

**TsaileWheatfields Farm Board and Dineh Water User Joint Meeting
Sunday, December 18, 2016 @ 12pm
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, Nov. 20, 2016
- e. Announcements:

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Wheatfields Agriculture Project

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Financial Report
 - Expenditure Plan

IV. Reports

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

V. CONCLUSION

- A. Identify next agenda items
 - a. Lease Agreement between Tsaile / Wheatfields Chapter & Tsaile / Wheatfields Dineh Water User
 - b. Resolution – Lease Agreement
 - c. Create Annual Plan – Farm Board
 - i. Strategic Plan with SWOT Analysis
- B. Scheduled next meeting date
- C. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting called to order at 12:57 pm
- b. Invocation by Frank Kedelty
- c. Adopt agenda
Dorthea Litson reviewed the agenda. No amendments. Only comments made. Lorena explained the Farm Board and Dineh Water User meeting in terms of how the voting process is run and what each organization roles and responsibilities are due to new participants.

Action: To adopt the agenda as read with no amendments.

Motioned by Bennie Litson

Seconded by Amelda Benally

Voting: 14 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- d. Reading Last Meeting Minutes, Nov. 20, 2016
Dorthea read the last meeting minutes from November 20, 2016. No amendments, comments, or questions.

Action: The meeting minutes read accepted as read.

Motioned by Aaron Begay

Seconded by Thomas Litson

Voting: 16 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

- e. Announcements:
The following information were the announcements:

Tsaile / Wheatfields Chapter Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

1pm

Wheatfields Chapter House

District II Grazing Meeting

Friday, January 6, 2017

10am

Lukachukai Chapter House

Tsaile / Wheatfeilds Permittee Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2017

10am

Wheatfields Chapter House

Chinle Agency Grazing Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Dine College, Tsaile, AZ

Tribal Water Right Conference

Feb 9 & 10, 2017

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Phoenix, AZ

Fee is \$300 per person

Tsaile/ Wheatfields CLUPS Meeting

3rd Sunday of each month

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Wheatfields Agriculture Project

Lorena provided an update of the Wheatfields Agriculture Project to the people. She visit with the Navajo Nation Vice President on November 28, 2016 to answer some of the questions he had. The following date we, Farm Board and Dineh Water User, met with the Navajo Nation Budget & Finance Committee. Year one of the money has not been allotted, and year two supposed to have started on October 1, 2016, but the funding has not been issued. Here Ed McCool, Navajo Nation Lawyer assigned to write the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) presented that he has developed the agreement. The committee chair, Seth Damen, requested for a separate meeting on December 5, 2016 where Dianne Barbef, Ed McCool, and Bitah Becker are to be present. The biggest question they, Budget & Finance committee had was, "Why is there a MOA being established for Wheatfields Agriculture Project when we have decided NOT to do this with others?" The meeting has been rescheduled to December 5, 2016 at 1pm in Window Rock.

On December 5, 2016, the meeting with the Navajo Nation Budget & Finance Committee had various comments about the project, but majority are in support of the project. At this meeting, Dianne Barbef, Ed McCool, and Bitah Becker were present. The chair of the Budget & Finance commented that they do not want an MOA or a Fund Management Plan. Now, they are requesting for Quarterly Expenditure Plan.

On December 7, 2016, Lorena was asked to attend a meeting with the Navajo Nation Vice President again where he asked several questions such as:

How many farmers? Lorena replied 127

How many acres? Lorena replied estimate 1,700 acres

How much money is the agriculture going to bring back to the Navajo Nation? Lorena replied, 60% hay production; 30% vegetables; 10% native food.

How are you going to sell the product? Lorena replied, Farmer market is being conducted already

Are what is being produce be sold to local store? Lorena replied, Reservation Wide, C-stores, groceries stores, Farm to School.

Lorena replied, "The biggest focus of the project is to create self - reliance for people."

Dorthea explained that she met with some of the Water User Officer to start working on the quarterly budget. She explained what they have put together to the people, and requested for the people to think of things they have missed, to ask questions, to make comments or suggestions. While reviewing the budget, she explained there is currently a difference.

As result, the review of the quarterly budget the people made the following suggestion:

Silage maker – chopper

Dump truck

Hay Squeezer

ATV

Green house

Orchard

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Water Harvesting
Software/ laptop
Road construction of Navajo Rt 12 – 3 irrigation lines
Security Guard
KBWalkomer – Mike Isaccson, consultant
Labeling
Production
Test for Heirloom seeds
Seed Bank house – purchase heirloom seed
Grinder used for wheat and corn

Action: To accept the quarterly expenditure plan to get it ready for January 3, 2017 Budget & Finance meeting; To revisit the budget see if the suggestion can be written into the expenditure; and to schedule a meeting with Bitah Bechker and Ed McCool.

Motioned by Thomas Litson

Seconded by Anelda Kedelty

Voting: 10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

III. NEW BUSSINESS

- a. Financial Report
 - Expenditure Plan

Dorthea reported there has been no expense or deposit made into the Dineh Water User's account since last reported on November 20, 2016. The balance continues to be the same, \$25,732.18.

Action: To accept the financial report provided.

Motioned by Bennie Litson

Seconded by Amelda Benally

Voting: 10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained

Motion Carried

IV. Reports

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Action: No reports were provided. All reports were deferred to next meeting.

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- B. Scheduled next meeting date to Sunday, January 8, 2016 at 12pm.
- C. Adjournment
Action: Meeting adjourned at 5: pm
Motioned Bennie Litson
Seconded by Anelda Kedelty

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