

COPPERMINE CHAPTER – PLANNING/REPORT MEETING
May 16, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
MINUTES
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- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:21pm.
Allen, Stanford, Lola, Valerie, Paul, Larry Jackson, Adrian Dotson, Nadine Benally, Jerry Williams
- II. Invocation by Stanford Fowler
- III. Review & Adopt the Agenda by Allen Fowler
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Paul Begay Vote: 05 / 00 / 00
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building:
Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 05 / 00 / 00
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Resolution CO-04-024-22: Coppermine Chapter hereby approves the Cultural Pedestrian Survey within Coconino County Arizona for maintenance and minor construction within the WAPA. Nadine Benally, Transcon Environmental – request class 3 survey in Coppermine chapter area. In 1950, there are no cultural done at that time. Company went in 2020, class 1 report for document inventory and class 3 for report. Now in 2022, complete class 3 report that was initial had started. Transmission line is located west of the chapter house for survey report. 2 vehicles will do the survey and will not go off road. Will be wearing safety vest and point of contact will be on vehicle. No collection of artifact. Will indicate on the report. Cultural report. Spoken to western area power and glen canyon dam will continue operation and Colorado river is low and have shut down dam couple of times due to low water. Transmission line goes from glen canyon to flagstaff. Will keep the dam open and maintain transmission line and will do helicopter flyover. Will do road maintenance for transmission line to make sure roads are passable. Each transmission line will do 300 feet wide which is 150 wide on each side. Have forward map to chapter. Public affair 720-962-7050. They have realize on closing of the dam and realize on communication with chapter on dam is in operation, transmission line still here.
Lola – are we still entertain the resolution
Nadine – yes so chapter is aware and the community is aware. Documentation.
Allen – you have copy of company’s class 3
Nadine – yes we do have document of class 3. Have not got confirmation from Historic Preservation to release information to chapter. So you can see the survey that was done in 2020.
Allen – public information of what was done
Nadine – send me statement for chapter usage
Allen – then us chapter official will know where you can go
Nadine – send me statement that chapter will be responsible for the file. Class 3 the sites verified.
Allen – we will do that and chapter will send statement.
Nadine – how you want it sent. Thumb drive.
Allen – send to the chapter and can utilize the data.
Jerry Williams – Bureau of reclamation and Dine Power Authority. You under the same branch. Western Area Power. It was built by Bureau of Reclamation. Line goes to the 4 corner area.
Nadine – not familiar with the 4 corner area. One plant maybe own by them.
Nadine – this transmission line runs from glen canyon dam – lechee – Coppermine – gap – Cameron and ends at flagstaff sub station. This is the line we are talking about. I have been talking to other chapters and have received resolution from Lechee.
Lola – Request since you have been utilizing transmission line and goes through Coppermine and have you do arch clearance on 6210 from chapter to transmission line all the way to highway 89.

Nadine – I believe we are already doing that but let me get map. That 6210 will go by chapter to transmission line so basically you will have most of it. Will chapter be open to verify the locations.

Lola – yes chapter is open Monday to Friday.

Nadine – yes it will be covered for the arch clearance.

Allen – thank you for the report. Resolution will be move to chapter meeting.

VI. New Business:

a. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer

I received financial information from ASC and will review them.

I have done research on financial and have notified ASC that chapter hasn't received its chapter disbursement check for Navajo Nation Sales Tax and Unhealthy Food Tax. AFI hay funds is still in the process per ASC.

b. Resolution: Approving the Name of Newly Elected Chapter Official 2022-2025 to the National Bank of Arizona Signature Card: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Valerie Fowler

Allen – read the resolution heading.

Lola – forward to chapter meeting

c. Resolution: Authorizing the Approval of Chapter Scholarship for the following (1) One Full Time Student in the amount of \$500.00 utilizing Fund 13:6721.

i. Jalen Smallcanyon – Navajo Dine College

Allen – read the resolution heading. Jalen on the call? Anyone on call for Jalen?

Stanford – forward to chapter meeting

~~Resolution: Approving the Summer Youth Employment in the Amount of \$30,756.50 utilizing Fund Account 08-6102.~~

d. Request Assistance with Roof Damage – Alvina Joe

Lavern – Mid of wind season the trailer the whole roof blew off. We are trying to get some help to get funds together. She has applied for chapter assistance. Alvina lives at the home with her daughter. I have got cost estimate. 16 x 40 trailer. We have some funds available and possible raining coming. People are listening we need carpenter, we need extra hands. In the future, if other people that need immediate assistance like this is there are assistance available for the people.

Allen – how much is raised for roof repair and installation

Lavern – raise \$1000. Need another \$1000. Need shingles, etc. go fund takes 5% of the \$900. Still need nails, etc. We have some help to do the work but need more help.

Allen – all chapter funding, need application, 3 price quotes,

Valerie – chapter has approved budget for \$1500 for assistance for financial assistance for building materials. Approved budget states "To Assist Registered Community Members with Building Material Assistance up to \$1500".

Lavern – will obtain the 3 price quotes.

Lola – homesite lease is not in her name

Allen – after meeting will visit the site and see the home. Its one-time assistance.

Lola – chapter already paid for homesite lease

Allen - \$1500 is for building material only.

e. Road Maintenance – Allen – NDOT is working on 6210 which went up to red mesa and didn't finish to highway 89. Sand issue at first windmill which ask NDOT and BIA. Finally BIA set up to remove the sand off the road. Going to contact NDOT to finish the job to remove more sand.

f. Broadband from Lechee to Gap – Allen – have NTUA take broadband from gap to lechee through Coppermine. We will be working on this will NTUA, Lechee, Gap, etc.

g. Council Delegate Candidate – Helena Nez Begay (REPORT) – Not Present

h. Adrian Dotson – Solar Project (REPORT) – working on solar farm with lechee. June 19-20 at 2pm to 6pm at Lechee chapter. Proposed solar project. Can be largest solar in the country.

Allen – location of project

Adrian – 15 miles south of page on west side of highway 98, west side of the tracks.

Lola – does that mean 201 will be paved

Allen – your access road will be 201

Adrian – detail is not finalized. If you come to the June 19-20 then will answer the questions.

Adrian – can we come to meeting to provide presentation and provide handouts

Allen – yes we are working on it for chapter meeting

Jerry – email chain

Lola – is this adjacent to 201

Adrian – yes I believe so. North of 201. Jerry is this horse trail...over or pass it

Adrian – 5miles west of the track and

– tsinigine resident area

Lola – are there flags out there, arch clearances, is survey been done

Adrian – no survey, need approval from permittees, need approval from grazing, need resolution from chapter,

Lola – may dispute that

Adrian – recommend to come to June 19-20 and meeting with permittees,

Question – where is still company from

Adrian – company from California – Eight Minute Solar Energy

Allen – forward chapter meeting. Presentation at chapter meeting.

VII. Reports:

a. Council Delegate - Paul Begay

Paul – spring session have discussed ARPA funding \$2 billion and \$500 million covered hardship funding for the Navajo nation people. Cares Act have done same thing back then. Hardship is to assist with electric bill, etc. the remaining funds we are discussing. OPVP and division directors and OOC and DOJ whom budget the funds to be disbursed into varies areas. During CARES Act, we had discussed over and expiration was coming so distribute to people. In 2022, can discussing the ARPA funds. Legislation with amendment which nez line veto. Mark freeland legislation 0086-22 which OPVP have worked on is similar to freeland legislation. The council delegate have split and some delegates aren't receiving any funds. Amber crotty did legislation 0087-22 of which \$44 million for chapter be given to the delegates and distribute equally to chapters but big problem its federal funds and need to follow guidelines and go through new legislation. Need to do another 164 process. Pearl yellowman have met with her on chapters. Projects in portal. Freeland \$745million for chapters on top of the funds that is been received for projects. Reason figure of \$745million, federal guidelines of any distribution of \$600 need to have oversight, need to have 110 auditors so need funds for auditors and travel expense. Went through comment period. NABI had meeting which both legislation on agenda for 0086 and 0087. No home for children which legislation to have memorial. Need \$3million for elections. Consent agenda was approved. Freeland legislation was discussed till 10pm at NABI and had amendment 1 was approved then another amendment 2 was been discussed which was midnight. When said lets vote but Navajo nation law says cant discussed/vote after midnight so it hit midnight so couldn't vote. Any discussion of the amendment of 1 and 2 has been dissolved since there was no vote. Special election next day. Amber had report on MMWI and had long discussion. Report on elections was discussed. Recall. 0082 was discussed and went into amendments into 4pm. Amber motion for substitute 0022 with freeland. As soon as she motion, eugina approved after she motion. Then discussed that legislation. Ricky nez point out title 2 any legislation that would be heard at council needs to be heard through NABI first. Attorney indicated process is okay but rule says if something is done right then should be haven mention at the motion / second but has been discussed on that legislation.

Chief legal counsel - Right process the legislation wasn't heard at NABI. Need to discuss the legislation on freeland and amber. Have ask freeland and amber to work together on the legislation. Deadline is 2024. That is update on ARPA. Change in the law for animals. Too many dogs and dangerous. The children and elders are easy target for dangerous dogs and have lost lives. Owner at times take their animals and run. Penalty for animal attack was \$500 and 30 days in jail which increased to \$1000 for fine and 30 days in jail and on top of that animal that injury or cause death which restitution will be made. Many dogs roam free and in packs. RECA has provided information. Funds from Nevada. There was proving grounds. If person is deacease you can still file claim. RECA was going to expire in July but Nez and others testify to extend 2 more year till 2025. Its short term solution is in effect but we will be working in long term. The \$50,000 payment to increase to \$200,000 compensation. Congratulations to all the graduates.

Lola – update on water for FBFA. Not one home has waterline for Navajo Hopi Land Commission.

Paul – NHLC which covers 9 chapters. What needs to happen has to be funnel down from director Robert Black. We can invite resource people. Can get better answer from them. There are projects like that in the works. Me and delegate daniels which we only get same report. We need to get Robert Black and NHLC to come to the chapter to provide update. If you want me too then I can request that.

Sid – question for paul. Who will do deal with wild animals. 1 ranger for NN. The resource staff need to be discussed and enforcement of a lot of dogs roaming. Its like that where I live. When making legislation who is going to do the enforcement. Thank you for your report. Helena is on the agenda so maybe she is on the line.

Paul – you hit the problem, advertisement for personnel for ranger which receive no applicants, we are short handed, same with police officers, it's the main problem with no applicants applying for vacant position. Ranger for western covers from oljato, lechee, leupp, dilcon which is large area to cover. Until we have the personnel to do that then all we an do is the laws.

Sid – reason why no applicants is background check, pay scale, etc. rangers need raise. Open to Non-Indians. Same with feral horses issues.

Stanford – its pay grade. We are not certified chapter. NNDA isn't working on it. NN improvement land. Change grazing to different position. We are not cop to do enforcement to issue citation.

Sid – who is authority BIA or NN which told previous grazing

b. Chapter President - Allen Fowler

Allen – road have contact BIA with no response then request delegate for his assistance and received it for 6210 and first windmill. Have talked to lena fowler for grading for N21 which she mentioned they are on scheduled.

c. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith

Lola – good to hear from community. Election tomorrow from coconino for community college. Come and vote tomorrow. In near future, will have hoop house kick-off to work on it and start planting. Not sure if any fruit tree available to purchase. Water sanitation indicated 16 homes for installation of cistern, stepic tank, drainage. It doesn't provide location. Also 2in waterline for 4 homes and homes have to haul water. Remember it took 10 years for waterline from chapter to highway 89.

Allen – called ms bitsoie and no call back

d. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler

Valerie – at last planning meeting community have requested for agenda and minutes to be posted on the chapter website. Per ASC that only Chapter Administration has access. So I will send agenda and minutes to be ASC for them to post on the website.

e. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler

Stanford – 40% livestock adjustment is been pushed. There are no vegetation. I currently have my livestock in the corral and feed them. Issue with bull and are breeding all over. It can be pinned up the bull and notify the owner. When water decrease and animals come to windmill then can do round up. We told BIA and NNDA. Everything will be forward. For non-compliance on tally sheet will be indicated. Some people take their animals over hill during tally count. Doing one-on-one assessment with permit holders. All grazing official say its hard to enforcement. Need to certified as ranger the grazing official. Met with RDC at twin arrows to discuss cemetery. Was provided template and resolution. Need to fix the resolution and give to RDC. NN govt aren't recognizing the permit holders. This address only for month and not long-term for addressing animals. For vegetation and drought. Same with NNDA indicated no funds so they said don't ask for funding. One-on-One on grazing regulations for 1-2 hours then will do tally.

Sid – on Navajo land who will graze the land, what kind of person

Stanford – grazing permit holder and compliance. The permit is good for one year and after tally count which will renew your grazing permit and with compliance. BIA has policy. BIA issued the permit on the Navajo nation land but we must be in compliance.

Sid – family plot have to be withdraw. Need to have land withdrawn. Family plot.

f. CLUPC – Linda Long – Not present

g. CHR – Susie Shorthair – report on distribution in gap tomorrow. May 31 JMI in lechee which I'll be giving out covid home test kit. If anyone needs covid home test kit let me know. I have hand sanitizer as well.

Allen – covid count for Tuba City

Susie – no. its on OPVP website.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Next Chapter Meeting: May 24, 2022 @ 4pm DST
Meeting at Chapter House. Minimum people. Temperature check.
- b. Next Planning Meeting: June 6, 2022 @ 4pm DST
- c. Next CLUPC Meeting:
- d. Coconino County Special Election: May 17, 2022 from 7am-7pm

Forward all to the chapter.

Motion Stanford Fowler. Second Lola Smith. Vote: 04/00/01

IX. Adjournment at 7:06pm. Motion: Stanford Fowler. Second: Lola Smith. Vote: 04/00/01

Helena Nez Begay – had emergency with client.

Allen – your on agenda for chapter meeting May 24.

Valerie Fowler

Written and prepared by Valerie Fowler
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer