

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
May 13, 2024 at 5PM DST
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 5:36pm.
- II. Invocation by Floyd Stevens.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler
Motion: Al Long Second: Deborah Saligeo Vote: 28/00/10
 Betty – have letter statement for the chapter
 Lelia – TCRHCC
 Lola – put presentation first before resolution
 Allen – change ASU Award to Old Business
 Allen – move the reports and presentation to old business
 Tom – Annoucement : WNA Council Meeting June 8 at kaibeto Chapter
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Motion: Faye Mooney Second: Al Long Vote: 29/00/09
- V. Old Business: (move reports and presentations to old business)
 1. ASU – Award Presentation – Jonathan Davis introduced self to the community and brought the award of 2024 John Hopkins for Rural Development. Award from State of Arizona and another award is National Award.
 Lelia – what happens next with the document
 Davis – chapter manager and accountant is needed then given to public.
 2. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – NOT PRESENT
 3. Coconino County Election Office – Ray Daw –
 - i. July 1 : last day to register to vote
 - ii. July 3 : early voting begins
 - iii. July 19 : last day to request early voting ballot by mail
 - iv. July 26 : early voting ends
 - v. July 30 : primary election day
 - vi. October 7 : last day to register to vote
 - vii. October 9 : early voting begins
 - viii. October 25 : last day to request early voting ballot by mail
 - ix. November 1 : early voting ends
 - x. November 5 : general election day

4. Stay Grounded Construction LLC – Shannon B, John T, Calista T – have done construction on homes, goals are integrity....provided powerpoint presentation to the community.
Stay Ground Construction
Phone 928-288-5472
calistat@sgconstruction.pro
PO Box 2099, Page Az 86040

5. Candidate for Coconino County Attorney – Gary Pearlmutter – introduced self to the community and is candidate for coconino county attorney.

6. Echo Cliff Development – Swaback –
Lola – economic development near the clinic south of Coppermine, mr stan robbins was suppose to come but had accident near the clinic construction so he involved in the accident, it has been former bennett freeze for many years, no economic development, no home improvement, no running water, happy these girls have gained knowledge the stay grounded construction and can provide assistance to chapter, walking trailers development, gas station, laundromat, etc. housing is been discussed since there is increase in employment due to the clinic, possible rest stop, for the community is senior center, rural addressing, youth and wellness center, etc Have submitted the document to land department to window rock.
Comment – is council delegate apart of the process
Lola – the land withdrawal, I have informed Helena and no response
Stanford – business, sale barn on east side at first windmill on east and west side, Farmington called napi and talk to them for soil testing to have hay field, we got water and it can be drilled, hay sellers are making money from us, one seller can make \$11,000, they are willing to help, need to talk to the people, where new clinic is been constructed and housing where the employees send kids to school so why not build high school,
Chris – money from employers, no money received from power plant,
Allen – certified chapter can received more then non-certified, tuba city has their own tax so they collect tax

7. Red Feather Development – Duane Tsingine – NOT PRESENT

8. Betty Yellowman – talked to grazing official on harassment and elder abuse, was told to email hope Wilson, what we take to window rock comes back to chapter, provide statement to chapter, with my report its harassment and elder abuse, April 3 2024 – chris benally verbally attacked betty bigman for driving on road, betty bigman visit elders to provide care and uses the roads to access the homes, alan Yazzie, amelia nez. April 7 – chris came to joe littleman house to apologize and can use the road but there were sand pile created on the road. I take care of my dad at his house and we ran out of woods, road the connects 6210 which look like sand pile were created, Arizona long term care, building ditches and creating sand pile on the roads is not good, I never brought it to anyone attention until now, I want it to stop now, why is this taking place, what have I done, my children will come out on weekend to check on their

grandpa, when we were getting fire wood, mistakenly took wrong turn and came upon sand pile and ditches, I greet your family and care for the family, need road maintenance so roads are accessible for homecare workers, I am submitting my written statement.

Chris – the statement is toward me, ntua worked on the road, Alicia Richards, I did apologize, Floyd – point of order – agenda it was add-on, what is brought out, peacemaking court is where this shall go, refer this case to peacemaking, the road that was dug out was not me, person committed suicide,

Allen – statement was given to chapter

Chris – retract the statement and give it to me and I'll give to peacemaking

Allen – the statement is to chapter, you are lawyer, yes I am chair,

Chris – your related, conflict of interest,

Allen – with the point of order, will continue with agenda

9. TCRHCC - Lelia McCabe – introduce self to the community, have missed meetings, ceo, Julius young, there are 8, accountant is open for working, xray, why lack of nursing, open many trainings, scholarship, pharmacy technician, medical building technician, desk clerk, there is funding for employment, conferences to learn more, cancer, elderly home, its been worked on for the elderly home and the cost estimate but lack funding, once my sister and I waited in the ER and took all day to get seen by docter, with this clinic it will help tuba city hospital,

VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report and update report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler
Valerie - Haven't receive report from ASC.

Bank Statement Information	
Previous Balance	995,249.51
Deposit – 4/9	148.54
Deposit – 4/16	118.55
Deposit – 4/16	361.29
Deposit – 4/23	3273.04
Checks – 29 checks processed	17, 392.23
Ending Balance	981,758.70

Chris – will this be posted

Valerie – yes it will be posted at the chapter administration once I give minutes

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Mary Francis

Vote: 31/00/13

2. **Resolution # CO-05-036-24:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 “Unhealthy Food Tax” Budget in the Amount of \$22,583.00

Valerie –

Fund Code: 40 Fund Title: Unhealthy Food			
GL Code	GL Title	Transaction Description	Fund Balance
6303	Other Supplies Expense	To purchase supplies for community health events	4,000.00
6352	Purhcases - Food		(478.75)
6355	Operating Supplies	To purchase trees and seeds for community garden	1,000.00
6390	Operating Supplies	To purchase drip system, needs supplies for healthy food demos, and fitness instructor	1,200.00
6505	R/M - Others	To pay for playground / recreational area	57,682.74
6600	Consultant Expense	To pay fitness instructors & healthy food consultants for community demo	2,000.00
6806	Buildings	To purchase materials/supplies for exercise room	20,000.00
6813	Infrastructure - Land Improv	To pay ground work for playground, sports complex, etc	30,000.00
			115,403.99
			\$ 22,583.00

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Mary Francis

Vote: 25/00/19

3. **Resolution # CO-05-037-24:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 “Special Revenue – Fund – Internal” Budget in the Amount of \$44,721.00
Valerie -

Object Code (LOD 6)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
8000 8705	GF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE CHAPTER 8715 GRANT - FUND 23 : To hire contractor to purchase Modular Office Building to replace the current Chapter Administration Building that currently has an old heating system, no cooling system, floors need addressing, cracks in the building, etc so the Chapter Administration Building is in need to be replaced. The building is used by the Chapter Staff and Officials to provide assistance to the Community on daily basis.	44,721.00	44,721.00
	FY2024 NAVAJO NATION SALES		
	TOTAL	44,721.00	44,721.00

Fund Code: 23 Fund Title: NN Sales Tax Funds			
GL Code	GL Title	Transaction Description	Balance
6202	Travel Expense	Travel Expense for Chapter Official / Admin / CLUP	10,503.02
6300	Office Supplies	To purchase offices supplies for Chapter Admin	-
6301	Postage, Freight, USP Expense	To pay for postage for Chapter Buildings	500.00
6303	Operating Supplies	To purchase operating supplies for Chapter Admin	1,951.85
6410	Telephone Expense	To pay for telephone for Chapter Buildings	1,200.00
6412	Electric Expense	To pay for electric for Chapter Buildings	3,785.63
6413	Natural Gas/Propane	To pay for propane for Chapter Propane	3,423.96
6414	Waste Disposal Collection	To pay for waste for Chapter Buildings	6,000.00
6415	Water Expense	To pay for water for Chapter Buildings	2,882.57
6416	Sewage	To pay for sewage for Chapter Buildings	500.00
6417	Internet Expense	To pay for internet for Chapter Buildings	1,200.00
6501	R/M: Construction Equipment	To pay for R M for Chapter Equipment	16,000.00
6504	R/M: Buildings	To pay for R/M for Chapter Buildings	16,000.00
6600	Consultant Expense	To pay consultant fees for CLUPC Land Use Plan	568.00
6603	Other Professional Fee	To pay for costs for economic development	34,000.00
6802	Equipment	To purchase a flatbed trailer for chapter use	17,000.00
6804	Computers	To purchase computers and printers for Chapter use	5,000.00
6806	Buildings	To purchase warehouse to house heavy equipment	56,794.00
Balance as of March Fund Balance:			177,309.03

Natalie – what is special revenue?

Valerie – when you purchase food, supplies, etc... you pay 6% which is collected by Navajo nation then its given back to chapter at percentage and Coppermine is allocated \$44,721

Chris – fiber connection admin, pass

Allen – admin has cellphone, going talk more to ntua on

Motion: Mary Francis Second: Susie Shorthair Vote: 27/00/12

4. **Resolution # CO-05-038-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve and to support the planning efforts of Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads to conduct a traffic study to assess improvements at the intersection of N20 and Navajo Route 6226 to ensure community members can safely access the Coppermine Chapter House without any risks or danger posed by high-speed traffic or other factors.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Lola – I worked hard on this resolution. The junction of N20 and chapter road and motorist are speeding and is a danger, plus chapter road there is curve road which is hard to see and request for traffic study

Floyd – the study is needed, points of consideration, need straight out, acceleration and de-acceleration

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Chris Benally Vote: 30/00/05

Chris – tuba city junction and 89 have high speeders, we don't want that to happen, what about round-a-about, that would address that the acceleration and de-acceleration

Allen – went to Roads meeting and indicated Road N20 is not to BIA standards, if we change the speed limit to 65 then can address the acceleration and de-acceleration and a lot more signage, its not to bia standard its why its all curvy, that is why we have a lot problems, emergency road

5. **Resolution # CO-05-039-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Navajo Division of Transportation’s planning efforts to develop the Navajo Nation’s Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Plan and prioritize N6200, N6226, and N6210 under Federal Highway Indian Reservation and the Navajo Tribal Transportation Planning Program.

Allen – read the resolution to the community, grading of the roads

Lola – (1) Road 6220 is 3.4mile, (2) Road 6226 is 0.5 miles, (3) Road 6210 is 11.1 miles, 6220 is the road from 6210 to porcupine

Chris – can the county take care of school bus route,

Tom – amendment to resolution to amend to add those, you are removing one,

Lola – no it’s the same one

Allen – they give 15 miles, county help with road N21-B, there was resolution that was passed

Rita – road 6220 I maintain by dragging the road, the road is good and don’t have any problems with it, to chris house its how many miles

Chris – 7 miles

Rita – for joe it wouldn’t benefit him because road wouldn’t reach him

Chris – I use ride the bus in preschool, then no more preschool, we could benefit even if mile, water haulers need access, bus route, we can help maintain it

Betty – chris and I reside out there and would like to get few more extra road, families have to use road to get ot the bus stop, I am for the school children, give us bus route; 6210 bus route is use daily at 3pm, after school, activity bus so busses are running 4 runs; statement for our children to get to school; route and improvement we want,

Chris – we live out there everyday and not in town,

Stanford – road was made but road is sandy, elders get stuck in the road, there is road dispute, ron water resource said they can drill for water but need road access, they use dully to haul water, why do you say that, why are there gate and elders get stuck, we need to work together, back in the days our elders use Ke and we have lost the Ke ways, 5 families are disputing, I know the roads, caretaker say I don’t want to go out there due to road access, water haulers do their own maintenance due to love of their animals,

Motion: Chris Benally

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 37/01/02

Lola: motioning party

Floyd – meeting with NDOT for prioritizing, 15 miles which is agreement between BIA and NDOT, add 3miles to 6200 to reach the elders, clause 6200 we want 3 miles extended for the elders and bus route, hardship case,

Allen – which one you motioning to: (1) 6200 is 3.4miles, (2) 6226 is 0.5miles, (3) 6210 is 11.1miles and add the 3 miles to 6200

Tom – need to change your numbers to total 15 miles
Chris – go back to resolution because 6210 is bus route

Allen – back to (1) 6200 is 3.4miles, (2) 6226 is 0.5miles, (3) 6210 is 11.1miles

6. **Resolution # CO-05-040-24:** Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 01 – Chapter Activities General Fund to Transfer funds from 6607 (Seminars & Registration Fees) of \$1,500.00; to Transferred into 6620 (Gifts and Awards) for \$1,500.00 to Purchase Gifts.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie – ASC indicate

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Viola Fowler

Vote: 26/00/ 02

7. **Resolution # CO-05-041-24:** Supporting and Recommending Approval to the Navajo Nation Council of the Proposed Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement to Resolve the Comprehensive Water Rights Claims of the Navajo Nation in the State of Arizona.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Floyd – Navajo water rights, group came to chapter, negotiate the water settlement, there are 2 ways for ligation through court system or settlement, court system is slow so recommend to go with settlement, resolution was given to chapter’s that are impacted, Valerie gave me the resolution, I overview the resolution, this is fuzzy resolution, its not written by appointed by person writing resolutions, there are unclear sentences and structures and sentences, I started to review the resolution, then another resolution showed up that is better, at planning meeting discussed that here are missing words, Navajo water rights discussion, impact Coppermine wasn’t included, we are pretty much left out with the state (UT, NM, AZ), the little Colorado we were left out, we want to be treated fairly to water rights, there is no clause on fairness or equity, during planning meeting to include fairness and equity and I put in there a sentence on Navajo water commission that provide information which is for community awareness
Chris – we are talking about water rights for our children, in 1932 land withdrawal,
Floyd – water rights, they reserve, there are confidential information that wasn’t share with us, the main parts will be used, future generation is address in here which is address for the future home land,

Motion: Mary Francis

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 26/00/06

8. **Resolution # CO-05-042-24:** Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 23- Navajo Nation Sales Tax Fund to Transfer Funds from 6504 (R/M Building) of \$7600.00 to be transferred into 6417 (Internet Expense) for \$7600.00 to cover Internet Expense for DIA/WIFI, Bandwidth, and Fiber Connection.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

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DIA Quote with WIFI Service		
1. Coppermine Administration Bldg	DIA 20Mb cost is \$290 x 4 months =	1,160.00
2. Coppermine Chapter House	DIA 20Mb cost is \$290 x 4 months =	1,160.00
Bandwidth	40Mb @ \$15.37 x 4 months =	2,459.20
NTUA Fiber Connection Admin		1,500.00
NTUA Fiber Connection Chapter		2,500.00
		8,779.20
		(1,200.00)
		7,579.20

Houston – is the internet going to be for the community

Allen – the wifi is 2g and 5g

Motion: Mary Francis

Second: Al Long

Vote: 24/00/06

9. **Resolution # CO-05-043-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Navajo Division of Transportation’s planning efforts to develop the Navajo Nation’s Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Plan and prioritize in N21-B to the status of All-Weather under Federal Highway Indian Reservation and the Navajo Tribal Transportation Planning Program.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Lola – road N21-B is the road at first windmill for improvement, junction n20 to n21-b its to improve from first windmill to kaibeto, its for road access for the clinic for people to get to the clinic

Floyd – input “status of all-weather road”

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Mary Francis

Vote: 27/00/05

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- ~~1. ASU – Award Presentation~~
- ~~2. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair~~
- ~~3. Coconino County Election Office – Ray Daw~~
- ~~4. Stay Grounded Construction LLC. – Shannon B., Selina, and Calista Tsinnijinnie~~
- ~~5. Candidate for Coconino County Attorney – Gary Pearlmutter~~
- ~~6. Echo Cliff Development – Swaback~~
- ~~7. Duane Tsinigine – Red Feather Development~~

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report:

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – Tom Franklin = Helena is attending HESS in window rock. Monday meetings isn't good for her, she will be attending graduation for the remainder of the month in kaibeto/page/Shonto/phoenix/ Richfield/etc, the resolution she wanted pass was on the agenda and it was passed, there are no resolutions in window rock on the pavement of the road, water line extension, need to update the listing, arpa funds, delegate region, working with JSRA with non-certified chapters, the \$8 million for 5 chapters, \$16,300 wasn't used, at the end of the arpa season is over then it will be reallocated, we discussed on how to use the funds and will use the funds for PPE, i have got paperwork for PPE then plans changed again to use the funds for septic tank cleaning, names were given, arpa funds will go back into pot, what do we do out here for the chapter so said to do multipurpose building for gap/Coppermine/lechee/kabieto, package was moved forward, I email since I didn't hear anything, found out it was emailed to chapter of missing document, so handle the document, summer session is coming, recognition during summer session, sand tan charter, the 15 miles, only 3 chapters came to meeting, gap/Shonto/xxx didn't come, Navajo transit and maybe have one from black mesa to page and tuba city to page so need chapter resolution to have Navajo transit come out,
Comment – agree to have transit to flagstaff
Comment – people throw off their dogs and come to our homes, we have 3 or 4 females and get a lot of pups, we have people complainers, to take dogs to tuba city to drive 45 min, need to work on this, our dogs attacking sheep and cows,
Tom – need to call window rock, its nationwide problem, dog catchers,
Bessie – I have called and no answer, who do we contact for septic tank cleaning,
Tom – do you budget for septic tank cleaning, maybe your sales tax,
Valerie – dig deep
Chris – introduce, running for chapter president, we don't live near window rock, there is a lot of housing, people move to flagstaff/phoenix, arpa money is from pandemic, we got effected, help with the resources, funds go to window rock,

Allen – can do chapter resolution for budget transfer, get 3 price quotes for the septic cleaning

Comment – need to open for veterinarian due to animal issue, I see elders hauling water in their old vehicle, why can't chapter get big water truck and haul water to elders, we don't have water running,

Tom – the Navajo nation sales tax could have been used to budget for septic tank and purchase water truck,

Allen – wage is low for Navajo nation, we had meeting with law enforcement, sergeant from tuba city just 1 person, county had 8 police officers, sergeant said nobody applies for the tuba city police position, we need plan,

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. –
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith –
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler –
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – my report was award with update.

Chris – can we have access to clup manual

Linda – its on the computer at the administration, print is too much

IX. Announcements:

1. St. Mary's Food Bank – MAY 21, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
2. Veteran's Meeting – JUNE 14, 2024 @ 5pm (MST)
3. Next Planning Meeting – JUNE 11, 2024 @ 4pm (DST)
4. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – JUNE 17, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
5. TCRHCC – JUST MOVE IT @ Kaibeto, May 14, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
6. SYE Application OPEN- MAY 6 – 2 sessions (HS) @ College 1 session, Deadline May 29
7. TCRHCC – Mobile Clinic MAY 17, 2024 @ 9am -3pm
8. Chapter Administration Building – CLOSED – MAY 27 Memorial Day and MAY 31 NN Memorial Day
9. Add-on: Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting – June 8 2024 @ 9am @ Kaibeto Chapter

X. Adjournment at 9:50pm. Motion Floyd Stevens. Second Stanford Fowler. Vote: 30/00/00



Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler, S/T