

**COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING  
JULY 22, 2024 @ 5:00PM DST  
MINUTES**

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 5:27pm
- II. Invocation by Loren Thomas.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler.  
 Ruby – letter for cemetery  
 Allen – if its just presentation, Report D  
 Ruby – will do presentation  
 Floyd – add under reports, Report E  
 Motion: Linda Long                      Second: Norman Stevens                      Vote: 26 / 00 / 05
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building.  
 Motion: Fay Mooney                      Second: Sally Tsingine                      Vote: 25 / 00 / 09
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
  - a. Financial Report and update report  
 Valerie – provided financial report to the community and below is the information given. The veterans balance is incorrect and have contacted ASC on the balance. The balance for Veterans should be \$5719.96. The return check isn't indicated in Veterans balance.

<b>FUND BALANCE - JUNE 2024</b>						
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	MAY 2024 per NN WND	Expenses	Credit	Deposit	JUNE 2024 per ASC
01	General Activity Fund	23,407.95				23,407.95
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	13,213.95	109.54			13,104.41
08	Summer Youth Employment	59,867.25	8,943.53			50,923.72
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46				19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	15,832.92			7,987.42	23,820.34
12	Chapter Official Stipend	29,249.92	3,000.00			26,249.92
13	Scholarship/General Fund	23,995.00				23,995.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00				2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	124,109.60	3,370.99			120,738.61
16	Veterans	2,673.53				2,673.53
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85				58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	6,093.83	1,242.89			4,850.94
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	175,751.30	1,146.60			174,604.70
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28				272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	115,403.99				115,403.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48				5.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>942,498.31</b>	<b>17,813.55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,987.42</b>	<b>932,672.18</b>

Bank Statement for June 30, 2024				
Beginning Balance	967,954.03			
Deposit - Cash - 6/18	364.27	4 Deposits for Total of \$9422.59		
Deposit - Cash - 6/21 from NN	7,987.42			
Deposit - Cash - 6/25	385.01			
Deposit - Cash - 6/25	685.89			
Checks Processed (27)	16,428.66			
Ending Balance	960,947.96		Difference:	28,275.78

<b>General Fund - Deposit for \$7987.42</b>		
<b>OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES</b>		
<b>Printing/Binding</b>		3,000
10-6302 To pay for printing and binding services for CLUPC Manual, Chapter Work Session, etc. [ \$3,000.00]		
<b>Operating Supplies</b>		1,487
10-6303 To purchase operating supplies for Chapter. [ \$1,487.00]		
<b>Computer Software</b>		1,000
10-6306 To purchase software and virus protection for Computers for Chapter. [ \$1,000.00]		
<b>Purchases - Food (Chapter)</b>		2,500
03-6352 \$1000-To purchase food for SYEP Luncheons (2)		

Motion: Al Long      Second: Sally Tsingine      Vote: 24 / 00 / 10

- b. Resolution CO-07-050-24: Accepting and Approving the Selection of Linda Long and Mary Francis as Members of the Coppermine Land Use Planning Committee.  
 Allen – read the resolution the community  
 Comment – motion to table the resolution till get response from DOJ  
 Allen – what was the letters about  
 Comment – term limit for members,  
 Motion: Katy Jones    Second: Julia Goldtooth      Vote: 13 / 10 / 13

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- a. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – Not Present
- b. Michael Barnes - Candidate for Page Justice of the Peace – Not Present
- c. Gary Pearlmuter – Candidate for Coconino County Attorney – introduce self to the community, talked about his background, running for coconino county attorney, provide information of past employment, apart of school board, involved on lawsuit in desegregation for school,

- d. Ruby Tallsalt – current lives at old home of Kee and Alice Tsinnijinnie, there is family plot south of the home. I heard of proposed community cemetery but do not want that cemetery for community. Community cemetery needs to be close to highway. We deal with trash, balloon, beer bottles at home. We don't want that added to our responsibility. Artificial flower will not stay due to wind. Its ideal to have near highway. There is legislation of not having many cemeteries but community cemetery. There is water run off nearby. Cost of burial plot in page is \$1500.

Allen – proposed site, I ask for GPS. We need cemetery. If you have grazing permit then need to indicate that. Whoever signs it, need grazing permit. You don't have permit number on there and gps of the location. All legal documents. They will ask for your homesite lease number, grazing permit number, of all signees. Are you update on your grazing permit to be valid and to be within your limit. Horse roundup was 139 recently. These are horses that you don't want to ride, they are wild horses.

Viola – good to see you here and attend meeting. Community cemetery has been in discussion for over 10 years and had just recommend of the location.

Allen – its one family, dispute over land, homesite lease is just once acre and that is all, grazing permit is good for one year then you get re-certified, what happens in the future, will we be fighting in the future, we had law enforcement that came to our meeting, community cemetery is an issue and proposed our site but it's the community that are against the land usage for community cemetery, this community cemetery is ARPA funds, its money that will go away, yeah there are proposed sites, nobody wants to give it up the land. We need to get site. In the past we had Ke, only anglos say this is mine and mine.

- e. Floyd Stevens – during June meeting, there was resolution brought before us, rye development proposing pump storage facility. Rye Development filed preliminary Permit Application to assess the feasibility of their proposed Pump Storage Project #2, Project No. 15315 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 9, 2023. This company is proposing like generating station, where you build storage, reseviior, water will flow through pipes to lower level and turn the turbine to produce electricity. It is not simple too, it requires land, it requires technology, it requires infrastructure. This company was proposing to build. The Navajo nation oppose it. there was some tribal departments that were favoring it. we oppose it outright. Most were environment group. Like Colorado alliance. Energy production. Black mesa. The location proposed here is bitter springs, highway 89 milepost 517, that is first proposal site, 75 feet deep, 35 food diameter, they will bore at an angle, they will drill or dig at an angle, nobody came and said this is our proposal. Reason why it shouldn't be built. Residents heard till later on the proposal. Company came to chapter to provide presentation to chapter official but community hear so showed up. Consultants came to coppermine and residents saw the vehicle. Ive know the consultants because he lives not far from me. To built it there, I ask does it need it to be there, chapter boundary on echo cliff, endangered species, we don't know the actual boundary, threaten endangered species, other reason is ground water for usage then heard no and they would use the water from lake powell, then hear they will use the western pipeline, you can not use the upper basin water or lower basin water, there is another reason, we don't have water rights, generating station closed down then next to use western pipeline, there are shallow wells in the area, spencer/cling/whitehair/stevens/sampson/etc use that water, share grazing land, there are historical places, many people oppose it plus bitter springs community, to put in

cease and assist chapter resolution, new resolution produce, there was resolution but the resolution wasn't good enough so had to revise it and edit it. Some of the reason why to oppose the project:

- i. An issuance of public notice for public comments and intervention was made but some were strongly opposed in denying the permit application through Resolution CO-02-024-24 dated February 22, 2024; and
- ii. Many of cited reason for FERC's and others comments are mutual such as adverse impacts. Pending water rights, environmental effects on wildlife, plant, and aquatic resources, government-to-relationships, interests, and concerns; and
- iii. Other reasons cited were grazing land loss, cultural, archeological, and historical preservation; and
- iv. Local residents of the area feel insulted by the lack of consultation, consent, and input by tribal and Rye Development.

Floyd – update on physical condition as dealing with cancer. After 3 month evaluation and doctor said test you went under for and was all good so your cancer free.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report:

- a. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – Not Present
- b. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – virtual meeting, there is process, there are 4 different kind and vote on it next month, need to have special chapter meeting, there is no wifi at the chapter, no internet, we voted on it and said yes, there are 4 of them, title 26, there is spot where its outlined that need discussion,  
Deborah Lister – represent Supervisor Lena Fowler, provide update on her task, Cameron shooting, supervisor and law enforcement to work together to quicker response time, not just right after but also later, there was school bus that came which no communication between the incident and school so bus came and student got off the bus and walked pass the dead body. Critical incident management meeting, had 2 meeting, had the new incident management, hopi, san juan, law enforcement, at the meetings, we are including the city of page, it's not just western agency issue but across Navajo nation, we are working senator hatalthie, if you are anyone have issue with unemployment which we can provide assistance, we are working on deplay with birth certificate, we can change names or dates, so its as is for birth certicate, there is no DES on the Navajo nation so need to go to page/flagstaff/etc, we can help you process your application, funding for wood/electricity/propane just not water, heat wave, if you need the assistance please apply, we are still doing free taxes and do them on Thursday, we are certified tax, county supervisor come to meeting to collaborate and issue the are dealing with, dept of energy in bring communities impacted by coal communities shutdown, lena is not happy how SRP was process, Navajo and apache county are going through same thing.  
Mary – services for firewood  
Deboarh – yes with LIHEAP program, its 1 page application and bring to tuba city office, or email to me or health department in page,  
Mary – LIHEAP is for low income  
Deboarh – is low income and elders, there is section to indicate hardship,

Deboard – its after 5pm so lena fowler is running again so re-elect supervisor lena fowler, she works hard, I advocate for her, she is not finished, she still has a lot of things to do, Inter-Governmental Agreement with varies entities, worked on broadband,

Floyd – what is her position for water right settlement

Deboard – she did attend water settlement down in phoenix

Comment – can lena write letter to page steel that drive their truck fast on Road N20, they past me

Deboard – we can writer letter, it would weigh more if chapters write letters too like coppermine, lechee, gap,

Comment – haul of toxic chemicals

Deboard – what you all telling me and she can go to change of command Anderson,

Comment – people drive too fast, like tourist,

Deboard – we haul water and I drive slow,

Phil Tsingine – different jurisdiction,

Deboard – BIA will not accept the road, its Navajo Nation road, its public road,

Comment – I work for the court, these tourist don't pay these fines, you go to Europe

Faye – how to get more information on Critical incident management meeting

Comment – what about grading N21,

Deboard – text lena fowler, I hear they will pave it, same issue with N20 on speeders,

Chris – we are coconino county and state road highway 89, why don't coppermine members layout jewelry on highway 89

Deboard – there is vendor association, I can let lena know, we did proposed to build nice facility for vendors, proposed vendors facility but opposed by vendor association and chapter

Chris – Cameron get logs from flagstaff, its far to window rock and flagstaff, need those logs here in coppermine, can you help to bring logs to coppermine

Chris – we pay taxes to coconino county, why don't we have access to the tools, I know Cameron have access to the tools,

Deboard – we contract the work out, contract to native americans, they did all the loading, I cant say about communication from chapter,

Allen – page steel and hazmat, take pictures, we had meeting here with NDOT, ADOT, BIA; take pictures, like the whole at first windmill it was fixed and needs more fixing, its BIA which speed limit is 55mph, henry begay said take the road out to make it straighter for faster mph,

- c. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – thank you for coming and there is 50 in attendance. I am running for vice president, I have been working for you for many years, started as herding sheep from lechee to first windmill and beyond, I started with the clinic when it was first mention, went to Washington for clinic, I was on Navajo western agency road, Floyd and myself and BIA roads, we walked, kaibeto there was funding for 10 miles so it took them 30 years to pave road from kaibeto to tonalea, we walk N20 with engineer, the road buckle on highway 89, the night before I was at meeting in flagstaff, representative begay told him how can state of az help with the road, I remember the next day heard of road closure, if funding is available for 10 miles wonder how long it will take, now its clinic for business development, whoever wants to have business which you can apply for, will have representative come, lady run laundromat and other business in tuba city and making million dollars, be thinking of business development, only thing is surveying the land for business development which I

don't how to pay for, water rights were going to come here on Friday but they didn't come because they spent too much time in leupp and come to gap around 8pm, we met commissioners on water rights, Wilson bigman went behind the house, told them that everyone hauls water in FBFA and by highway 89, the will be testimony on water rights, FBFA have good water and yet water is taking elsewhere, that is one thing we don't like. Navajo nation realizing chapters not certified are not ready. Certified have received their funds. Nation have realized this and Nation have took the funds to different area. There are 2 sites right and one site was 1947 and its near the road. Need to work together to solve this issues, who is going to give us these funds.

d. Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – Not Present

IX. Announcements:

- a. Next Planning Meeting – August 5, 2024 @ 4pm (DST)
- b. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – August 12, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
- c. Next St. Mary's Food Bank – August 20, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
  - i. Need helpers, only one staff working that day,
- d. NN Primary Election – July 30, 2024
  - i. Voting In Person (Last day to vote at any Election Office) – July 26, 2024
- e. JUST MOVE IT @ Little Colorado River – July 23, 2024 @ Reg 6pm (DST), Start @ 7pm
- f. JUST MOVE IT @ TC Fairgrounds – July 30, 2024 @ Reg 4pm (DST), Start @ 7pm
- g. Veteran's Meeting – August 22, 2024 @ 6pm (DST)
- h. Western Agency Grazing Meeting - TBA
- i. District Grazing Meeting – August 1, 2024 @
- j. NN LIHEAP Application Available at Chapter Admin. Limited – Application Due August 30, 2024
- k. CHID HIP Application Intake – July 23, 2024 @ 9am (DST) @ Gap Chapter Staff
- l. CHID HIP Application Intake – July 24, 2024 @ 9am (DST) @ Tuba City Chapter Staff
- m. Navajo Nation Voters Registration Opens – August 10, 2024

X. Adjournment at 8:04pm. Motion Linda Long. Second Shoney Goldtooth. Vote: 46/00/00



Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler  
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer