

Tdaile/Wheatifelds Chapter
Community Land Use Planning Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.
December 8, 2013

PRESENT: Lucinda Davis, President
Kathy Johns, Vice President
Lupita McClanahan, Member
Marjorie Johnson, Member

ABSENT: Thomas Litson, Secretary

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. The meeting was called to order by Lucinda Davis, President at 10:48 a.m.
- B. Roll Call: bove members were present.
- C. Invocation: Invocation was provided by Lucinda Davis.
- D. Adopt of Agenda: Motion made by Kathy Johns, to approve agenda as presented; seconded by Lupita Litson. Motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
- E. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2013. Minutes were read into the record by Kathy Johns. Motion made by Lupita McClanahan and seconded by Kathy Jones.
- F. Announcements:
 - Chapter Meeting December 8, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.
 - Regional ICIP Training, December 9, 2013.
 - Special Election December 20, 2013 – Chapter Closed
 - Veterans Meeting, December 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
 - CSC/AMS meeting, Lukachukai Chapter, December 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
 - Reservation Wide, Grazing, Land Board, Farm Board Meeting – Chinle Chapter, December 16k, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
 - Navajo Land Summit, December 18 – 19, Twin Arrows Casino
 - Farm Board Meeting, Dedcember 29l, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Reports

- G. CLUPC: Lupita McClanahan provided a report. (1) no school for Tsaile (Chinle Unified School District) tomorrow – they are having Teacher Education Development Training. (2) Zane James was in attendance at the Coordination Meeting on Community development that included the presence of I.H.S, BIA, NTUA. Discussion were held on the road to be fixed in 2014 and infrastructure (gas line from NTUA). Another meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2014 at Dine College at 2:00 p.m. (3) The Farm Board and Water Users Association held a training for Chapter Youth on December 7, 2014 on traditional stories related to corn, hunting, game. They also fixed some traditional foods. Approximately 10 youth attended. Another training will be held next year.
- H. Other Report: None
 - Motion made by Kathy Johns to approve report as provided, seconded by Lupita McClanahan.
 - This was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. NHA – NHA representatives were invited to attend meeting, no staff in attendance.

- B. Cemetery – Status: Thomas Litson requested this be placed on agenda but he is not in attendance.

A motion was made by Kathy Johns, seconded by Lupita McClanahan to defer items to next meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Identify Site in Tsaile for Chinle BIA Maintenance Yard to store cinder and equipment. No written documentation was provided to the CLUPC members. It was stated by Marjorie Johnson that the 10 acres in question has been set aside for a police sub-station, fire station and post office. Without written information on duration or intent, a decision is difficult. Ray Redhouse, community member stated his concern that it was reported at the Lukachukai Chapter Planning Meeting that Tsaile/Wheatfields had already approved an area for the BIA cinder yard so the Lukachukai Chapter tabled the request. He further recommended the request be approved. His recommendation was that this project is important to the whole community.

Addendum: CLUPC was provided documentation by Chapter CSC and all members were in favor of approving the request. The request was approved by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to be forwarded to the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter meeting.

- B. Navajo Land Summit – Twin Arrows Casino. This training is scheduled for December 18 – 19, 2013. The Chapter officials recommended two members from CLUPC attend, including Thomas Litson, Grazing representative.

Recommendations: Ray Redhouse recommended that all CLUPC should go. There are many resolutions that have been approved by the Chapter and sent to Window Rock. No action has been taken on the resolutions.

Lucinda Davis: We are certified CLUPC from here; and the Council Delegates pushes the CLUPC to work on various projects. Again, the Chapter states CLUPC is only a recommending body, which one are we. This needs to be clarified. The CLUPC had to go through a lot of obstacles getting the cemetery project to this stage. We are told it is a conflict for Thomas Litson, as a grazing committee, to represent CLUPC for land withdrawal purposes. For this reason, Thomas stated he will only attend as a Grazing Representative, not CLUPC.

Marjorie Johnson stated that all items in the training flyer are for CLUPC members, the land lease, GIS, E911. Information is not shared with CLUPC from other chapter officials who attend training and seminars.

Lupita McClanahan: People from grazing, Resources Committee telling Chapters about plans assuming we at the Chapter level should know. The new centralization plans, we don't know about the new policies. We will be in the dark again if we don't attend. There are issues with Chinle Canyon Dechelly that impacts our chapter members with Navajo wanting to take over the park. We were told by the Apache President at a meeting that we community members need to take care of our land, don't let the government take the land from you. We are told to protect your own ancestral lands, use it as it is supposed to be used, like for farming. Each year CLUPC elects new officers and we all need to know new policies. She recommended we all attend.

Kathy Johns: When we were elected to CLUPC, we didn't know what we were suppose to do. We've learned a lot and need to continue learning. We need to get involved in the government, the chapter depends on us to know what we're doing. We know land and how we want to use it.

Ray Redhouse: I told Anslem Joe that he needed to address land issue regarding people who state the land belongs to them, whenever any development is introduced. Nothing goes any further although I've asked him to address this issue. CLUPC needs to be involved.

Lucinda Davis: The consensus is that all CLUPC members should be allowed to attend. A motion was made by Kathy Johns to forward that recommendation to the Chapter, seconded by Lupita McClanahan. The motion was approved by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstentions.

4. NEXT MEETING

In accordance with CLUPC policy, the next meeting will be held January 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Ray Redhouse: His comments were that for meetings held on Sunday, people don't really attend due to other commitments, especially if you request representatives from other offices. Lucinda Davis informed Mr. Redhouse that when outside representatives are requested to attend, meetings are rescheduled to accommodate their schedule.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kathy Johns, seconded by Lupita McClanahan to adjourn the meeting. By acclamation, the Ayes have it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.