

COPPERMINE CHAPTER- REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

March 20, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST) In-person or Teleconference

MINUTES

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- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 315pm.
- II. Invocation by Floyd Stevens.
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda. Read by Lola Smith.
Add-on: THES by Lola Begay for Report
Add-on: Stan Robbins with Native Promise – to Old Business #2
Change: Helena Begay for Report to Old Business #3
Change: Micheal Barnes to represent Sharon Watson – Report #4
Motion: Lavern Tsosie Second: Natalie Tsinnijinnie Vote: 13-00-05
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building.
Lavern – meeting minutes posted and its up to us to read the minutes
Allen – request has been made to ASC to post the meeting minutes on website as well
Floyd – motion to post minutes at administration building if any changes needed then let chapter administration know of it.
Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Viola Fowler Vote: 14-00-07
- V. Old Business:
 1. Resolution CO-02-018-23: In Approval of Heavy Equipment Policy for Coppermine Chapter
Sponsor: Allen Fowler
Allen – ASC is the actual sponsor. Me and Floyd read the resolution and policy and its not ready.
Motion to defer to next meeting
Floyd – motion to defer to next meeting
Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 11-00-12
 2. Stan Robbins with Native Promise – introduce himself to the community. Today had meeting with Brian Cole with Building Communities and had lengthy discussion on the Echo Cliffs Clinic and planning for clinic area. Next meeting is between April 20-29 which Swaback design team will be attending meeting. Need to plan for grocery, camp ground, hiking trails, laundry, gas station, etc. there are planning funds. Native Promise which entails Raymond Maxx, Franklin Fowler, and myself. Met on March 10 with Coppermine CLUP members and they have request to come again for community.
Lavern – just note. They were approved for \$200,000 USDA Grant to build structure around the clinic. What do we put around this area. What we were talking about is this wil effect the people that graze in that area. What is in the building/clinic first. The current elementary is only for K-4 and have only 4 classrooms, do we need to add more classrooms, so that students are bus hour away. It's just planning process. Next month talk about what we can get around that facility.

Lola – the clinic design on the whiteboard she is referring to, stages of clinic, the cost for the clinic is \$167 million, clinic housing is \$71 million, for total of \$238 million. Design phase is Jan 19, Jan 23. Construction is Oct 02, Oct 09.

Comment – where is location at

Lola – east side, by school

Rose – we need to have clinic, my house need a lot of repair work, my home is cold, I rather be in warm place, there is senior center in kaibeto,

Comment – when do I put in resolution for home on my current homesite lease since everything is cleared, I come from out of town and trying to get home for my homesite lease,

Allen – funds have earmark

3. Helena Nez Begay – provide report on water treaty rights that which have representative at the Navajo nation water case at the supreme court, strong testimony to the Bureau of Reclamation and Commissioners at Antelope Point this past fridge, headstart program that only 2 headstart are in operations for the 5 chapters but now it's only bodaway gap, western Navajo pipeline met with brown and Caldwell and they provided update on project at lechee and walk through at the project site, arpa projects is all good and went through resource development and now waiting for NNC Spring Session April 17-21. Her itinerary for the next two weeks.

Lola – water from lechee is that been extended to Coppermine, western pipeline isn't informing us.

Comment – is there backup plan, don't want funds to revert back

Helena – its Crystal Tully that was aware of the meeting, yes there is pump at lechee but I want to do legislation to keep the pipeline from lechee to Coppermine, there is talk about drilling well and have storage tank, arpa projects are listed on wall,

Comment – why aren't live streaming the NNC meeting

Helena – its Chrystalain Curley and funding is an issue as well

Allen – western pipeline resolution which stated pipeline from lechee through Coppermine then to gap which was only approved because the community thought the pipeline was going through the chapter and waterline to the community

Helena – on 89 residents will get water, storage tank at first windmill which water will go to Cameron, Gap, Cedar Ridge. Remember Cameron has uranium so they can't drill well and need to help one another.

Lavern – I went to pipeline a month at lechee, I got knowledge on water system, this ridge and how our terriority which we are sitting on water, water will get the water tanks ontp of lechee, the page people and lechee which it's like web, they are trying to get pipeline, they are lower basin in page and we are upper basin, tanks will sever southeastern portion, we will get water from upper basin, we can start to drill, can we do legislation to start drilling.

Floyd – NGS shutdown, pumps still in the lake, pumps not been used, first discussed for pipeline from lechee through Coppermine through gap then Cameron then leupp. East is called upper Colorado basin and the lower Colorado basin is the gap area. The upper Colorado basin will not be used for lower Colorado basin in the usage of the water. The underground water we can use. 4 areas for tank storage of water from underground. You see no windmill in the gap area because there is no water. There is a lot of water in first windmill. For FBFA, the IHS said to take water from kaibeto to give water to Coppermine. Waterline is 200 feet. Waterline by chapter is 1300 feet. 4th windmill for waterline. Coalmine need water too.

Paul - western pipeline project which was started at NNC 23rd council and I was 24th council and sponsor legislation for the pipeline project. Phase I is the current project, Phase II then there is Phase III. Water treatment facility is in the project, at least the 16,000 should be used by Navajo Nation, we have water right

commission and use them to get 16,000 to be used by the Navajo nation. We have people to get this fixed within the next 2 year. We need to get some funding to keep this project going. Water pump at NGS is already NN. This will be first pipeline for western agency.

Lavern – have Water pipeline to come out to the chapter

VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and Update Report

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23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	172,286.77	-	172,286.77	(4,070.94)	168,215.83
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-	272,697.28	-	272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	95,418.55	-	95,418.55	-	95,418.55
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-	5.48	-	5.48
	Total	846,759.55		833,586.59		843,312.09

Beginning Bank Balance – Feb 1 2023	\$ 844,986.95
Deposits	2/02 = \$186.24 2/16 = \$194.90 2/23 = \$85.18
Deposit – Emergency Fund	2/13 = 23,694.60
Ending Bank Balance – Feb 28 2023	\$ 857,934.43

Esther Addakai – I want New Home since my homesite lease has been completed.

Valerie – currently working on Home Assessments for South Coppermine. Navajo Hopi Land Commission has an agreement with Choice Humanitarian for providing assistance to the Former Bennett Freeze Area Chapters for Home Assessments. Coppermine signed an agreement with Choice Humanitarian for that assistance. Choice Humanitarian provide the training for the Home Assessments. Choice Humanitarian will send contractor to see the home and provide material listing and write scope of work. Contractor will also provide 3 price quotes for the material listing. Then the 3 price quotes along with scope of work to Navajo Hopi Land Commission to obtain Purchase Order for the materials. There is resolution that was approved back in 2017 which is what I am working on the list of names.

Comments – FBFA funds are being used

Valerie – the NHLC funds and ESCROW funds are still in the Business Unit in Window Rock. You have to have 3 price quotes along with supporting documents to use the funds.

Motion: Viola Fowler

Second: Lavern Tsosie

Vote: 13 / 00 / 07

2. **RESOLUTION CO-03-019-23:** Authorizing the Approval in the Amount of \$150.00 for the late Stella Williams from The Chapter Activity Fund in Monetary Assistance for Burial Assistance. **Sponsor:** Valerie Fowler

Valerie – read the resolution. Utilize the Fund Code 01. Financial Assistance Package was submitted to ASC and they review and approved that all document was in the package and okay to process.

Lavern – was she registered voter for Coppermine

Valerie – person submitted ID, SS, Voter Card and financial assistance application

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Floyd Stevens

Vote: 13 / 00 / 07

VII. Reports and Presentation;

1. TCRHCC Health Communication Specialist- Stacy Claw. Jamie Wilson. Covid case 45 for March 12-18 with 15 home test. 24% of tuba city service unit are vaccinated, 70% have received 1st shot, there is 2nd shot then booster shots, need to increase vaccinations, there is drive up services. Children from age 5 can receive shots. We encourage booster shots. Less infection and feeling less infection. Update on syphilis, can spread to the heart and brain and eye and ear, can be deadly, woman of child bearing age, its curable if treated within year but if over year then need to take penicillin shot within 7 days apart.
2. Dept. of Highway Safety- Evelyn Walker – NOT PRESENT
3. Dine Bi'keyah Victim Advocate - Eulberta Bryant – office in page and just started working. One in grand canyon and flagstaff. Need advocate for Navajo nation. I work with Coppermine, cedar ridge, kaibeto, gap. Have office in tuba city at the police building. Dilcon and St Micheal have office coverage. 1984 for flagstaff office. Domestic violence when it goes through court process. We help with protection order, work with police officer. We do have website and leave pamphlet with chapter.
4. PUSD Student Support Service – Micheal Barns – dean of student for page middle school and doing another job as social worker for the district, 8-9 weeks left of school, graduation may 20 at 7pm, issues with cap and gown that we will be assisting with the expense, tribal clothing, talent show, get plenty of rest for testing days, 8th grade celebration in may and no date set, requirement for student to participate, student have to have No Fs and complete 4hrs community service and no referrals, I will still be dean of student, site council meeting Tuesday April 18 at page library at 515pm, incident that ruin our gym which fire sprinkler went off and ruin the floors, if you hear of changing the name of the school, maybe dust devils, school calendar for next year is available, March 29 for chapter forum for chapter to voice to the school, district social worker to come to the chapters, seeing student missing 9 days and coming back on the 10th day, training for strengthen families and she wants to bring back that training to the community.

Des – why is student support services making these reports when we have IEC that should be making these reports to the chapter, teachers at our school district aren't teaching, my child says mom teachers are no teaching and we are just sitting there, we as Navajo are not been heard, are we going to get the support we need for our children, I see the discrimination with student support service, there are false report that are been reporting, superintendent knows,

Micheal – I just started and you can ask Sharon Watson. I am frustrated with our school district, we need raise teacher's salary to get the teachers here, as dean of student of middle school and I go into the classroom and say what are they doing, it starts at the top of our district with our superintendent and principles.

Comment – do you do homework

Micheal – I don't see homework, my child that need help didn't get the help at the page district so left for another school to get the help, school wasn't reporting child absent but was reported by police

Des – budget was presented and its top heavy in salary, you have 4 board members living in page and they don't come out to the chapters and don't know the 80% of the student, my child wasn't ready for 1st grade and requested that child remain in Kindergarten but was told that child has to go to 1st grade. I see discrimination and need community/chapter officials need to voice it at chapter forums.

Lola – when I left page school district as reading specialist and there were applicants that applied and have selected the anglo person and that person didn't have reading background and yet other applicants were Navajo and had reading background. They chose anglo person because he knew Spanish.

Micheal – school is D level but you know more of it

Des – it was D-school but now its C-school

Lavern – if we can't change at the upper level but need to change at our level, students are holding cell/tablets and don't put it down, are students on social media, parents need to visit their child's classroom, parents need to discipline their children, students don't listen, students say F-word at times,

Lavern – why are we letting 9 days go by, there was time when you miss 3 days and parent goes to jail, need to bring that back

Faith Mooney – school sociology for middle and high school, I attend page school, bus didn't go on 6210 and we had to walk 4 miles, now busses are near by, we are babying our children, harsh teaching, we as parents need to step up, had relatives, John Tsinnijinnie was our bus driver, interpersonal relationship, if your going to college you need to do your interpersonal relationship, how to communicate, negotiate, debate, our reading skills are low, to study all memory, how is math hard for this student, we don't go to meeting, parent teacher conference on virtual or in-person then no show, its hard but it will come together, 20 minutes a day for reading it will increase your reading, looking at screen (cell/tablets) the blue light will affect you, high school students are reading 1st/2nd level, U.S. are low on reading level, contracts for waterline project that we are capable of doing contracts and not contract it outside to do our contracts. Some students do need help. We need to discipline our children. Some students need glasses so get eye exam/glasses.

Lola – parent text. To communicate with school, you would need email and internet.

Des = impact aid has 5 categories. Other school using the impact aid for broadband but our school don't want to use the funds for broadband. Students are reaching out for help and yet teacher aren't available and leave early from work. 94 students reside in Coppermine.

Stan – no men at the home like right now the woman are addressing the concerns and not the men. Need to discipline the children.

Allen – you are reaching out to the chapter, why don't you have the chapter form at each chapter, you'll get more community and parent, community want more involvement from All Board Members at the chapter level

5. NDOT Transportation Planning Dept - Margie Begay – NOT PRESENT

6. TCRHCC Radiation Dept - Natasha Begay – NOT PRESENT

7. TCRHCC Board Member – Lelia McCabe – NOT PRESENT

8. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – septic system and bathroom for residents living in the home everyday.

Lavern – is that you on facebook, your working with the chapter,

Susie – IHS has list and they need help to find the people, out of 10 people which nobody is living there so names are crossed out, so IHS wanted new list of names,

Lavern – add me to the list

Susie – already submitted the list

9. THES – Lola Begay – our enrollment is low with 39 students, last board meeting which they stated if enrollment stays low then they will close the school, now the hospital is in the process and soon to be built, you have fantastic teach that teach 2nd/3rd/4th and its overwhelming for her. Kindergarten. I wish the community would come together and say we need to build this school up. We need teach our children. True on cell phone. Cell phone babysit our children. Some household have parents and/or grandchildren. Students say that's old stuff. I went to tuba boarding school. Now tuba boarding school is so popular. I want to invite on cultural nite on March 30, 2023 from 5pm-7pm with 30minutes per classroom and hoping tyler manson will come and we want to feed you and if you have favorite food bring it. Tyler Manson, Dennis Bedonie (powwow), Ella Bedonie (corn food). lets talk lets eat together. Victims advocate speaker which our children have been affected, no teaching. Des – representative for TCUSD which Navajo/Native language is done a full day is good and that doesn't take place at PUSD. The beat of drum is soothing. TCUSD gets more funding for these activities.

Natalie – clinic that is coming up and might boost enrollment, bus transportation is an issue too and don't want to go to Coppermine, only because we had Navajo class at K-4 classes, Navajo classes is needed for younger from K-1-2-3-4 and Page start at 6th grade. Students are saying their clan and introduction, etc. I speak to my students in Navajo.

Lola – our students are caught in the middle between English and Navajo.

Des – job description for Navajo to increase recipient for Chief Manuelito and this new superintendent said no and close the job description. Navajo language program was closed. Why is student support services when it within the EIC job. There is a lot of discrimination. As parent you see discrimination, as IEC you see it, and as board member you see all of it. a survey needs to be done.

Viola – I see many buses at first windmill from page and tuba city and gap, it good for parent evolvment in their children

Faith – our Navajo language is good at the school and need to have the Navajo language at Home. That is where the students learn the most when they are young. Im glad the school supports it and needs teach it at home.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Reports

~~1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay~~ moved to Old Business #2

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – apra is approved but not all the way and certified chapters get their funds faster from window rock.

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith

Attend meeting at gap, concentrate on substance abuse/suicide, TCRHCC received 5 year grant, we need to invite them to chapter. Bodaway Gap trash day is April 26 from 9am to 12pm. We have to pay to dump trash in page or tuba city.

Lavern – page trash day is April 22, if you pickup trash which you can leave on side of road and I can pickup trash with my trailer and take to tuba city which is free.

Lola – people living in this area can leave at chapter junction and at monkey ridge. Through CHIP whom will provide trash bag,

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – meeting this morning in tuba city for western grazing. More authority over the chapter officials. Future meeting. Do away with land consent form is talk. We as grazing official we looking at what he is going to do.

5. CLUPC President – Linda Long

IX. Announcements:

1. Food Distribution: March 21, 2023 @ 1 PM (DST)
2. Veterans Meeting: March 23, 2023 @ 6 PM (MST)
3. Special Election: March 28, 2023 6AM-7PM (DST)
4. TCRHCC: Mobil Clinic at Monkey Ridge at 8:45-3PM (DST)
5. ~~Navajo School Clothing/School Supplies: Deadline March 10, 2023 apply online: www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov~~
6. Next Planning Report Meeting: April 03, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST)
7. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: April 10, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST)

X. Adjournment at 8:45pm. Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer

Council Delegate Nez Begay
Chapter Meeting Reports
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1. Navajo Nation Water Case is in the Supreme Court this week in DC. We have representative from the following:
 - Navajo Nation President Buu
 - Speaker of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
 - 25th Navajo Nation Resource & Development Committee Chair

The tribe is arguing that the Treaty Signed in 1886 guarantees its Water Rights for the Navajo Nation. Our President of the Navajo Nation brought a strong testimony to the leaders of the Bureau of Reclamation and Commissioners at Antelope Point on Friday, March 17, 2023.

2. Headstart Program – I brought this to the DODE Superintendent Mr. Harold Begay that 2 out of 5 chapters I represent have Headstart in operation. But at this time only Bodaway/Gap is in operation and Tonalea Headstart closed due to the unsafe building and the children are on Homebase program now.
3. Western Navajo Pipeline – I met with Navajo Nation Water Resource and Western Navajo Pipeline Contractor Brown and Caldwell on Friday in Page, Arizona. They gave me update on the project, walk thru where the pipeline will be placed & pump station, visit the site of the old Navajo Generating Station water pump that will be updated & they will continue to utilize that. I recommend that services is render to the local business with water and sewer.
4. Chapter's ARPA – Your Chapter is all updated with their request and all documents are submitted. Legislation is already dropped, it already went before NABI meeting and waiting on 25th Navajo Nation Council Spring Session on April 17–21, 2023.

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