

**TsaileWheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting**  
**Monday, August 15, 2016 @ 3pm**  
**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, August 7, 2016
- e. Announcements:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Junk Food Sales Tax
- b. Audit Review for Tsaile / Wheatfields Dineh Water User
- c. Fund Management Plan
- d. Water Usage Planning – Work session

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Land Use Permit- Transfer, Relinquish, Probate, etc
  - David M. Tsosie request Farm Land from late Julia Hobbs farmland
  - Yield Report
  - Farmer concern: Prairie Dogs
- b. Financial Report

IV. 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 2:53 PM
  
- b. Invocation by Lorena Eldridge
  
- c. Adopt agenda *(written on the board, per identify next agenda items not available)*  
Note taker: Lucinda Davis reviewed the agenda. No amendments, questions, or suggestions.  
*Action: Agenda accepted with no amendments.*  
*Motioned by Kathy Johns*  
*Seconded by Lucinda Davis*  
*Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained* *Motion Carried*
  
- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2016  
*Action: August 7, 2016 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.*  
*Motioned by Lucinda Davis*  
*Seconded by Kathy Johns*  
*Voting: 2 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained* *Motion Carried*
  
- e. Announcements:
  - a. 8/26/2016 Monthly Permit Meeting @10:00 am
  - b. 9/1-2/2016 Joint Farm Board meeting & work session at Dine' College
  - c. 9/14/2016 Presentation to B&FC to get PTF direct funding
  - d. 9/17/2016 Farmers market and mini workshop at Tsaile junction

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Junk Food Sales Tax  
Updates on survey were provided:  
Received 39 surveys  
Most of surveys are states an indoor recreational facilities.

The goal is to collect 600 hundred surveys. This was set based on the number of voters that this chapter has.

Comments, questions, and suggestions:

- Continue to conduct surveys and the people willing to help are David Tsosie and Kathy Johns
- This survey is open to all including the youth.
- It only seems logical to building a facility with all amenities such as swimming pool, basket court, valley ball court, football field, baseball field, park, wellness room, etc.
- What is met by the chapter official that they are planning to build a multipurpose center within the masterplan at the Tsaile Junction?
- When a multipurpose center is being talked about it is usually a chapter house?

*Action: To request for the Master Plan update at Tsaile Junction.*

*Motioned by Kathy Johns*

*Seconded by Aaron Begay*

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*Voting: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- b. Audit Review for Tsaile / Wheatfields Dineh Water User  
Dorthea provided an update on the Audit. She is working with Bryceson to writing an RFP, and once that is written it will be sent to all the list auditors through fax.  
*No action taken. An update.*
- c. Fund Management Plan  
Dorthea reported, “Bryceson is working on uploading the budget information to the grant tracker.”

Lorena explained the Farm Board and Water User wrote into the proposal to build an 80ft by 200ft building for housing the equipment. Now, we are in the process of finding a space to build it within the Chapter area, but it needs to be designated as an assign area for Water User. As a results, she approached Zane requesting for an update of what the officials are planning for Chapter compound area.

Dorthea indicated at one time the Farm Board and Water User requested for the metal building on the southeast side of the Chapter House. This warehouse is now where we have all of supplies and materials.

At one time it was reported that the current warehouse was sinking?

A meeting is scheduled on September 14, with the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee.

*Action: Lorena emails Zane, Chapter President about the plans for the compound.*

*Motioned by Dorthea Litson*

*Seconded by David M. Tsosie*

*Voting: 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- d. Water Usage Planning – Work session  
Benita provided information about the water usage plan. The plans are as follow:
- Dr. Karletta Chief facilitates question for two hours or less with the community people on September 17 and 24, 2016 at the Farmers Market at Tsaile Junction, Tsaile, AZ. The idea is to feed the people at 11:30 am and meeting with the community people from 12pm to 2pm.
  - These questions are around concerns about water within Tsaile / Wheatfields / Blackrock communities.
  - Future planning: Who is to collect data on water usage, identify water holes, springs, streams, wells, and collect its conditions?
  - Tsaile Dine’ College now have a GIS mapping center, and how can they help in creating maps for the communities.
  - Kristen Tully a PHD students at University of Utah might be involve with the project as well. She was contacted at one time, but indicated it would be impossible due to load of her work. However, she is working with NTUA and Navajo Nation Water Management Office.

Comments, suggestions, and questions:

- Need to define the types of water data to be collected, such snow fall, water usage,
- Cost of water usage outside of our area

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- David M. Tsosie requested Farmland from late Julia Hobbs farmland  
*Defer to next meeting. Mr. Tsosie was ready to speak, but had to leave due to family obligation.*
  
- Yield Report  
Lorena explained, “At the last Joint Farm Board Meeting, Farm Board members were asked to report yield reporting as specified in Performance Objective within the Navajo Nation Form 2.” The performance objectives are as follow:
  - 12 Corp Inventory – 3 respective crop inventory
  - Facilitate Farm Improvement – Conduct 2 Agricultural Education
  - Training Participation Implementation – Develop and Implement conservation training.

Comments, Questions, OR suggestion:

There is a need for Farm Board to report what is on Form 11. This is one reason when requesting for fund it is important.

*Action: Dorthea to complete Yield report for foraged and crops.*

*Motioned by Kathy Johns*

*Secoded Lucinda Davis*

*Voting: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

- Farmer concern: Prairie Dogs  
Farmers shared their concerns about the problem they are encountering with prairie dogs.  
What does Fish and Wildlife say about the prairie dog issue?  
They suggested to possible form an event to release water on the prairie dogs.

Lorena explained that Mr. Blacksheep from Fish & Wildlife reported at one time that one needs a license to treat prairie dogs. To receive a license is difficult.

*Action: To put on next Farm Board agenda, so an event of some sort can be scheduled.*

*Motioned by Kathy Johns*

*Secoded Lucinda Davis*

*Voting: 9 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained*

*Motion Carried*

b. Financial Report

End of June 24, 2016 – Balance -		\$ 25,716.88
<b>Deposits</b>		
July 16, 2016	<u>\$ 111.13</u>	
Total:		\$ 25,828.01
 End of July 27, 2016		 \$ 25,828.01
Deposit:		

