COPPERMINE CHAPTER REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2024 @ 4 PM MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order at 4:47pm by Allen Fowler.
- II. Invocation by Floyd Stevens.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda

Allen – read the agenda to the community

Allen – add zero to the chapter resolution # CO-02-022-24 and # CO-02-026-24 and

Valerie – change resolution chapter scholarship to \$500 for full-time student

Motion: Yolanda Lamone Second: Lula Tsinnijinnie Vote: 25 / 00 / 11

IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building

Allen – read to the community to post the minutes

Motion: Lavern Tsosie Second: Debra Saligeo Vote: 24 / 00 / 12

- V. Old Business:
 - 1. Resolution CO-01-016-24: Approving and Adopting the Fund Management Plan for Chapter Generated Funds

Valerie – read the Fund Management Plan for the Coppermine Chapter to the community

Fund Management Plan for the Coppermine Chapter

I. Establishment

This fund management plan establishes the criteria for expenditure of revenue fees collected during the Fiscal Year (October 01 to September 31). This fund is a Chapter Activities General Fund

II. Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to provide fund for expenditures of the Coppermine Chapter.

- III. Administration and Expenditures
 - A. The funding source of this Fund shall be the revenue generated from revenue fees collected.
 - B. The Coppermine Chapter is responsible for the administration of the use and expenditures of these funds for the purposes intended.
- IV. Distribution and Budgeting of Actual Revenues
 - A. The Coppermine Chapter will budget the revenues generated for the purposes intended as needed. The revenues will be deposited into the Coppermine Chapter Checking Account and distributed and budgeted among the various needs and purposes and made available after the deposits are made. The amount to be budgeted will be determined by reporting from the Community Service Coordinator.
 - B. Allocation and budgeting of revenues derived from revenue fees for FUND 01:
 - Fifty percent (50%) of revenues received will be budgeted for water expense, waste removal expense, and electricity expense
 - Ten percent (10%) of revenues received will be budgeted for repair and maintenance of watering stations/points
 - 3. Ten percent (10%) of revenues received will be budgeted for financial assistance medical
 - 4. Ten percent (10%) of revenues received will be budgeted for financial assistance burial
 - 5. Ten percent (10%) of revenues received will be budgeted for financial assistance youth
 - 6. Ten percent (10%) of revenues received will be budgeted for food purchase
- V. Reporting of Revenues and Expenditures

The Coppermine Community Service Coordinator will report the use of the funds to the Community of Coppermine Chapter.

VI. Fund Management Plan Duration

The Fund Management Plan for the Coppermine Chapter Activities Fund 01 shall exist until terminated.

Motion: Yolanda Tsosie Second: Courtney Tsosie Vote: 24 / 00 / 15

VI. New Business:

Financial/Update Report- Chapter Secretary/Treasurer- Valerie Fowler
 Valerie – read the financial report to the community. There is no expenditure for PEP and expenditure for
 chapter official stipend is low. Ask ASC on the fund balance information. I have received the fund balance
 for December from WIND System which is different from what was report last month chapter meeting.

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	12/31/23 per NN WIND Expenses		Deposit	31-Jan-24
01	General Activity Fund	25,222.67	1,027.51		24,195.16
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	16,929.06	739.80		16,189.26
08	Summer Youth Employment	61,253.78	-		61,253.78
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,505.72	-		18,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	46,124.86	474.96		45,649.90
13	Scholarship/General Fund	25,245.00	-		25,245.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	3,255.00	-		3,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	142,402.99	-		142,402.99
16	Veterans	9,660.37	-		9,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-		23,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	11,818.00	1,228.48		10,589.52
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	184,943.69	1,372.66		183,571.03
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-		272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	117,682.74	-		117,682.74
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-		5.48
	Total	978,687.95	4,843.41	-	973,844.54
		Bank Staten			
		Beginning Balance \$992,3			
		Deposit 1	1/9/24	\$192.54	
		Deposit 1	1/9/24	\$256.87	
		Checks Proce	Checks Processed (26) \$8		
		Ending Ba	\$984,258.88		

Comment – the end balance for January 2024 should equal end balance of bank account but doesn't equal

Valerie – deposits are not inputted into the WIND system. ASC is waiting for the approval of the Fund Management Plan which is the difference.

2. Resolution CO-02-017-24: Approving the General Fund Carry-Over for \$7,987.42 to be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2024 Coppermine Chapter Operating Budget.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community

Valerie – the following is recommendation for budgeting of the \$7987.42

8715 - Operating Supplies : Purchase general office supplies	\$3,987.42		
8715 - Computer Software: Purchase virus protection and software for chapter	\$1,000.00		
8715 - Printing and Binding: CLUP manual, Chapter Worksession, etc.	\$ 1,000.00		
8715 - Food Purchase: Summer Youth Workers Luncheon for 2 Luncheon @ \$500	\$1,000.00		
8715 - Food Purchase : Food Distribution Luncheon - 10 months x \$100			
	\$7,987.42		

Community input to make changes to the budget to increase printing/binding and food distribution luncheon and decrease from operating supplies. The following is their changes to the budget:

FY 2024 General Fund Carry Over Budget: \$7987.42						
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8715 - Computer Software: Purchase virus protection and software for chapter						
8715 - Printing and Binding : CLUP manual, Chapter Worksession, etc.						
8715 - Food Purchase : Summer Youth Workers Luncheon for 2 Luncheon @ \$500						
8715 - Food Purchase : Food Distribution Luncheon - 10 months x \$150						
	\$ 7,987.42					

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Lavern Tsosie Vote: 27 / 00 / 13

3. Resolution CO-02-018-24: Approving the Gaming Trust Fund for \$3,640.01 to be incorporated into the fiscal Year 2024 Coppermine Chapter Operating Budget.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie – budget the amount for propane, any questions

FY 2024 Gaming Car	ry	Over Budget : \$3640.01	
8715 - Purchase Propane		3,640.01	

Valerie – propane bill for the chapter runs from \$1000 to \$2000 a month. Its more in the winter.

Motion: Yolanda Lamone Second: Lula Tsinnijinnie Vote: 28 / 00 / 12

4. Resolution CO-02-019-24: An action supporting Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-85-23 to amend the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act to allow Virtual/Hybrid Chapter meetings.

Allen – read the resolution to the community. Any questions

Yolanda – is it just phone or

Allen – virtual is actually see the person, hybrid is in-person. Council delegate from window rock have voted for virtual chapter meeting.

Valerie – reminder is internet isn't so great

Allen – many callers from all over would call in

Floyd – quorum is how

Allen – need to be virtual (zoom) to actually see the person can be counted as quorum,

Floyd – council action states it up to the chapter

Allen – it states it up to the individual chapter to act to implement virtual/hybrid chapter meetings

Lola – I thought it was all voted on the virtual/hybrid by all chapters

Yolanda – how would you get the information to the people the link

Allen – website, CSC would input the link on the website

Stanley – saves gas money for the grazing for attending grazing meeting, we support this virtual/hybrid, get call-in from phoenix, I run my meetings like that for district and agency, gas money is a lot, heard it going to reach \$4.50

Debra – does chapter have the bandwidth

Stanford – we have ask ntua but nothing yet

Allen – the bandwidth, starlink, we should get starlink,

Rita – what does Navajo nation say about internet

Allen – I told ntua row,

Floyd – im old school, prefer meeting in-person, when attending in-person and you know the quorum, if go virtual then will lose quorum, in-person we see each other and we are community, for me I don't have phone, and I'll vote for in-person

Rohvena – does anyone have starlink, I have one and it doesn't work well, its just spotted

Yolanda – works well for me

Debra – hybrid is good, should give option for the younger generation

Yolanda – a lot of us work

Comment – good for virtual/hybrid

Courtney – who will cross check for registered voter

Allen – a lot of younger generation aren't here would be good for them,

Courtney – start as information only and can't vote, you can mute them and they can just listen only

Allen – need person to monitor the virtual/hybrid, I cant do it so goes back to CSC

Minnette – lechee had hired person to do that

Motion: Sheryse Burns Second: Constance Lano Vote: 19/12/13

5. Resolution CO-02-020-24: Approving Chapter Assistance – Community for Bessie Yazzie for \$200.00 utilizing chapter activities General Fund Account 01:6721.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie – she submitted her application, ASC said it okay for her request for financial assistance medical

Motion: Rita Whitehair Second: Yolanda Lamone Vote: 29 / 00 / 15

6. Resolution CO-02-021-24: Authorizing the approval of the chapter scholarship general fund for one (1) full-time student for \$500.00 utilizing the scholarship general fund account 13:6721.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Rohvena – speaking for my sister Rho, AAS and wants to get hired at the new upcoming gap clinic

Debra – where does she go to school

Rohvena – dine college

Motion: Yolanda Lamone Second: Courtney Tsosie Vote: 32 / 00 / 12

7. Resolution CO-02-22-24: Reaffirming, authorizing and supporting the Coppermine Chapter and the District 1 (ONE) grazing committee member to implement an indefinite feral horse, stray and unclaimed livestock removal program in efforts to improve the ecological health and productivity of the Navajo rangelands for present and future generations of the Navajo people.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Rita – is it new resolution

Stanford – this is for horse roundup in Coppermine, work with agriculture, there is only one crew for Navajo nation, there is fund for roundup. Other chapters have the same issue like gap, kaibeto, Navajo mountain, etc. have round up in June when water is low and round up at windmills. We have to have resolution every year. We set up corrals at windmill. Questions

Community don't use horses, I see

E. Stevens – what happens to the horses caught

Stanford – are housed in window rock and buyer comes in. we had one in tuba city and buyer comes in from Minnesota and only 15 horses were caught.

Rhovena – is it one time thing or couple of months

Stanford – need to budget for roundup,

Debra – is fund from agriculture

Stanford – agriculture has funds but its limited

Floyd – if announce then people take their horses in

Stanford – yes will not announce it, I see a lot of boney horses, need to heal earth, too many overgrazers, economically usage,

Viola – need to not brand horses, also for cattle as well of owners not taking care of their livestock, livestock come to homes looking for feed and water

Motion: Sheryse Burns Second: Sue Russell Vote: 33 / 03 / 09

8. Resolution CO-02-023-24: Requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) branch of roads and the Navajo Department of Transportation (NDOT) to repair severe rain storm damage to NR 6210 near Porcupine Mesa area by utilizing a bulldozer to remove heavy sand accumulation and to rip exposed rock outcropping to improve safe and convenient travel for Chapter residents and the general public.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Floyd – I have written this resolution year ago so this resolution hasn't gone to window rock, and it was approved by the community, I was wondering when to schedule dozer, front-end loader, to come to Coppermine, to repair it, breakdown in communication with NDOT, motion to get his going second time Debra – was there budget

Lola – can request for Margorie to come out and provide information on roads, best to bring ndot to Coppermine chapter

Stanford – you take resolution to window rock and do work request, then look for funds, then gets on agency meeting, we didn't make it a priority, henry said he drove through the road, the person who does road comes out from New Mexico, its long process, I can take this resolution but its long process

Allen – lena had meeting and gave it to NDOT to address it

Susie – is county suppose to helping

Yolanda – what happen to J.Pioche and her resolution for road study

Floyd – when was meeting that coconino gave road to ndot, coconino covers 15 miles for grading which covers Road N21, Marjorie comes every year for road agreement

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Susie Shorthair Vote: 36 / 00 / 08

9. **Resolution CO-02-024-24**: A resolution in the matter of supporting continued study and analysis by Rye Development for a potential hydroelectric power pumped storage facility on the Coppermine Chapter.

Allen – read the resolution to the community, who's resolution

Lola – I provide information, read the resolution to the community, its study, if its doable to have the project, there is public hearing at lechee chapter,

Rita – resolution states continued study

Floyd – who developed the resolution, who provided the presentation, some are contradicting, need the write information, what is the intent, where is the location of the project

Stanford – brian cole is pushing for this project, he stated this when I met him, I was reading about it, it was turned down

Floyd – how many do you know what hydroelectric, there are two locations, one is near lees ferry and other is in Coppermine. Water needs elvation, the weight of the water and the size of the pipe, turbin so need a lot of water to turn it, the used water is set aside and pump back to top to re-use the water for turbin. Federal energy regulatory have said no. FRC. There are 9 projects. Project is chuska mtn, black mesa, chilchinbeto, lechee 2 (storage to use Navajo generating station), Coppermine 2, bodaway gap 2. Last week had water rights meeting, we don't have water rights. We have some degree of water control for the water in ground. The water on top is been discussed. Tribes in phoenix have got water. Little Colorado river, white mountain apache, supreme court went against us, treaty 1868 there is water rights, needs to go through adjudication, Navajo nation have filed some water claims, needs to be settle through court and approval by congress, water is needed, there is many that want water like phoenix, las vegas. Arizona has 50,000 acre feet water, it was given to NGS for cooling tower, they didn't use it all, used 34,000 acre feet. Town page and lechee have request for some of the remaining water. Navajo hire consultants. Big Colorado water shed cant not go pass the little Colorado river. Water into lees ferry can't be done. This effects the western pipeline. Indian health service drilled well and then covered it. one system crooked ridge to serve rest of FBFA, that is enough water to serve them. Western waterline will go to Secody resident and along 89 to lower cut and pass so to water for Coppermine. Western pipeline, we can sink well at first windmill to serve gap/bodaway and since it ground water its more flexibility. Rye heard about it and started coming to chapters. Brian Cole is mention and is from Oregon.

Debra – brian cole stated he works for Rye Development and is also paid by Navajo nation Floyd – rye want to build but don't have all funds to build it so went to the Navajo nation and Navajo nation doesn't have a lot of incoming revenue. And said to use ARPA. What is going take place is FRC ruling, if the Navajo nation said no so what power do we have to overturn the Navajo nation saying no, next for lees ferry which there is endanger species protection (big horn sheep, etc). need to clean up some mining claims, 29 mining claims, only trading post is sitting on it and pay every year and is still active, reclamation is where Navajo aml have fixed. Water is the most precious resource we have. What happens to the water taken, \$25 million in 75 years, land use, grazing, permit holders, I don't know how many of you know of good grazing, when there is less. For bodaway gap they are asking them 650 acres and will drill for the water and the first to go is the springs. FRC is saying no. Navajo Nation departments were not consulted. Park and recreation are they aware of it. if Coppermine approves it but Navajo nation said No and FRC have said No. like for NGS, they just came in without asking Navajo nation. We have been the energy center of the southwest. Brian cole has gotten decease and assist from the Navajo nation. Thank you for time and listening.

Comment – last time we said no.

Courtney – motion to reject this resolution

Marie – second the motion

Rita – with this motion then don't want them to come to chapter ever again

Floyd – with this vote will be given to FRC, not sure about other chapters, FRC will know that Coppermine is against it. Navajo nation and Council

Floyd – resolution is stating, we disapprove any further studies and any further analysis from rye development

Courtney – motion to Disapprove Any Further Studies And Any Further Analysis from Rye Development Marie – second motion

Susie – can we table the resolution and have resolution to oppose this request

Allen – there is already table and motion which would needs to be resend

Floyd – read the resolution it states Supporting continued study and analysis.... Substitute motion would be different,

Courtney – I stand with my original resolution Allen – vote to disapprove the resolution

Motion: Courtney Tsosie Second: Marie Ettsity Vote: 36 / 00 / 08

10. Resolution CO-02-025-24: Approving Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 16 – Veterans Fund to Transfer Funds from 6352 (Purchase Food) of \$2500 to be transferred into 6620 (Gifts and Awards) for Veterans to purchase Jackets.

Allen – read the resolution to the community. Transfer funds from food purchase to gifts and awards so that veterans can purchase jackets.

Veterans - Fund Account 16 - Budget Information

Coppermine Chapter

Detail Budget/Actual Transactions - Summary Budget To Actual 16 - Veterans Fund From 10/1/2023 Through 11/30/2023

GL Code	GL Title	Catego Code	Program Code	Actual	Revised Budget	Available Budget	
6352	Purchases - Food (Chapter)	99	99	0.00 0.00	0.00 2,500.00	0.00 2,500.00	Opening Balance
6620	Gifts and Awards	99	99	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
			Balance 16 - Veterans	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	

Veterans -	Budget Transt	fer					
TRANSFER FROM OBJECT CODE:			TRANSFER TO OBJECT CODE:				
Fund Code	FROM OBJECT CODE & DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	Fund Code		BJECT CODE		AMOUNT
16 - Veterans Fund	6352 Food Purchase	2,500.00	16 - Veterans Fu	and 6620	6620 Gifts and Awards		2,500.00

Motion: Debra Saligeo Second: Constance Lano Vote: 33 / 00 / 11

11. Resolution CO-02-26-24: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 "General Fund" Budget for \$5048.

Allen – read the resolution to the community Valerie – the following is the budget for \$5048

FY 2023 GWA: \$5048.00	
8715 - Travel Expenses: Lodging, Meals, POV Mileage	\$ 3,048.00
8715 - Meeting Space Rental: Stragetic Worksession	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 5,048.00

Debra – where is stragetic worksession taking place and who is going

Valerie – location maybe twin arrows. Reason is new members for clup and csc so attending would be chapter officials, chapter staff, and clup members.

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Debra Saligeo Vote: 28 / 00 / 16

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- 1. Veterans Organization Commander (Lavern Tsosie) and Vice-Commander (Alfred Long) Lavern introduced herself to the community, my two years is in and will be voting in new officers and have selected new vice-commander Alfred Long.
- 2. Tribal Nations Liaison- Cassandra Reed

Cassandra – work for rainbow national monument, im the tribal liaison, introduced Heidi and is my boss as well, brown trout, \$33 per fish and starting March it will be \$50 per fish, I'll provide information on my presentation, I can email it as well, I just made 20 copies, variety of fishes are endangered and the brown trout eat these endangered fishes. Funding set aside for youth. There is 7 tribal connect to the park so have 1 elder and 3 youth. Since your local and it will be day trip so can change the quantity for elder and youth. Read across American, park managers go to the school to read to the students, they come to schools to read. Where do student attend elementary for Coppermine. Schools in page.

Valerie – tuba city

Heidi – will talk about water level, BOR, how does it affect the water level from snow pack, snow pack is at regular level of 100% of what is expected, now sure how it affected till later in April will understand the water level, snow will accumulate in the mountains into April, we can send you the link to BOR to see the water level to understand it, we are expecting the water level in the lakes to be same, same for the ramps.

Lola – we don't get or use the water from the water so we don't know much about the water level Heidi – water run-off from mountains effect the aguifer

Comment - do native American have access to the parks,

Heidi – supposed to have access

Comment – I have been buying yearly. For the trout do we need vehicle pass

Cassandra – will ask

Floyd – Navajo nation doesn't get revenue on the fishing on the Navajo nation side,

Cassandra – need to get az permit, but we can ask,

Floyd – boundaries, what about the water level below, why does az collect fees when fishing on Navajo nation side, quadrilateral agreement

Heidi – we are in communication with Navajo nation on the quadrilateral

Lola – liaison didn't come out to Navaio

Cassandra – has been vacant but will be out

- 3. TCRHCC Stacy Claw NOT PRESENT
- 4. Community Health Worker Susie Shorthair NOT PRESENT. Announcement is LeChee Senior Center is advertising for Driver and interested contact LeChee Chapter Renee Tsosie.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC

1. Council Delegate- Helena Nez Begay – NOT PRESENT. Provide update at planning meeting.

2. Community Service Coordinator – Minnette Roundstone.

Minnette – introduced herself to the community. There is many projects and reading up on it. work on homes and addition. There is emergency fund on wood, propane. Your more welcome to come and see me, what your needs. Any concerns on administration staff, help with water.

Courtney – what is your background

Minnette – worked for SRP for 9 years as office specialist. Work for IHS, parks and recreation.

Marie – you have family, husband lives in montana, children live all over with family

Comment – were you survey assistance for bathroom addition

Minnette – no it wasn't me

3. Chapter President- Allen Fowler Jr.

All the projects here she is the supervisor so don't run her off.

Western pipeline will take 8-9 months. They talked about the sewer pond in lechee. Electric is missing ROW. Missing number on the resolution so need to revise the wording for fiber optic. Minnette and I will be attending CHID next week. Need to give resolutions like the Road 6210 to Helena (council delegate) along with western pipeline that need funding. Water commission is new people.

Floyd – what is the update ARPA

Rita – what about the emergency fund for \$35,000 Allen – its not in MIP

4. Chapter Vice-President- Lola Smith

Lola – went to arpa meeting. Problem is people leaving. Its going. The first part is its ready. The second part is the computer programming is been setup. We should know more with JSRI. Last Friday, clinic groundbreaking. Many council delegates from former to current so was reunion for them. It took us 20 years, was on first steering committee. Construction is taking place. Elders are thankful. Water Rights meeting, stated Army Corp of Engineer to study the water. Western pipeline have asked upper basin and lower basin of why water runs from upper to lower basin. From taking water from power plant to here. Echo cliffs economic development. Council delegated what is needed. Told her we need senior center, etc. otto tso said to me that we need to develop that area by echo cliff. I can't do this alone and need your help. Thank you for coming.

5. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler

Stanford – take care of your livestock. Small black bull. Attend conference in las vegas and twin arrows to obtain information. Went to water rights meeting. Relocation summit for the FBFA at twin arrows. On Tuesday had meeting with agricultural and want to reduce due to the land and vegetation. So many overgrazing. Non-use was brought up. Appointment me again for district one president. If you want transfer then I can put you on the agenda. Have trust for the elders. Connie spencer pass and didn't do that so permit will go through probate so need to have trust for our elders.

Rita – lola mention to bring army of corp for study water, why we fixing dams if we hating on animals. Stanford – it's the people that want it repaired, its for the wild animals to maintain earthen dams, Rita – people that don't tend to their animals will use the earthen dams Stanford – it's the community that want it

6. CLUPC President – Linda Long

Linda – greet community, introduce herself, its been years since I was appointed and have completed the clup manual with assistance from asu. Asu submit manual to AZ Rural and received plaque. They review our manual and not us. We have completed the manual. Another review at national level. This manual is to be used by the chapter and community. We are currently not certified. When we are certified then we can utilize the funds. After approval then start the planning and zoning. When its completed for review then will schedule public hearing. Need to know how you the community would like to hear on the manual. Maybe have it for couple days for the public hearing. NDOT, we have ask NDOT and work with them, new administration so need to get Marjorie to come out to Coppermine. Money of where to put funds, the multi-purpose is good to keep within the chapter compound. In past, met with swagback, the multipurpose needs to be within chapter compound and not down south Coppermine. Even if you want store in north Coppermine, as long as you have land withdraw.

Debra - when is next clup meeting

Linda – did hear from clup members for agenda items

Linda – contact me or mary for agenda items then will schedule clup meeting

IX. Announcements:

- 1. Next Regular Chapter Meeting –March 18, 2024 @ 4 PM (DST)
- 2. Veterans Meeting March 22, 2024 @ 5 PM (MST)
- 3. St. Mary's Food Bank March 19, 2024 @ 1 PM (DST)
- 4. Next Planning Report Meeting 5, 2024 @ 2 PM
- X. Adjournment at 8:40pm. Motion Yolanda Lamone. Second Debra Saligeo. Vote: 34/00/00

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer