

**Tsaile Wheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2015 @ 1 pm**  
**Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ**

AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. Invocation
- c. Adopt agenda
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2015
- e. Announcements:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a.

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.
- b. Prepare Presentation for Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee Meeting, Nov. 24, 2015
- c. Plan for 30 acres of Farmland to be part of the Revitalization Project
- d. Scope of Work agreement for Daniel Davis – Irrigation Projects

IV. Reports

- a. Farm Board
- b. Water User
- c. Others

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
- B. Scheduled next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Meeting called to order at 1:32 pm

b. Invocation by Lucinda Davis

c. Adopt agenda

Dorthea reviewed the agenda. No amendments, questions, or suggestions.

*Action: The read agenda accepted as read.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Dorthea Litson*

*Voting: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2015

Dorthea read the last meeting minutes from November 8, 2015. No amendments, questions, or comments.

*Action: The read meeting minutes from November 8, 2015 accepted as read.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Dorthea Litson*

*Voting: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

Introduction of Farm Board presented to the new people who have not attended Farm Board Meeting.

e. Announcements:

TW Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 20, 2015

Senior Citizen Center at Tsaile Junction

12 pm

TW Chapter Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2015

Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields AZ

1pm

TW Chapter – Hosting a meeting for RCD (Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee)

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Wheatfields Chapter House, Wheatfields, AZ

10am

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. No item listed under Old Business.

*Action: NONE*

III. NEW BUSSINESS

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- a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc.  
There is no request by any farmer regarding Land Use Permit transfer. However, there was a question by Lula Chee. Lula Chee asked, "Her Land Use Permit Transfer has not made it the Chinle BIA Natural Resources, so what is the hold up the paper work?"

Dorthea explained to Lula that the holdup is due to BIA Natural Resource Office staff are requesting to attach a Conservation Plan to the Land Use Permit Transfer application.

**Action: NONE**

- b. Prepare Presentation for Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee Meeting, Nov. 24, 2015

Lorena explained a letter sent from BIA Natural Resource Regional Office staff, and following were mentioned:

Only 2 persons are working at Chinle BIA Natural Resource Office

The BIA office is working on improving Graze and Land Use Permit

All Grazing Permit and Land Use that were transfer is on hold due to the delay on NEPA (Nation Environmental Policy Act)

Dealing with lack of rain and drought issue

In addition, the Navajo Nation Council who are members of the Resources and Development Committee are requesting the Farm Board to use Beneficial Use.

At the Farm Board of Tsaile & Wheatfields Chapter has been working very hard in reaching their goal, and trying to education their farmers and people about the food sovereignty. They submitted to a proposal for 2.9 million dollars to request for farm equipment and personal staff.

She further explain the function of Navajo Nation Government to help the people understand who the Navajo Resource and Development Committee members were.

Dorthea presented the power point presentation that the Farm Board and Water User presented to the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee a year ago.

Questions, comments, and suggestions:

Freddie Yazzie: Prairie Dogs, goffers, and deer are a huge problem to farming.

Lorena: She explained the Revitalization of Farm Land Project to the people. However, the major purpose of the presenting to Navajo Nation Resources and Development Committee is to request for their support of implementing the Revitalization of Farm land Project or will they request for us to move with implementing the actual law spelled out Title 3.

*Action: To use the presentation that was present to Budget and Finance, but need to added wildlife issue; data from 2015 growing season, and there more project were are working on. Some editing. The Farm Board will meet after the Chapter Meeting on Monday to be ready for presentation next day.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

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*Seconded by Freddie Yazzie*

*Voting: 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- c. Plan for 30 acres of Farmland to be part of the Revitalization Project  
Lorena explained that the plan to carry out the job is already spelled out.

Dorthea stated that it is, but there are more to it and of the current 30 acres of Farm land are a little different and has its own uniqueness. For example, Art Allen agree the project, and his farm land is a little over 12 acres. His definitely falls under the category of what are spelled out in the Revitalization Project. For Angela Kedelty, she subleased the farmland to us, and stated that she will not be able to help due to her health issue, and all her children live off the Navajo reservation and they are unable to help. The late Louise Begay farmland is at 2 acres in Lower Wheatfield is very different again. Beyond this we need to figure out what are we (Farm Board) to do with the farmland that are sublease to us. We need to know the condition of the land and fencing of the land.

*Action: The next Farm Board meeting are to be out in the field to collect data of each of the 30 acres of farm land, and start planning all winter long so the plan can be implemented in Spring 2016.*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Dorthea Litson*

*Voting: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- d. Scope of Work agreement for Daniel Davis – Irrigation Projects  
Dorthea explained that during the week November 9 to 13, 2015, there was only one Water Master on the job. I need to find a helper for him, so I asked Daniel Davis. When she talked with Daniel, she explained that him that is will be subcontract type of job at the pay will be at \$10.00 an hour, and this fund will come out of the Tsaile – Wheatfields Water User Account. There is deduction or health coverage. The job will be for short term, until the Upper Wheatfields Irrigation Project is complete. He will need to submit an invoice. Based on his invoice he will be paid.

*Action: Dorthea is type up the scoop of work, so Daniel is aware and sign the scoop of work with the term of conditions.*

*Motioned by Dorthea Litson*

*Seconded by Lucinda Davis*

*Motion: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

**IV. Reports**

- a. Farm Board  
President report that she plans to present items learned from Workshop she attended related to Farming.  
  
Vice President no report  
  
Secretary no report
- b. Water User  
No report from Water User officers

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c. Others

*Action: No action taken.*

V. CONCLUSION

A. Identify next agenda items

- Field visit to participate in Revitalization Project

B. Scheduled next meeting date on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at noon. Meet at the Chapter House then proceed to Farmland in Tsaile, AZ

C. Adjournment

*Action: Adjourned meeting at 4:45pm*

*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*

*Seconded by Dorthea Litson*

*Voting: 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*