

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Tsaile Wheatfields Blackrock Communities
Chapter Meeting Agenda
Monday – January 21, 2019 @ 2:00 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:

G. Announcements:

1. 01/22/19 – Joint Grazing/Land Use Permittee Meeting @ 2pm, Wheatfields Chapter
2. 02/03/19 – DWUA Meeting @ 10:00 am @ Wheatfields Chapter
3. 02/12/19 – Veterans Meeting @ 4 pm; Wheatfields Chapter
4. 02/13/19 – Grazing Comm. Meeting @ 9am, Wheatfields Chapter
5. 02/14/19 – Chinle Agency Grazing Committee Meeting @ 9:00 am @ Wheatfields Chapter
6. 02/___/19 - Farm Board Meeting @ ____, @ Wheatfields Chapter
7. 02/___/19 – ABNDN Meeting @ ____, @ Wheatfields Chapter

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

1. Burial Asst.: Kee D. Chee of Wheatfields, \$100.00
2. Burial Asst.: Steven Billie of Wheatfields, \$100.00
3. Burial Asst: Lucy Lee of Tsaile, \$100.00
4. Donation: Andy Begay Sr., of Tsaile, \$50.00
5. Donation: Timothy Benally, of Tsaile, \$50.00
6. Donation: Pearl White, of Wheatfields, \$50.00
7. Donation: Janie Henderson, of Wheatfields, \$50.00
8. Donation: Rosinda Yazzie, of Tsaile, \$50.00

B. New Expenditures:

C. Action Items:

1. Approving and Accepting Financial Reports December 2018
2. Approving and Accepting General Activity Funds Policies and Procedures of The Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter.
3. Requesting Travel Cost to attend Ira Hayes, Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade on Feb. 22-23, 2019. Six (6) veterans, total of \$3,510.66.
4. Requesting the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to update the Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension for twenty-six (26) homes.
5. Approving and Supporting the Sihasin Funds for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to conduct the Archaeological Clearance, Environmental Assessment and

Legal Survey for Right-Of-Way acquisition for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension for twenty-six (26) homes.

6. Accepting and approving the FY'2018 Carry-Over Funds of General Funds in the amount of \$319.93 for Operating Supplies.
7. Accepting and approving the FY'2018 Carry-Over Funds of Gaming Revenue Funds in the amount of \$5,731.68 for Communication and Utilities.

III. REPORTS:

1. Grazing
2. Farm Board
3. DWUA
4. IEC
5. Tsaille Senior Center

IV. NEXT MEETING: Date: February 4, 2019 at 2 pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

TS. LILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday – January 21, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 2:13 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Chapter Officials**
- C. Invocation: Led by**
- D. Roll Call: Led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani**
- E. Review/Accept Agenda:**
Motion) Emma Yoe Second) Frank Kedelty Vote: 30-0-5

Adjust: Announcement G. to be announced first during Announcement Section.

Directive: Add Parking Lot proposal on the February 2019 Planning Meeting.

F. Review/Accept Minutes:

Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) Lucinda Davis Vote:

Lorena Eldridge: Requested for Minutes to be read for approval.

Paula S. Begay: Requesting for the Minutes to be thoroughly completed.

The request is to avoid impeding chapter resolutions from completion, as was the case with the Apache County resolution needed to be clear on the maintenance of Route 442.

Lorena Eldridge: Fix title of the Chapter Meeting Agenda to (Minutes)
Finish the Minutes in complete sentences to ensure that the entire subject was recorded.

Frank Kedelty: Current Meeting Minutes state for graveling the road on Route 442, correct to (maintenance). Correct Leslie Allen (no Lee Allen).

*****Deferred Minutes Approval to next Chapter Meeting*****

G. Announcements:

- 1. 01/20/19 – ABNDN Workshop @ 12pm, Wheatfields Chapter
- 2. 01/22/19 – Joint Grazing/Land Use Permittee Meeting @ 2pm, Wheatfields Chapter
- 3. 02/00/19 – Veterans Meeting @ 4 pm; Wheatfields Chapter
- 4. 02/00/19 – Grazing Comm. Meeting @ 9am, Lukachukai Chapter
- 5. 02/03/19 – Farm Board Meeting @ 1 pm, Wheatfields Chapter
- 6. 02/00/19 – Inauguration @ 10 am, Window Rock, AZ
- 7. 02/00/19 – ABNDN Meeting @ 6pm, Wheatfields Chapter
- 8. 02/00/19 - Workshops on K'e February 2019 and March 2019
- 9. 02/25/19 – CNO at Round Rock Chapter

Vice President Begay: 200 homes were originally the starting, now there are over a

1,000 homes to complete the Rural Addressing, approximately 80% of the Rural Addressing are being completed.

President James: Announcing the new leadership at the central government, NN president, council delegates, the Indigenous Day at the Arizona legislature,

Mount Huerfano meeting for the New Mexico portion of the chapter land area.

Lucinda Davis: Forward the invite to President James for the Mount Huerfano Chapter meeting, strongly encouraging Council Delegate to approach the New Mexico sources for funding that are available Navajo chapters.

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Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) Max Benally Vote: 32-0-3

B. New Expenditures:

1. **Lucinda Luckton of Tsaille, \$50.00**

Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: 32-0-3

C. Action Items:

Vice President: Asking to Amend Agenda to include a Resolution Approving the Acceptance of the New Mexico ICIP.

Motion) Bennie Litson Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: 20-0-15

1. **Approving and Accepting Financial Reports December 2018**

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) David Kedelty Vote: 32-0-3

President James: Reminding community to be mindful of the earmarked funds for chapter projects.

*****December 2018 Financial Reports Accepted*****

2. **Approving and Accepting General Activity Funds Policies and Procedures of The Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter.**

Motion) David Tsosie Second) Daniel Staley Vote:

Lorena Eldridge: Strike out what was taken, in the previous policies were given to the area.

Consistency language to strike-out the language....

******Deferred to Next Chapter Meeting with the corrected Draft for approval******

- 3. Veterans Organization – Ira Hayes – Iwo Jima Flag Raising and Parade Travel Cost \$4,680+
Motion) Ernie Yazzie Second) Angie Brown Vote: 28-0-5**

Willis Becenti: Chapter Veterans Organization is asking for the Chapter Veterans travel funds for Lodging, Per Diem, and Mileage for the following:

David Tsosie, Frank Begay, Roy Anagel, Frank Kedelty, Rosin Davis, Margaret Tom (banner carrier), Wesley Begay, Gilbert Nez.

Sister of Sophie Yazzie, thankful for the support of our Blackrock community veteran.

******Travel Funds Approved******

- 4. Requesting the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to update the Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension for twenty-six (26) homes.
Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) David Kedelty Vote: 30-0-3**

Paula Begay: The new proposal includes a total of 26 homes that require an updated cost estimate.

Names were read for the record.

****** Approved Updated Chapter Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate******

- 5. Approving and Supporting the Sihasin Funds for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to conduct the Archaeological Cleanrance, Environmental Assessment, and Legal Survey for Right-Of-Way acquisition for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension for twenty-six (26) homes.
Motion) Lorena Eldridge Second) David Tsosie Vote: 30-0-3**

Paula Begay: Presented

****** Approved Supporting Resolution******

- 6. Accepting and Approving the FY'2018 Carry-Over Funds of General Funds in the amount of \$319.93 for Operating Supplies.
Motion) David Kedelty Second) Bennie Litson Vote: 30-0-3**

President James: Presented.

****** Accepted and Approved FY18' Carry-Over Funds \$319.93******

- 7. Accepting and Approving the FY'2018 Carry-Over Funds of Gaming Revenue Funds in the amount of \$5,731.68 for Communication and Utilities.
Motion) David Kedelty Second) Frank Kedelty Vote: 29-0-3**

President James: Presented.

***** Accepted and Approved FY18' Carry-Over Gaming Revenue \$5,731.68*****

8. Resolution Approving and Accepting of the Tsailé-Wheatfields Chapters' New Mexico ICIP Projects

Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 30-0-2

Vice President Begay: At the Huerfano Chapter Meeting, New Mexico Council Delegates work in collaboration with New Mexico Chapter Officials.

Lucinda Davis: The top projects must be in the state of New Mexico – titled as New Mexico projects.

Paula Begay: The current listing is focused on the New Mexico; the chapter has always continued to submit New Mexico CIP projects where feasible.

Include: Road Grader emphasis within the resolution.

Bennie Litson: Grazing officials are supporting the fencing of the district line. There is no exact individual to pin-point the District 11 line, chapter boundaries, and state lines – that are conflicting boundaries for current

Willis Becenti: Agrees, there is uncertainty on the conflicting boundaries.

President James: \$237 million, 1/3 will go the house of representative, 1/3 to the 42 senators, and 1/3 will be given to the governor – in the state of New Mexico; and the chapter should make every effort to advocate for allocations of New Mexico funds.

***** Accepted and Approved Resolution on New Mexico ICIP Projects*****

III. REPORTS:

1. Grazing: Charles Chee – Tally Count is an on-going program with many changes in stipulation on livestock ownership. My responsibilities do not include providing hay for chapter livestock owners. Permittee meetings are hard to fulfill at the current moment.

Grazing and dryland farming are interconnected, and will most likely not be separated.

Catering for Grazing Agency Meeting will be occurring next month, requesting funds for event. There is no grazing official budget to cover the costs.

Today, I am only being compensated for the time from 2 pm, including the visits I received requests for, and other meetings throughout the entire chapter area. I accompanied NTUA for the powerline extension, including the Right-of-Way.

The homesite lease process; individuals are convinced that I will be filling out the entire paperwork for an individual's home. There are ceremonial-site leases that need to be completed. The Navajo Central government and agencies continue to update and modify policies without the input and dissemination of the new policies and laws to the chapter community members.

There is the proposed Range Technician position to replace the Grazing Official.

Chapter boundary, livestock boundary (District 11), agency boundary (entire agency); including the proposed ft. defiance agency (District 18).

Tally progress:

Report on the process of the paperwork. Written report is not required, we hand them over to the BIA office. The reports are not submitted to the chapter; except the current situation, the government shut-down has caused a delay in our submissions.

We are thankful for Eugene Tso's winning bid for Council Delegate, and we prepared him with our concerns as Grazing Officials.

Frank Kedelty: There are non-District 11 livestock brands in the Ram Pasture area.

The neighboring district livestock are crossing into District 11 grazing area. Individuals may pen-up a non-District 11 livestock and report to the ranger to pick-up at the non-District 11 livestock.

Ernie Yazzie: Inquiry on the homesite lease, who created the current homesite policy?

Homesite Lease Policy

Bennie Litson: Horse round up has not been completed in the Upper Wheatfields area. Grazing Official mentioned that he is not paid to do a report for the chapter, that statement is not consistent throughout Navajo leadership. Treat every community member fairly across the board in the chapter area. The livestock tally reports were conducted but might not have successfully been delivered to the final agency.

Grazing Official Chee: There was an attempt to round-up the horses, but the horses escaped across the stateline.

Frank Kedelty: The bureaucracy of the government and agencies are not spared of any entity, which distributes the lives of community members.

Bennie Litson: I speak of my concern from my personal experience this past summer, where Navajo and Federal agencies stormed my home, based on

unsubstantiated reports by individuals from the unidentified leadership within the chapter area.

David Kedelty: Many of the laws and policies currently influencing the lives of the Navajo People are from non-Navajo entities.

Stanley Kedelty: If there was a mention of the Gallup Independent news article on the Farming Revitalization finances.

Charles Chee: I admit that I did as you described on the 'unknown leadership,' and I did not single-you out (addressing Bennie Litson), every other unlawful livestock owner was contacted.

2. Farm Board: Lorena Eldridge – We operate under the authority of NNC Title 3.

MOA is the contract for 1.7 million, a collaboration between Farm Board and DWUA, and I was strongly encouraged to run for leadership position. The new Budget and Finance Committee will issue a corrective action plan, based on the audit. The next drawdown was received on January 4th, 2019.

Farm Bill from the Federal government have increased the benefits for the coming year. Hemp is an encouraged crop that was greatly researched with benefits to corn

The oversight is the Division of Natural Resources is the 'boss' of the DWUA. Natural Resource was considered for mediating on December 15 & 19, 2018, and January 27th, 2019, and after several attempts to create mediation. We were instructed by Natural Resources to wait for Budget and Finance,

3. DWUA: Aaron Begay - Fred Jumbo was suppose to dropped off reports for the chapter officials.

In 2017, only 15% of famers were in production, out of 1,600k+ acres, 50 fields were part of the project.

The Audit states that DWUA is a family-runned business; who is stating the 'family-runned business?' No one is directly questioning the Audit.

There are so many unsubstantiated areas of the Audit report.

The use of k'e is not highly valued or the logical use of the Audit Report Proceedings.

lost quorum at 5:25 pm

President James: The multiple complications are not being fully addressed by stakeholders; it would be nice and beneficial to call all the stakeholders to one meeting place.

4. IEC - None
5. Tsaile Senior Center - None
6. Council Delegate: \$5 million dollars were appropriated for the TWB DWUA .
I continuously defend the DWUA, and lobbied the delegates and Navajo Nation President. At this point, my direct involvement was accomplished and completed. The legal MOA is the directing entity to provide the leadership.

The only funds that can be audited by those funds drawn from the Navajo Nation per my conversation with the Auditor General. The Budget and Finance Committee requested for the audit, where I was informed that I requested the audit; I did not request the audit. I questioned the grounds of a Review and an Audit, where the review does not require a corrective action plan.

I will vigorously defend every project and funding that is received by the Tsaile-Wheatfields.

Daniel Staley: The meetings are productive; it is a start.

IV. NEXT MEETING: Date: February 4, 2019 at 1 pm

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion) Paula Begay Second) Stanley Kedelty Vote: All Vote Yes