

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
PLANNING/REPORT MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024 @ 4:00PM DST
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 4:50pm.
- II. Invocation by Lola Smith.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler.
Allen – any addition to agenda
Lavern – Echo Cliff Development – report
Motion: Valerie Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 02/00/01
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 02/00/01
- V. Old Business:
 - a. **Resolution CO-07-050-24:** Accepting and Approving the Selection of Linda Long and Mary Francis as Members of the Coppermine Community Land Use Planning Committee.
Allen – read the agenda to the community
Lola – on this resolution, there is problem, DOJ has sent document regarding CLUP, the CLUP and Chapter Officials need to meet on this, there is 6 pages, once more to table this resolution,
Allen – the plan of operation is on another
Floyd – procedure guideline on table item. Is this matter is going to be discussed, it needs to be recalled, if table twice then it becomes dead, what should have done, 2 items to address, the plan of operation and this resolution, there are 2 items,
Lola – at the chapter meeting it was tabled, on count that we need to hear from DOJ, received the plan of operation document that needs to be discussed
Floyd – there is plan of operation that was approved by DOJ,
Lola – motion to table this resolution
Floyd – if the 2 clup members are out then how would you have meeting to have quorum,
Debra – there are 2 plan of operation which one states 2 years and 4 years
Floyd – DOJ have already review and commented on the plan of operation, attorney Ochawa,
Lola – when it was tabled and stated to hear from DOJ,
Allen – I talked to Cynthia freeman stated they have not received FRS from Coppermine on CLUP issue,
Debra – I'll followup on it,
Allen – the document was forward to all chapter
Debra – the document he has is for 2 years
Floyd – this covers plan of operation
Debra – how do you deal with term limit, resignation,

Lola – the response from DOJ is the plan of operation

Debra – im get response from doj

Allen – since no second to the motion

Floyd –

Valerie – what is the HQ #

Debra – I don't have it,

Allen – motion to forward to chapter meeting,

Allen – what is your recommendation Floyd

Floyd – your motion by Lola, shall go

Linda – you all talk about like you all know, plan of operation approved with no opposed, clup report to chapter president, if im going to request to DOJ then I have to go through Chapter President, what is going on here, I have copy of the plan of operation, DOJ recommendation is the same as current Coppermine CLUP plan of operation, DOJ didn't have one so coppermine chapter came up with plan of operation, the \$250 stipend which Valerie told us no funding and have to go through different process, attorney was the administration building that assisted on plan of operation, the planning book is no on hold, you are all interfering/ obstructing the clup manual, there is a lot of ground rules, each chapter is different with ground rules, this planning book is foundation and guidance for this community coppermine, this is ready to go through public hearing, we (linda, allen, mary, floyd, calvin, and other named in the book) have worked on clup manual, Floyd – the two items, the plan of operation, the recommendation made from DOJ, recommendation of pay, have to be consist with pay so pay move back to \$125, clup manual was given to us to work on, first was the FBFA which was thawed out, started the assessment, then geodesign, mostly gear toward housing, collect information with different questionnaire, of roads, water, housing. From assistance from asu that is geared toward geodesigned. Now in 2024, lets wind up and other chapters are requesting assistance from asu. There was question on land use plan. 5 management system, there are 6 items to meet, clup membership there is disagreement so will effect chapter, new election so new official may say this isn't good so who will work on the manual, asu may step back till chapter fix their disagreement.

Lola – thank you for the history, I have been to your meetings, I know what is involved, I am not saying to remove you from office, this plan of operation needs to be discussed among clup members and chapter officials, we need to have AMS and CSC with over 1000 voters, nobody is saying you are off, we just review the plan of operation and input the blank items, plan of operation needs review/revision, we can't get certified next month, we don't have AMS/CSC or 1000 voters,

Floyd – that letter you got needs to be review and I haven't seen the document,

Debra - I spoke to milford, Cynthia spoke to milford and provided the HQ#, milford will come meeting,

Allen - there is no document here, when you took oath to be apart of the CLUP you would help the community but now you are hindering the manual,

Debra – self appointment

Allen – I don't self appointment as president, title 26

Debra – self interested resolution

Allen – you don't self appoint yourself, you hold clup meeting without clup president

Lavern – I am for helping community, during clup meeting I was told to excuse myself, there was no documentation, I went through many commanders, we work through it, I was willing to work through it, clup and veterans are two different things,

Linda – you stating I wasn't the president, she stated she don't want to work with me,

Allen – we need to get things done, you want documentation, you don't want to work together, community wants them back on the clup, that 2019 clup plan of operation was reviewed by doj, you need to hear what the community want, need to get things done, you self-appoint

Debra – meeting came worksession

Allen – why is so hard to put them back in and get the plan of operation review as clup awhile, why cant you all work together, that clup manual has been worked on, Ive worked on it, we need to push through to get community, I want to keep asu on, with that, I made motion, lola had motion but no second, all im saying is let the people decide, reason it was table last month was get response from DOJ,

Valerie – second the motion, let the people vote on the resolution

Motion: Allen Fowler

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 02/01/00

Floyd – worksession on plan of operation, there isn't really a difference between coppermine clup plan of operation and doj plan of operation are same and only difference is the zoning which was strict out for coppermine.

Debra – the doj document states the resignation

Allen – need to address virtual, look at the 3 for title 26

Rita – who are clup members

Allen – these 2 are clup members that have worked on the clup manual, mary, linda, lavern and debra,

Lola – Stanford

Allen – need to indicate Stanford

Rita – in past had meeting, there was no clup because of stipend, I know they picked linda and voted here, tried getting members and nobody came forward, not only its time consuming, stipend, in best of interest resolution, it may look like best interest of him but its for community, I know what will become of that, that your favoring certain people, that linda's position nobody wanted to do for along time, when there was no document for the 2 position then why didn't they say hey need resolution to reinstate,

Lavern -

VI. New Business:

a. Financial Report and update report – Valerie – no report from ASC

b. **Resolution CO-08-051-24:** Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for the Following Three (3) Students in the Amount of \$1250.00 Utilizing the Scholarship General Fund Account 13:6721

Name of Students:

Jalen Smallcanyon - FT

Shannon Reid - FT

Gwendolyn John - PT

Name of School:

Dine College

University of Arizona

Dine College

Allen – any representative for Jalen - none

Regina – speaking for Shannon and she wrote letter to chapter, major law, she has worked for the chapter, introduced her clans, she had picked up siblings, she is page graduate,

Gwendolyn – introduced self to community, originally from south of first windmill, associate degree in social work, I currently work as case, am taking 1-2 classes since I am working, funds to help pay for tuition and supplies,

Lola – dollar amount for part time

Allen - \$250

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 02/00/01

- c. **Resolution CO-08-052-24:** Approving the Budget Transfer within Fund Account 10 for MIP Financial System

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie – Transfer funds to cover payment for MIP, MIP is the chapter accounting system. ASC has provide the budget transfer amount as the following: Budget Transfer from Fund Code 10-6404 (Other Lease Rental) of \$2500.00 and from Fund Code 10-6804 (Computers) of \$2000.00 for total amount of \$4500.00 to be transfer into Fund Code 10-6305 (Dues & Subscriptions).

Lola – resolution heading needs to state the dollar amount

Valere – just received the budget transfer amounts today but will be on the resolution for chapter meeting

Note: Resolution: Approving the Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 10 – LGS Grant Fund to transfer funds from 6404 (Other Lease Rental) of \$2500.00; from 6804 (Computers) of \$2000.00; to be all transferred into 6305 (Due & Subscriptions) for total amount of \$4500.00 to replenish the account to cover fees for MIP Financial System.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 02/00/01

- d. **Resolution CO-08-053-24:** Authorizing the Approval of the Updated Coppermine Chapter Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan 2025-2030

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie – provide information from update ICIP for 2019-2024 that was approve on July 19, 2019. Provide information from Exhibit A:

These projects are as follows:

- A. Powerline extensions throughout Chapter
 - 1. Coppermine Scattered-Phase IV Powerline Project \$421,722.41(In process)
 - 2. Coppermine Scattered Extensions \$547,620.94
 - Archaeological Clearance, Environmental Assessment, and Legal Survey for Right-of-Way (needs to be completed).
- B. Coppermine Waterline Extension Projects (Funded by OEH) Need Bathroom additions.
 - 1. Coppermine KoKo Extension Phase I U54-Funded (40 homes)
 - 2. Coppermine KoKo Extension Phase 2 U60-Funded (30 homes)
 - 3. Coppermine Northwest 89 U44-Funded (29 homes)
 - 4. Coppermine Scattered Bathroom Addition List (8 homes)
- C. Scattered Housing Development
Clustered Housing Development
 - 1. Gap Clinic Site
 - 2. Select other locations?
 - Perform engineering, archaeological and environmental surveys.
- D. Road Improvement Projects
 - 1. NR 6210, Engineering, archaeological and environmental surveys are completed.
 - 2. N20, Install turning lanes, cattle guards and pave bus pull outs.
- E. Community and Economic Development Projects
 - 1. Southern Coppermine (Gap Clinic Site) Perform engineering, archaeological and environmental surveys.
 - a. Housing (80 homes)
 - b. Economic Development
- F. Community Multi-Purpose Building (Check into archaeological and environmental clearances).
 - a. Senior Center
 - b. Head Start
 - c. Youth Center
- G. Agricultural Water Development
 - a. Western Navajo Pipeline
 - b. Drought Proposal/Funds
- H. Community Cemetery (Perform engineering, archaeological and environmental surveys).
 - a. At Big Cut (Antelope Pass)
 - b. Coppermine Chapter area?
 - c. First Windmill area?

Valerie – provide information from project listing for ICIP that are in the WIND System:

INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2025 - 2030

Coppermine

CHAPTER PROJECT SUMMARY

Id	Year Rank	Project Title	Category	Amount Secured	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total Project Cost	Amount Not Yet Funded
MPBCPSF51104-002322	2025 - 1	Multi-Purpose Building (Community Public Safety Facilities)	Multi-Purpose Bldg	\$0	\$2,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
W51104-003510	2025 - 2	Warehouse	Warehouse	\$0	\$1,784,640	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,784,640	\$1,784,640
CC51104-003466	2025 - 3	Community Cemetery	Cemetery Tract	\$0	\$99,840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99,840	\$99,840
WPKWP51104-002292	2025 - 4	KOKO Waterline Project Extension Phase I U54-40 Homes	Water System	\$0	\$14,625,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$19,625,000	\$19,625,000
SHDF51104-002340	2025 - 5	Scattered Housing Development- FBFA	Housing	\$0	\$2,880,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,680,000	\$4,680,000
CPL51104-000113	2025 - 6	Chapter Parking Lot	Parking Lot	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$275,000	\$275,000
CCT51104-000232	2025 - 7	Coppermine Chapter Telecommunication	Telephone Lines	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
ESBAACFR51104-002299	2025 - 8	Environmental Surveys, Biological Assessments, Archeological Clearances for Roads	Roads/Streets	\$0	\$560,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000	\$560,000
WDWCAW51104-002291	2025 - 9	Agricultural Water Development	Water System	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$70,000
DCAEDP51104-002403	2025 - 10	Develop Community and Economic Development Plan	Economic Plan	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
BAMU51104-003563	2025 - 11	40 Bathroom Additions / Modular Units	Bathroom Additions	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
CTT51104-002894	2025 - 12	Coppermine Towing Trailer	Trailer	\$0	\$27,821	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,821	\$27,821
TOTAL				\$0	\$25,022,301	\$2,800,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$31,822,301	\$31,822,301

Valerie – need to discuss if this is the list the community for their ICIP. I have concern on the Waterline Project which in 2019-2024 it listed KOKO Phase I, Phase II, Phase III. Those other waterline projects need to be listed as well.

Lola – water is going to be extended from whitehair, water come from else where, I don't know if they are going to take it down, water from ngs maybe, need to invite IHS to provide update on how will get water, water settlement, there is water at first windmill and its not far down why is there no development, with paul begay and Jonathan nez present, head of resource said it can be done and will recommend it, he was going to develop first windmill but was remove from office, then that just ended for water development for first windmill, I have been on top of this, jolen Ashely was suppose to come to coppermine but started from leupp to look at the community, then moved to dilcon, then arrived here at night so no much happened, need IHS to provide update

Floyd – feasible to say KOKO Waterline Phase I to say KOKO Waterline/Western Pipeline, not much happening on Western pipeline, don't know much about water settlement, can get water from Arizona, where is that going, hydroelectric, need update from HIS

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 02/00/01

- e. **Resolution CO-08-054-24:** Updating and Accepting the Plan of Operation for the Coppermine Community Land Use Planning Committee.
Allen – this has been discussed previous, also mention virtual, we have voted on for virtual, there are 3 templates that need to be reviewed, template can be shown on screen, this can be discussed with

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 02/00/01

Lavern – since discussing virtual, can we discuss telecommunication to talk about tv
Allen – telecommunication is big project,

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- a. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair
- b. Coconino County – Shirley Watkins
- c. Echo Cliff Development – Lavern = attend meeting last Friday, how interested is the coppermine for economic development, they want to go with it, there is gap people interested in the economic development, swaback developed the map, map showing development, what is issue is finding people to develop businesses at the economic development, I'll provide more information at chapter meeting, have people employed there,

Lola – yes that is going for many years, this planning ends soon, if we don't get business for development then gap chapter can go in for development, what we need is education, on how to start business, elaine young need here, im thinking to invite window rock, how to start a business, there was 2 ladies that came "Stay Grounded", we need to be educated, there lady from tuba city that runs business and is milionarie, need business from south coppermine, swaback have designed it, grant came from brian cole and funds went to native, what kind of business, grocery store, gas station, if you want to start business, need to get people from window rock to educate

Debra – there is group change lab that provide that assistance on starting business
Debra – im not for brian cole involvement

Lola – its going to be given back to chapter, brian cole is done end of September,

Floyd – the facilities are going to have to share sewage, electricity, water, for the economic development, is IHS okay with sharing the sewage, electricity, water, etc. For economic development who is going to develop it, bead stand, the agreement of some type of understanding, we want to connect for staff housing, so don't need to 2 system,
Lola – we cant not share with them, the sewer, its IHS, there are funds in economic development, clinic is going build 90 homes, its going be little town,

Rita – who is going to buy, is there something in marketing, survey on what is needed,
Lola – I have ask the students on what they want in coppermine, they said to buy fresh food,

Rita – kaibeto is bigger community and store can't keep up with fresh food

Lola – there was small bashas in community to provide fresh food which is an idea, this is good opportunity, everyone is going over there for services, they are going to have pedicure/dental/ eyeglasses/ etc.

Allen – community land use plan will be viewed by outside, need to be critical on the language,

Lavern – aug 26 RDO will have event in Lechee from 9am to 3pm

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report:

- a. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – allen – tom franklin left
- b. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – will provide report at chapter meeting
- c. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – already provided report during meeting
- d. Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – will provide report at chapter meeting
Horse roundup at bitter springs this Saturday, so you can bring unbranded horses to bitter springs,

IX. Announcements:

- a. Next Planning Meeting – September 9, 2024 @ 4pm
- b. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – August 12, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
- c. Coppermine Chapter Admin. Building – CLOSED – Navajo Nation Code Talkers Day
- d. Next St. Mary's Food Bank – August 20, 2024 @ 2pm (DST) **Need Helpers**
- e. Veteran's Meeting – August 22, 2024 @ 6pm (DST)
- f. Western Agency Grazing Meeting - TBA
- g. NN LIHEAP Application Available at Chapter Admin. Limited – Application Due August 30, 2024
- h. Navajo Nation Voters Registration Opens – August 10, 2024
- i. Chapter Scholarship Available for Fall/Winter Semester - Application Due August 30, 2024
Lavern – what about text school, if school starts in jan and can apply at different date
Allen – there is deadline dates for the scholarships
Regina – New Navajo School Clothing opens October 1, 2024
Regina – student finished the sign, and posted at the entrance

Kee Black – my name not on the agenda, I am running for vice-president, came to meeting to listen to what is going on, learning, helping the community, Ive read the reports, its up to us if we want to change, there is another candidate from south coppermine, I am here to help my community, its up to community to vote for either one of us as vice president, like to provide comment at chapter meeting, I have been working at plant for years, I retired and built my home, I take care of my aunt and she is in her 80s, maybe its good to visit people homes to see what help is needed, you gotta be involved, I have children / relatives, provide clans to community, it good her comment on business, heard from shicheii that bought things from flagstaff and sold to the community,

Floyd – need to have forum at the chapter house, so we know what is their platform, to ask them questions, to know of their qualifications, this is chapter is for public, so people are informed, the candidates should be campaigning, at chapter meeting it takes up time so need separate time for them the platform,

Regina – Navajo nation open up for the vacant today to Aug 15, 2024.

X. Adjournment at 7:18pm. Motion Lola Smith. Second Valerie Fowler. Vote 02/00/01.



Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer