

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS JOINT FARM BOARD AND WATER USER MEETING
Sunday November 18, 2018 @1:00 PM
WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER HOUSE, WHEATFIELDS, AZ

AGENDA

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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 11/4/2018

II. OLD BUSINESS

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- 1.** Crop Inventory

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

Goal Statement: Conduct 2 agricultural educational outreach/workshops for farmers per quarter per 13 FBs.

- 1.** Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

- A. Project Update

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

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

- 1.** Training

- 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.** Joint Meeting

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

Goal Statement: With BIA and Farmer participation, reconcile and inventory as to the status of each ALUP or Farm Permit. (3ALUP x each 13 FB member)

1.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. WUA Report

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

A. Reports

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
Thanksgiving Dinner along with the meeting
Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm
- B. Invocation
Invocation was given by Lorena Eldridge
- C. Roll Call
Lorena Eldridge, Emerson Chee and Lucinda Davis – Present
All members of the Water Users Association - Absent
- D. Recognition of guest(s) and visiting officials
All local farmers
- E. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda read by Lorena
Motion to accept the agenda as is by Emerson Chee
Second by: Evelyn Litzin Votes: 3 – 0 - 1
- F. Review and adoption of last meeting minutes of 11/4/2018
Minute read by Lucinda Davis for November 4, 2018.
Motion to accept the minutes by: Emerson Chee
Second by: Evelyn Litzin
Votes: 3 – 0 - 1

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- 1. Crop Inventory

Need crop inventory report by the end of December 21, 2018, so far there is no other report. Our goal is to get more crop inventory by December 21, 2018, Emerson will do home visits after he finishes out his job at WUA.

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

Goal Statement: Conduct 2 agricultural educational outreach/workshops for farmers per quarter per 13 FBs.

- 1. Wheatfields Agriculture Projects

A. Project Status Update

There was a Budget & Finance meeting on the 13th, but according to Robert Willie the report was only about 5 minutes, it was just Aaron and the group there, but there was not really any discussion because Vangie Curley-Thomas did not show. Lorena did not attend either, but later afterwards Lorena talked with Vangie and according to her there is still a lot of problems with the invoices and expenditure report so there is still no drawdown. The auditor general is still doing the audit and they are looking at how this became a family business. According to Emerson, this might be his last week because there is no money. Right now he is just disking what was planted back into the ground. He is working on Tsaille right now. Some of the people still have some grass and looking for someone to put their cattle in for a while, but people will have to pay. Daniel Davis asked about land leveling, what the cost is, is it by the hour or by the acres. When does the charge start, when the equipment leaves the yard, or when it comes into the farmland. He had several questions on the project and on the equipment since he has operated large equipment and worked on large farms in Colorado.

Fencing is not complete, when Emerson finishes his work, then he can start working on the fencing. He just needs a welder to complete the fencing, we need to finish the fencing soon. Antoinette Deswood wants to have her gate up, but one area she has the fence open that has not been done.

B. IAC Conference

Lorena is the only one that will be attending the IAC Conference. The Chapter does not have any money to assist with.

C. Joint Meeting – Farm Board, Water Users Association Board, Grazing, Chapter Official/Personnel and Council Delegate will need to meet as soon as possible to get the project back in order.

This will be to discuss the 5 options that Dana Barboff recommended.

1. Rescind the appropriation/amend the original legislation
2. Transition to Department of Agriculture
3. New agreement – Amend the MOA
4. Transition from DNR to DED – through the Farm Board w/agriculture expert
5. Turn into a grant, run through the Navajo Nation & Non Profit

This is what the attorney said at the meeting to solve the problem. Lorena is for number three of the option which is to amend the Memorandum of Agreement and develop a tri-agreement with the Farm Board, Navajo Nation and Water User Association. We will talk about this at the meeting and come to an agreement, that way we can get the draw down for this project. The meeting will be on December 5, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Motion to approve A, B & C by Emerson Chee

Second by Evelyn Litzin

Votes: 4 – 0 - 1

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

Goal Statement: With farmer participation, implement conservation training and develop 2 or more plans per quarter per FB review.

1. Training

This is ongoing by Land Grant and Water Users Association. There is a schedule out.

- 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

No information on this

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1. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No show for the Water Users so there is no report

IV. RECEIVING REPORTS

- A. Reports

1. None

- B. Announcements

- 1. Chapter Meeting November 19, 2018 with Veterans Thanksgiving dinner, beginning at 10:00 am**

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Next Agenda Items

Same as before

- C. Next Meeting

December 2, 2018 at 1:00

- D. Adjournment

Motion: Lucinda Davis

Second: Emerson Chee

All in favor

Adjourned at 4:04

