been done? Yes about a year ago.
- Navajo Nation Procurement addresses the process of how to go about this situation.
- Obtain an update appraisal then maybe consider to trade in or sell the equipment.
- Would like to own equipments here but who will pay for it?
- Now if it is sold where does the money go? Back to the Chapter account with allocation to where it will be discussed and recommended.
- Provide a copy of the Procurement policy to Farm Board for review and discuss with the Farmers at the Sunday's Farm Board Meeting. Then it will be forward to the chapter meeting.
- These farm equipment has been in discussion way back to the 70's and authorize the Farm Board as a committee to function with.
- Move to the chapter meeting with recommendations outlined by the Farm Board.

Votes: 12/00/03

2. Travel request in the amount of \$749.00 to the 13th Annual Colorado River Water Users Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada December 11-13, 2013 for Aaron Begay, WUA President

Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Thomas Litson

Registration and Lodging at \$796.00. Travel mileage is not included.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- How will this be provided back to the chapter if the fund is approved? What will the chapter gain?
- His report is normally the best reporting back to the chapter and copies for others.
- How is the water study (Brown & _____) tied into this?
- That firm is a different entity. Support Mr. Begay to attend this conference.

Votes: 16/00/01

3. Travel request to the Chapter work session November 18-19, 2013 Albuquerque, New Mexico
Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Winnie Shirley

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- It would be really good to host this type of session on Navajo maybe in Chinle Agency. We need to reserve the funds.
- Can the Navajo DOT bring to a smaller group?
- We do not have to go it is only an invitation to the chapter. We can address and ask this be brought to us at the chapter level.
- All too often we sit here and put into resolution for this entity to come here and provide us the needs training. We have a project down the road and need to know the laws and process that we need to know.
- Is it just this item that is being questioned because it is NDOT as sponsor? You just approved one travel at a cost \$796.00 for one person. Are you saying now that we are going to addressing all the following training requests? We need to know this and have the same thought for all the other requests for chapter officials.

- We can have Marco Sells provide us the training here
- We have to bring out thoughts, compromise and work together with these entities.
- At the Budget and Finance level funds are allocated for the government to host training on Navajo.
- This N-12 is finally moving and it is approved by RDC who is oversight to the NDOT with sponsoring this work session.
- Need to send someone from this chapter.
- No information back from people that go on travel.
- Specific travel cost is budgeted.
- FY2014 October 1, 2013 – September 31, 2014. Maybe identify people throughout the year with a chart.
- Move to the chapter with one official and one staff for attendance to the work session.

Votes: 10/03/02

4. NHA NAHASDA funding

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Angela Brown

3.5million was allocated for the Senior Group Home and NHA wants to relinquish the funds. This is due to the land not officially withdrawn. The resolution was passed 2001 but never forward to former TCDC. The held up is at the Navajo Nation EPA and a copy at DOJ. Maybe a resolution asking for NHA's understanding. NHA Board will be meeting on Thursday and who can support are welcome to attend.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- This is a very crucial area. NAHASDA recommended to ear mark the funds and utilize our own funds then funds will be replenished. This is when we found that the land was not documented withdrawn. We need to approach NHA to accept our request for time and request assistance of the President and Vice-President's Office to direct EPA for services. We need to work on this starting tomorrow.
- This land has been withdrawn with consent. Award letter has been given last year by NHA. Land is already study with a FONZI document and the process is going through. We need to request by resolution asking for extension of maybe 2 years. Legal document is a need. The document is at EPA awaiting a staff who is on travel. There is already assigned SAS number.
- NHA is under federal funding who wants a resolution from the oversight as the land is withdrawn. We need to plead with the NHA Board to bare with us.
- Resolution will be entertained at the chapter meeting and a memorandum will be written.

Votes: 16/00/01

Ray Redhouse request to amend agenda to add:

1. NTUA Natural Gas line to extend into Tsaile
2. The community concern with the Tsaile Indian Health Center
3. Livestock Round-Up

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Willis Becenti

Votes: 14/00/02

1. NTUA Natural Gas Line to extend into Tsaile
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Thomas Litson
Passed resolution and minutes reflecting this is need for NTUA or to pass another resolution with stating what entities will benefit from.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

- Gather letters for entities that will benefit from this natural gas line.
- Or better to invite all entities to a coordination meeting.
- Move to the chapter meeting as action item

Votes: 16/00/01

2. Tsaile Indian Health Center

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Angela Brown

A copy of the compliant was made available for the Officials on the Tsaile Health Clinic which is reported in a very unsanitary condition. It is stated in the verbal report that this information was addressed to the Supervisor Fawn Damon. She requested assistance from the Health Board Representative to look into and as will as the community leaders with a strong note that the community cannot be getting health services in this condition.

Supporting resolution to entertain at the next meeting

Votes: 10/00/01

3. Livestock Round-Up

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Lucinda Davis

Request supporting resolution for livestock round up. Full report at the chapter meeting. Grazing meeting passed another resolution to continue the round up.

Votes: 12/00/02

Report:

Motion by Ray Redhouse, second by Willis Becenti

- a. Community Service Coordinator: Reported on the 2004 – 2013 funding allocated. By year annual allocation, supplemental and carryover. This past year we have spend a lot of money. Overall Chinle Agency funding 2013 carryover and 2014 allocation. Direct services is what we are impacted with we have spend by line item.

1. Monetary Donation @ \$50.00 = 31 / \$1,550.00
2. Burial Assistance @ \$100.00 = 14 / \$1,400.00
3. Scholarship 91 students = \$48,900.00
4. Life Preservation \$6,870.13
5. Fencing - Senior Center = \$7,753.88
6. Veterans Housing Assistance = 5 / \$6,000.00
7. Housing Discretionary = 10 / \$16,295.68
8. Rural Addressing Mileage = \$271.60
9. Veterans Assistance = 55 / \$9,700.00

10. Chapter Business Items Approved or Processed:

- 10/03/11 - 09/16/12 total: 161
- 10/02/13 - 09/15/13 total: 260

11. Completed 9 Bathroom Additions

12. Included: Materials / house wiring

13. Travel, meals & lodging paid advance according to conus rate

14. Mileage reimbursement when reports are complete and submitted

15. Chapter has hired for the following projects: Office Clerk, Cook Assistant, Maintenance Man, Bathroom Addition, Electrician, Water Master, Branding, Horse Round-up & Rural Addressing.

In addition with complete reporting will be made at the chapter meeting. This report of funding is made due to the community always asking where and how the funds were allocated and spent. This chapter was certified December 12, 1955 and holding up this long but don't know how the building was built.

Comments/Questions/Recommendations:

It is an appreciation for services at this level. We all need to work together and reiterate the services so the people don't have to have many questions. Chapter certification is one we really need to push.

Votes: 15/00/01

Date and Time of Next Regular Chapter Meeting:

November 17, 2013 @10:00am

Adjourn:

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Angela Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm

Votes: 15/00/01