

COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING  
April 17, 2024 at 5PM  
MINUTES

Coconino County Attorney Office – Ammon Barker – Provided Report

MMIP (missing murder indigenous people) is issue that office is working on.  
Cold Cases are been reviewed. One case is 20 year old.  
Medical Examiner – there are 20 remain that are not identified.  
Have talked to chapters and chapters have indicated they have missing relatives.  
Need to get DNA from relatives whom are missing relatives.  
Scams and identify theft are increasing, they are using social media to obtain your identify.  
Have 30 minute class which can be done at senior center for identify theft.  
In our county system is different, like peace making is invited, population in jail which 50% are Navajo and hopi.  
Make sure we are cultural center.  
We have warrants going back years and years. People are worried of going into flagstaff so we are cleaning up warrants.

Questions: who are your with, you mentioned MMIP

Questions: where would we go if have relative are missing

Barker: local law enforcement then they would coordinate with jurisdiction, to test one sample of DNA is \$10K

Question: scammer training, how many people needed

Barker: 10 people, we usually go to senior center

Question: how far are you going on warrants

Barker: if low level warrant, failure to pay fine, 10years 5years. Flagstaff there are over 10,000 warrants.

Question: justice system coming out

Barker: will be in page on June 13, there is couple hours at beginning for warrants and passport

Question: you mention passport

Barker: need to see clerk to get passport

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 6:13pm.
- II. Invocation by Evelyn Tsinnijinnie
- III. Review and adopt the agenda. Read by Allen Fowler.  
Motion: Alex Whitehair                      Second: Evelyn Tsinnijinnie                      Vote: 25/00/01
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building  
Motion: Faith Mooney                      Second: Katie Spencer                      Vote: 25/00/01
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
  1. Financial Report and update report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler

Valerie – read the financial report to the community which is in the minutes. I have some questions regarding the financial report provided by ASC which I have email ASC. The stipend should be 3000.00 instead of 1500.00. the credit for fund 01, fund 03, fund 15.

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Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	FEB 2024 per NN WIND	Expenses	Credit	Deposit	MAR 2024 per ASC
01	General Activity Fund	23,995.16	1,084.63	1,327.51	614.10	24,852.14
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	14,684.50	770.95			13,913.55
08	Summer Youth Employment	59,867.25	-			59,867.25
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-			19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,505.72	2,000.00			16,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	37,699.90	1,500.00			36,199.90
13	Scholarship/General Fund	24,745.00	250.00			24,495.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	1,755.00		500.00		2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	135,075.69	3,166.67			131,909.02
16	Veterans	9,660.37	-			9,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85	-			58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	8,289.72	1,090.61			7,199.11
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	181,037.43	3,728.40			177,309.03
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-			272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	117,682.74	2,278.75			115,403.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48				5.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>983,642.55</b>	<b>15,870.01</b>	<b>1,827.51</b>	<b>614.10</b>	<b>970,214.15</b>

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Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	
01	General Activity Fund	Revenue(+614.10), food(1084.63), funeral(+300.00), equipment(+1027.51
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	office supplies (203.69), propane (821.14), <i>electric</i> (+253.88)
08	Summer Youth Employment	
09	Housing Discretionary	
10	Local Governance Grant	office supplies(1000.00), operating supplies(1000.00)
12	Chapter Official Stipend	stipend(1500.00)
13	Scholarship/General Fund	financial asst(250.00)
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	<i>financial asst(+500.00)</i>
15	Public Employment Project	salaries(2946.53), FICA(182.68), MC(42.71), <i>WC(+5.25)</i>
16	Veterans	
17	Emergency Fund	
21	Chapter R/M	electric(404.28), water(686.33)
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	travel(834.58), office supplies(1845.67), operating supplies(1048.15)
28	Chapter Projects	
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	food(478.75), supplies exp(1800.00)
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	

Bank Statement for March 29, 2024		
Beginning Balance	1,006,772.74	
Deposit - Cash - 3/5	263.44	7 Deposits for Total of \$1,842.00
Deposit - Cash - 3/5	249.39	
Deposit - Cash - 3/8	157.90	
Deposit - Cash - 3/19	222.32	
Deposit - Cash - 3/19	365.58	
Deposit - Cash - 3/19	422.36	
Deposit - Cash - 3/26	161.01	
Checks Processed (26)	13,365.23	
Ending Balance	995,249.51	

Motion: Lee Clizzie                      Second: Phillip Tsingine                      Vote: 25/00/01

- Resolution # 04-034-24: Approval of Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 40 – Unhealthy Food to transfer funds 6600 (consultant expense) of \$2000 to be transferred into 6352 (purchases food) to cover negative balance and replenish the account to purchase food for Coppermine Community Events and Demonstration.

Sue – we did first load to page before lunch time was 800 pound  
Sue – another load to tuba city which was 1000 pound,  
Sue – another load by Stanford was 500 pound  
Sue – there are still trash outside and people indicated there are still trash out there  
Sue – didn't count highway 89 which is probably over 1000 pounds, so we picked over 4000 pounds, families got involved, families picked trash for 2 weeks

Motion: Sue Russell                      Second: Linda Long                      Vote: 25/00/01

- Resolution # 04-035-24: Supporting the Issuance of Tribal Access Authorization Agreement (TAA) from the Navajo Nation to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to Construct, Attach, Operate, and Maintain a Distribution Line.  
NTUA – introduced herself to the community. Came to chapter in past for chapter resolution for the clinic but the project number was wrong so just want make that correction on the project number by one number. Re-approved to use the correct project number.  
We do have project down road with ligh up Navajo.  
If you have people that don't have electric and have homesite lease can apply for assistance. I can provide that assistance.  
Lola – how many light up Navajo projects that are going to happen here  
Ntua – current have 1 that is over mile and 3 more less than mile  
NTUA – 73K for clearances and biological, not sure about construction cost

Motion: Lou Spencer                      Second: Alex Whitehair                      Vote: 25/00/01

- Reports and Presentation:
  - Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – NOT PRESENT

2. Dig Deep – Mike Benally – introduced self to the community. Came with 2 more staff. At planning meeting, I had provided presentation. Dig deep is to provide water for resident without running water. Drinking water. Dig deep have started from Utah, dilcon, new Mexico Thoreau, west virginia, Texas. Two staff work in los angeles. How do we work with water. Provide water tank to provide water into the home of the sink, water pump, water filter, electricity is none then provide assistance with solar panel, every 6-8 weeks that water is hauled to home, one disadvantage is our water truck needs maintenance or our current work load is a lot then will have less water hauling, dig deep provide the funds to haul water, we have already obtain funds to run dig deep, water heater and water pump do have wear and tear so provide that assistance of fixing the water heater and water pump, there is warranty on the equipment and after the warranty the owner is liable for equipment,  
Deborah – mostly it effects the FBFA and what is the time frame,  
Mike –  
Sue – how many project in Coppermine  
Mike – 2 in Coppermine which is completed, work in varies chapter, ntua waterline is hooked up is when the name is removed from the assistance list, if you are not home and water heater may freeze so owner need to take care of the water heater  
Mike – in Coppermine we have worked on 2 homes, we are asking for supporting resolution to work in this chapter. Requesting what is FBFA, I don't know what is FBFA. If you know of person that needs water then provide number. Need homesite lease, its only way for dig deep to dig dirt for water tanks. We survey first.  
Evelyn – you have been here before and presented your presentation. Where did you get your funds.  
Mike – its donated funds.  
Evelyn – where is funds  
Mike – main office is in los angelos  
Evelyn – my son currently getting assistance from federal, if I knew then would have gone this way  
Sue – you do survey and process...how long does it take...year ?  
Mike – depends on number of projects and schedule because we also haul water  
Question – what about livestock  
Mike – water for people only, not livestock.  
Linda – do flyer, then we can get people information  
Mike – we are providing assistance to non-navajos as well. Septic cleaning. We did 2 homes in Coppermine and did 4 in Gap as well. There is budget for septic cleaning and when funds run out then have to wait till funds is replenish.  
Katie – roads are sandy so you provide assistance for them or not due to sandy. We live in sandy area so we don't get assistance.  
Mike – we have 4x4 vehicles, we have gotten stuck in the past  
Lola – If person doesn't have homesite lease that you would provide assistance with their homesite lease  
Mike – yes we can provide that assistance
  
3. Coconino County Attorney Office – Ammon Barker – already provide presentation
  
4. Coppermine Veterans – Al Long, New Commander – alex whitehair introduced self to the community. We service the local veterans. Every 2 years we rotate the members for veterans. Lavern Tsosie has been our commander and in March she had step-down. Have ask other veterans to take the position but declined so Al Long accepted the position so moved from Vice-Commander to Commander as of March 2024. Alfred Long, has accepted the position so be patient with him and

is up in that age, and work with him. Tomorrow is Veterans Meetings at 5pm at Coppermine Chapter.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate /CLUPC Report:

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – NOT PRESENT
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – discussion on Road N20, we had meeting on Road Meeting at Bodaway Gap but wasn't a productive meeting. There will be meeting on Monday at 1pm on the Road N20 on accidents, etc. Will see who will show up. We had meeting with ARPA and just making sure we get what we want. They have drawings but that isn't what we wanted. There was special meeting for multi-purpose building. I want at least 60x100. This size can have basketball court and have events. We are getting funding for it. we can always add to it.  
Lola – on multipurpose building its up to the council delegate. It depends on how much funds not been used for arpa, council delegate will discuss on the funding and how it will be used.  
Allen – big electrical line to remove the line to do development on the chapter
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – since we are from here, we are all related, some community members got into it, like faye mooney, lita yellowman has been there 2 weeks and picking on Sunday too, we had lunch here, lita and her mom just ate quick to pickup trash. Thank you for that. Monday is the real earth day and page has their on Monday. My niece took trash to page and ask if it was community even and said yes from Coppermine so Page didn't charge for dumping trash. Got email from Mark Washburn, owner of gap store, said interested in solar project from highway 89 to N20. Lechee is battle which some are for the project and others are against the project. Solar project is effects the weather and vegetation. We need to come up with resolution to be against it. it starts with clup first.  
Lola – there is mistake in the chapter resolution for 15 mile road.  
Allen – will take care of it  
Lola – there is pond when it rains at the entrance, need to change chapter entrance  
Lola – we need to continue picking up trash on the roads  
Lola – there was another accident by trading post, anglo person went to sleep, the vehicle totally flip, be careful on the road,  
Alex – at the council session, mike Anderson was confirmed as director, council indicated what have you been doing, indicated there is no patrol on Road N20, delegates go mad at Anderson. Anderson and council delegate will be in attendance on Monday it sounds like.  
  
Debora – need consistent on planning and chapter meeting  
Valerie – meetings for may is scheduled  
The meetings for April has changed due to travel of chapter officials  
  
Lola – we have new staff  
Regina – introduced self to the community
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – NOT PRESENT
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – introduced self to the community. Coppermine chapter official and community have selected clup and ask us to work on the planning book. Started with allen, mary francis, calvin begay, and self. We hired consultant Floyd stevens to provide assistance. We have worked on planning book and no rush on the booklet. We would rush if we had chapter CSC, chapter AMS, and voter registration of over 1000. Need to have public meeting which goes back to you the community to ask questions. Have received help from ASU and guided us to complete the CLUP

manual book. AZ Rural Planning have review Coppermine CLUP Manual and was selected for First Place which we went to phoenix to get the award. We had the CLUP manual here at the chapter. The National Rural Planning have reviewed Coppermine CLUP planning book and was selected for an award. So we have selected allen to travel to Minneapolis to receive the award but was denied by ASC even though we have funds budget for travel. So in may chapter meeting would invite ASU to give us the award during the chapter meeting. The Coppermine CLUP manual hasn't been certified yet but has received 2 awards. We would like to provide appreciation gift to ASU 2 staff for their assistance. We have clup manual in the system. We haven't had clup meeting, last time was in December, there isn't request for clup meeting, for project request needs to start froms clup. Mary, Floyd and I when the clup manual is certified then will step down. Would like for the next members to do more. I would like to keep Coppermine same and natural. Keep the development in the chapter area and along the road right of way and leave land in back alone. Keep the land for our animals to roan.

Allen – there are 2 awards. One from State of Arizona. Another is National. It was a lot of work put into it.

IX. Announcements:

1. St. Mary's Food Bank – APRIL 16, 2024 @ 1pm (DST)
2. Veterans Meeting – APRIL 18, 2024 @ 5 PM (MST)
3. Next Planning Meeting – MAY 7, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
4. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – MAY 13, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
5. Kaibab NF Firewood Permits Start April 14 to May 1

Evelyn – sawmill in kaibeto you can get woods from there.

X. Adjournment at 7:50pm. Motion: Evelyn Tsinnijinnie. Second: Lou Spencer. Vote: 25/00/01

*Valerie Fowler*

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler  
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer