

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Chapter Meeting Agenda
Monday – February 25, 2019 @ 1:00 PM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Meeting Called to Order:

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

C. Invocation:

D. Roll Call:

E. Review/Accept Agenda:

F. Review/Accept Minutes:

1. December 18, 2018

2. January 21, 2019

G. Announcements:

1. 02/23/19 @ 8:00 am – ABNDN Workshop – Governance of K'e: Values & Beliefs in Relation to Changing Woman's Creation of K'e @ Wheatfields Chapter

2. 02/26/19 @ 10:00 am – Navajo Nation Labor Relation Presentation @ Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

1. Monetary Donation: Rita Bahe, \$50.00

B. New Expenditures:

1. Monetary Donation: Billy Francis Jr., \$50.00

2. Monetary Donation: Janie A. Henderson, \$50.00

C. Action Items:

1. Approving and Accepting Financial Reports January 2019

2. Approving the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter General Activities Funds Policies and Procedures.

3. Navajo Nation Shopping Center requesting the chapter to assist and cost share with the expense for the post office operation.

4. Intragovernmental Partnership Agreement between Chapter and Aging Long-Term Care Support.

5. Supporting the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) Acquisition of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine.

6. Approving travel requesting to attend the DNR Conference on Feb. 27 & 28, 2019, total amount \$442.00.

7. Approving Spring 2019 Chapter Scholarship (7 Students, Total \$4,000.00).

III. REPORTS:

1. Apache County District II

2. Farm Board

3. DWUA

4. Janie A. Henderson, IEC (Written Report)

5. Tsaile Senior Center

IV. Roll Call:

V. NEXT MEETING: Date: March 4, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter
Chapter Meeting
February 25, 2019
MINUTES

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Called to Order: Zane James @ 2:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by: Willis Becenti
- C. Invocation: Zane James
- D. Roll Call: Given by Zane James. Zane James, informed everyone that Devon Begay-Vice President, and Ken Nata'ani-Sec/Treasure will not be in attendance. Here the floor was opened to select a Pro-Temp to take notes of the meeting.
Lorena Eldridge nominated Paula S. Begay to be Pro-Temp, and Paula Begay declined. Charles Chee then nominated Janie Henderson to be Pro-Temp for the Meeting.
Motion: Charles Chee Second: Lorena Eldridge Vote: 23-00-02
- E. Review/ Accept Agenda:
Motion: Willis Becenti Second: Adella Begay Vote: 25-00-01
- F. Review/ Accept Minutes: Zane James recommended to **Deferred** Minutes to next meeting.
 - 1. December 18, 2018
 - 2. January 21, 2019
Motion: Willis Becenti Second: Rita Bahe Vote: 16-00-09
- G. Announcements:
 - 1. 02/23/19 @ 8:00 a.m.-ABNDN Workshop – Governance of K'e: Values & Beliefs in Relation To Changing Woman Creation of K'e @ Wheatfields Chapter.
 - 2. 02/26/19 @ 10:00 a.m.- Navajo Nation Labor Relation Presentation @ Wheatfields Chapter.
 - 3. DWUA Upcoming Meetings/ Workshops
 - a. Dine' Livestock Days: February 28, 2019 @ 9am to 4 pm @k Dine' College Tsaile Campus
 - b. TW DWU Regular Board of Director's Meeting: March 03, 2019 @9am to 12:30pm @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - c. Soils and Irrigation: March 08,2019 @ 9am to 4pm
 - d. Sheep Fabrication: March 15, 2019 Dine' College Tsaile Campus
March 16, 2019 Durango Meat Processing Shop @ 11am to 2pm
 - e. TW DWU Annual Meeting: March 17, 2019 @ 9am to 12:30pm @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - f. Season Extension- Farm Planning Scheduling, Staggered Planting and Harvesting: March 22, 2019 @ 9am to 4pm @ Dine' College Tsaile Campus
March 23, 2019 @ 9am to 4pm @ Dine' College Tsaile Campus
 - 4. Up-Coming Planting Schedule/Fencing Project/Construction
 - a. Green House Construction: March 01, 2019 @ TW DWU Compound Area
 - b. Upper Wheatfield's Perimeter Fencing Project: March 01, 2019 @ Upper Wheatfields Farm lands
 - c. Metal Storage Construction: March 15, 2019 @ TW DWU Compound Area
 - d. TW DWU Planting Schedule/Field Prep/Soil Testing: April 01,2019. Farmer's Please contact the TW DWU Office @ (928)724-3564.
 - e. Center Pivot Irrigation System: March 15, 2019- Lower Wheatfield's Farm Plots
 - 5. Permittee Meeting @1pm @ Wheatfields Chapter

6. Rita Bahe announced Elderlies getting stuck in the snow at the Senior Centers Parking Lot. If a Grader could clear the snow off the parking lot. Response: Zane James suggested NDOT should do that request. If not, Daniel Davis can do the job.
7. Veterans Meeting: March 12, 2019 @ 4:pm @ Wheatfields Chapter
8. Farm Board Meeting: March 03, 2019 @ 1pm @ Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

1. Monetary Donation: Rita Bahe, \$50.00

Motion: Lucinda Davis Second: Lorena Eldridge Vote: 19-00-06

B. New Expenditures:

1. Monetary Donation: Billy Francis Jr., \$50.00

2. Monetary Donation: Janie Henderson, \$50.00

Motion: Ophelia Yazzie Second: Lorena Eldridge Vote: 20-00-06

C. Action Items:

1. Approving and Accepting Financial Reports January 2019: Zane James recommended to **Deferred** to next Meeting, due to Chapter Secretary/Treasurer unavailable.
2. Approving the Tsale/Wheatfields Chapter General Activities Funds Policies and Procedures. Resolution revised.
Motion: Lucinda Davis Second: Lorena Eldridge Vote: 18-00-07
3. Navajo Nation Shopping Center requesting the Chapter to assist and cost share with the expense for the post office operation: Zane James recommended to **Deferred** to next meeting, due to no sponsor.
4. Intragovernmental Partnership Agreement Between Chapter and Aging Long Term Care Support: Deferred to next meeting. No representative. Zane James recommended to **Deferred** until more information gets resolved.
5. Supporting the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) Acquisition of Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine:
Motion: Charles Chee Second: Lorena Eldridge

* Wilbert Martin-representative requesting for Support, and revised resolution. Explained using a graph on the black board on the terms of the contract that the NGS and NTEC are focused on. He explained that he is seeking support from all 110 chapters on the reservation. Closing date set for December 22, 2019. He mentioned also that when closure does occur, the workers will loose over 700 plus jobs, no more scholarships, and divorce rate might increase as well.

Q: Willis Becenti asked and request for I.P.A. should be in place.

Response: Wilbert said, the resolution is in Action with the original closing date was until year 2044. Stating 6 operators backed out and 4 had signed. Leased didn't get enough signatures.

Q: Elvira Litson asked, What kind of environmental impact does this mining have on us, Here in Wheatfields/Tsaile area?

Response: No Jobs, Divorces. No clear answers.

Stanley Kedelty: I had made corrections on the Draft Policy. I had given it to Ken Nata'ani. Has it been added?, used??

Response by Darice Newman, we don't know where it is at. The recommendation.

Stanley Kedelty adds, It's hard to support the resolution. Coal mining, How and Why, is the Mine nationally, the use of coal going down. NGS is being bought. The Land has been disturbed. Do Diligence??? Who's doing the clean up? 5-10 years down the road.

Response by Wilbert, Kayenta Mine still has 100 years of coal underground. No response from the Council

Q: Adella Begay, Resolution is not in compliance. The Resolution is wrong. Do Diligence was read, was done. Now presenter, (Wilbert), say it's not done. Went to Window Rock Meeting on Environmental Policy Act.

Zane James read the Resolution for Wilbert Martin. Item 5, 6. 7%, Four Corners Power Plant 100 million. Has it been paid back?. 48 million Scrubber.

Willis Becenti: Council approves money to purchase Kayenta Mine. Veterans money purchased the Casinos. Lead Lawyer for NTEC Is not sure if the Navajo Nation will gain off purchasing the Kayenta Mine. I read it off the papers. That's the only News I get. I have no electricity for other news.

Response by Wilbert, True, there are unexplained protocols. We do need to talk about our answers. 2019/2020 NTEC will likely step back.

Q: Lorena Eldridge asked, 6 stakeholders did not all signed. Rain, and Air is contaminated by the Power Plant. Renewable energy. Its ruining our soil.

Response: Wilbert, once the Mine Closes, there will be no more Scholarships, no chapters. Grassroots, where's the paper, the money to keep lights on. It will come before the Department of Interior, Council Delegates.

Sterling Kedelty: Environmental Impact Statement is not done. Wait and talk with the officials. until the statements are complete, then we can continue to talk. I motion to table this topic.

Motion: Sterling Kedelty Second: Elvira Litson Vote: 19-00-06

Response by Wilbert M. There might not be anyone to represent NTEC during the Planning Meeting.

Zane James, We, our Community like to talk about important Topics. We like everyone's input. Please have important officials come to our meeting.

Adella Begay: NGS/NTEC. Liability on waste issues. Navajo Nation will take over. Any time a Big Company shuts down. There has to be clean up. There will be jobs available for

our people. There is coal ash, that it dangerous for our children. Lead affects the brain, Mercury, gas leakage, Diesel leakage that will need to be cleaned up. Land revitalization. Chemist need to check the soil. How can we neutralize the soil, land?. 200 million. Ground surface.

Concerns: there are jobs, clean up will cost a lot.

Zane James: Council Delegate, ask Nelson Begay to host a Town Hall here at our Chapter.

Response: Wilbert M. Natural gas is another way to run the Power Plant. That was an option way back. People went back to coal.

6. Approving travel requesting to attend the DNR Conference on Feb. 27 & 28, 2019. Total Amount \$442.00

Motion: Willis Becenti Second: Lorena Eldridge Vote: 14-00-09

Charles Chee: Attending Conference to review Policies and Procedures, Livestock inspection, Homesite Lease Review. Navajo Nation, Chinle Agency. Request from The Agriculture Department that each Representative should attend.

Q: Elvira Litson: When you attend conferences, why are they not reported back to the chapter?

Response: Charles Chee, because you guys don't come to the chapter meetings. Then you complain. I do report my conference trips.

Q: Lorena Eldridge. This \$442.00, is that for gas money?

Response: Charles Chee, It is for gas, Lodging, and meals. That is what the money is for. Charles Chee explains: BIA they are the ones that over look the grass, water. BIA are the ones sending us and implement the policies. I am Thankful for the snow, moisture. Hold as many livestock as you can handle. Don't over graze. As much as you can afford.

Zane James: Chapter/Officials, everyone looks up to the chapter, Senior Center, Veterans, Scholarship. We do help a lot.

Q. Morgan Begay: when individuals travel under chapter funds, when expense goes over, or unused funds occur, do they turn in documents?

Response: Zane James. yes, T.A.s are signed, and receipts are brought back. They get a percentage, then re-imburements are issued.

7. Approving Spring 2019 Chapter Scholarships, (7 students, Total: \$4,000.00).

- a. Destyni J. Henderson: 12 credit hours @ Dine' College
- b. Brandon Faber: 19 credit hours
- c. Gilberta Yazzie: 14 credit hours @ Dine' College
- d. Marlin Begay: 7 credit hours @ Dine' College
- e. Trevor Smith: 17 credit hours @ Dean College
- f. Shane Johnson: Dine College
- g. Renee Ben: Mesa Community College

Motion: Sterling Kedelty Second: Lucinda Davis Vote: 23-00-05

III. REPORTS:

1. Apache County District II- NONE
2. Farm Board: Lorena Eldridge- Grazing Meeting Tomorrow, Feb. 26,2019
Water shed report will be done by representative. By laws, Farm Board operates under Title III, Navajo Nation wide, 43 members meet. Plan of operation revised. What are the plans? Land use Permits. How can we use it?, Range Technician, we will be giving reports.
February 15,16, 2019- we went to New Mexico Organic Farm Conference. Cow, Horse grazing. Hemp License will be given. Has been passed in New Mexico. Next Meeting: March 03,2019. Need permittee holders to attend.
3. DWUA: Fred Jumbo- \$680,000.00 has been awarded from the Navajo Nation for the second phase of DWUA operations. Scheduled Meeting Dates, and up coming events are as listed under announcements; line item I. Section G. Announcements. line 3. Contact Leander Begay at the Land Grant Office, if you are interested in attending the Durango Meat Processing Shop Trip. Stipend are available if you should attend for mileage.
4. IEC: Janie Henderson- read written report:
January IEC Mtg. report: NNJOM subcontract info, school announcements, NN JOM Subcontract Regional Meeting info. Report attached to Agenda Packets.
5. Tsaille Senior Center: None
6. CHR-Wheatfields: Valerie – Community Members that live far off the main roads, disabled, the ones without transportation are the priorities to help with fire woods from the Chapter. There are some people that complain of never getting help from the Chapter. That is not true, because The Grader has been out Blading the roads to residential site to make it convenient for people to get in and out to the roads to meet their needs. We are trying to do what we can please understand that.

Motion: Elvira Litson Second: Adella Begay Vote: 22-00-07

Rita Bahe- Appreciates having the Grader out blading the roads.

Adella Begay- Thankful for the Chapter to blade the road to her house as well.

Janie- Appreciative for the Grader blading the roads. Thank You all so much!!!

IV. ROLL CALL: Zane James and Paula Begay

V. NEXT MEETING: March 04,2019 @ 1:00p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion: Willis Becenti Second: Elvira Litson