

COPPERMINE CHAPTER CLUPC MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 @ 10AM MDT
MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to Order time: @10:52PM by Linda Long
- II. Invocation: Linda Long
- III. Review and Adopt Agenda: (Read and approve agenda) Motion: Deborah Saligo
Second: Mary Francis
- IV. Approval of last Meeting Minutes: Motion: Mary Francis Second: Deborah Saligo
- V. Old Business:
 - A. On going editing
- VI. New Business (Discussion and possible approval)
 - A. Clupc meeting on Friday, May 10 at 10am.dst. Chapter house. Topic: New cemetery site.
 1. Linda Long: The designated community gravesite was rejected. We're back to choosing another site.
 2. Allen Fowler: ARPA funded project has a deadline for the community cemetery.
 3. Stafford Fowler: Malik Scott sounded like he was not in favor to fight for the community cemetery near Julia Goldtooth. The late Tsosie and Lilly Bigman land is rough terrain and the ground may have rocks. Conversed with Betty Yellowman and inspected the land near the yellowman residence. Betty advised Stanford that she doesn't want anything to do with the land.
 4. George Yellowman Jr.: Brother in law to Betty Yellowman Jr. The home was made for parents in 1968 and is a veteran's home. Betty Yellowman used to live in the home. She recently gave the home to George Yellowman Jr. Currently in the process of transferring homesite lease. George Jr. claims to have grazing rights. George Jr. recommends we designate a different location for community cemetery. Location: MP 20 East side of N20. Across from Late Tsosie and Lilly Bigman.
 5. Floyd Stevens: Former Grazing officials Calvin G. Begay visited and counted 42 grave sites. We have had this discussion before. We let people suggest.
 - a) Regina- Suggested use of family plot near the first windmill, her relatives told her no.
 - b) Roylentia Begay- Suggested use of family plot near the late Harry Begay. The family wished to keep it as a family plot.

- c) Late Jim Boyd Cemetery- Denied by the families between Monkey stadium and Whitecone (Coppermine)
 - d) Site near Cling residence (Near a massacre site from 1860s)- Brian Cling opposed
 - e) Recent site- Opposed by Julia Goldtooth
6. We were told by the Navajo Land Department that we can always use the “Imminent domain” to enforce. Which we have decided to avoid for now.
 7. No new burials should be made. Currently no community member has started the process to register their burial family plots. If community members would like to designate a family plot, they must go through RDC. Same process of a homesite lease.
 8. We are waiting for a formal decision from Window Rock. Lola left a message with Council Delegate Helena Nez-Begay to get an answer from Mike Halona. We can also get a hold of Casey Johnson with Resource Development.
 9. Allen Fowler Jr.:
 - a) We’re on a timeline and there’s a deadline. The soil has been taken for the warehouse project.
 - b) To George Yellowman Jr regarding refusal of land use.: Supporting documents are helpful to have, in the future please have them.
 - c) Antelope Pass Gravesite is a go but the ground is hard after 3ft.
 - d) Family plot registration is the same as a homesite lease.
 10. Lola Smith
 - a) Other possible location: RMU Listers/Tsosie
 - b) Per a phone call: CD Nez-Begay- Halona will contact the land department and will know more on Monday, May 13, 2024.
 - c) George Yellowman Jr. and Lola will show us where they are describing the new location.

VII. Adjournment: 12:40pm MDT

VIII. Next Meeting will be on: Coppermine Chapter Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 5pm MDT.