

COPPERMINE CHAPTER – REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

May 29, 2023 @ 4 PM (DST) IN-PERSON OR TELECONFERENCE

MINUTES

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- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:15pm.
- II. Invocation by Lola Smith.
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 08 / 00 / 02
Adrian – request to add resolution to the agenda. Sent resolution on May 10 and chapter confirmed that they received the email. Resolution: Supporting Local Residents and Traditional Land Users of Black Mesa Opposing the Proposal, Funding, and Development of the North, East, and South Black Mesa Pumped Storage Projects.
Sarah – Report . Lola - under Old Business
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 08 / 00 / 02
- V. Old Business
 1. Sarah Slim – Western Representative for OPVP, chapter projects, cover schools for 638 and BIAs, flooding at birdsprings and is on-going which displace some families, housing program, program oversight, 160 in the deficit, central administration, need 40,000 for the deficit, staffing for graduation, advocacy, nation is developing on strategic plan with working departments, 2000 vacancy, background check is hold up, staff member is holding 2months due to background check, work directly with DNR with homesite leasing, veterans program for request on how they populate on housing of who is getting housing, if veterans is in dire need for home then veterans will have applications but failed to have homesite lease, expedite homesite lease for applicants, transformer for the water, program bid out, water goes as far as lechee, meeting held and water resources and brown Caldwell and Helena nez begay and was invited and got highlight on the project, water project will be bidded out, pipping to go through Coppermine so need for legislation and pipeline from lechee to Coppermine to gap, need to make sure delegate are working on this, if you want high level meeting then we have invite the them, work with clup members, president priority is economic development, need clup manual be updated, interested and visited varies chapters to get view of chapter's manual, tonalea veterans organization held their flag folding at 6am today and just barely over now.
Lola – thank you for your report. Request highly level meeting with president, water resource, brown and Caldwell, because as of now Coppermine water is going down to gap / Cameron, and none of the homes in Coppermine FBFA are been served to homes, underground water is precious, water from lake powell needs to come up Coppermine, need strong leadership for this to take place
Sarah – we can collect your email address, not sure if you have CLUP members, I can begin to collect email address, preference on meeting date and location, I would like to invite Brown Caldwell, OEH, ARPA, Water Resources, etc. I will research out to OEH.
Allen – meeting take place in Coppermine
Linda – comment on western pipeline, appointed me as CLUP president, water from lake powell take to lechee through Coppermine to gap and the water isn't going to benefit Coppermine but its for gap / Cameron, the acquirer we are sitting on and they are taking water from Coppermine, my plan is to take our water to take water out and give to our Coppermine people, we should take our own water to drill for water and give to our Coppermine people.
Sarah – want to see clup manual and does it state that, need to work with water resources, economic development, bigger pipe, agricultural, if you are taking position to oppose western pipeline, the western pipeline is an opportunity, OEH find funds for residents, etc. invite me to your next clup meeting.

Linda – we need that high level meeting with Buu, we have had many meetings with Brown Caldwell, they can't find map that we gave them and is why Coppermine isn't been served, our planning book is at its final stage then will public hearing,

Sarah – public hearing invite me, there is 90 day wait time for comment from public

Paul – you are covering 18 chapters, working with schools, working with projects, this is what council delegate is suppose to be doing, council delegate has legislative assistance, how much information is been shared with the council delegate, there is standing committee for Schools/Projects/Veterans, is there working relationship, I hope one doesn't relay on another, you have job of a council delegate and standing committee, Ive heard of western pipeline, phase 1 project is passed and phase 1 is almost completed, in meantime, there is legislation required on these projects, step in consideration is the phase 2 for the funding so that project will not be interrupted, I am curious if this project phase 2 has come up yet at legislation, we need the phase 2 funding and legislation address, Coppermine is not going to get any water, how did this happened when many meeting took place between Brown Caldwell with Coppermine and meetings took place with Delegate Slim, pipeline for scattered waterline for Coppermine was discussed, \$58 million does include water treatment and this isn't been discussed,

Sarah – the project is going to be bid out

Paul – there is need for legislation for phase 2 funding

Sarah – I report to Buu, one information he provide is any meeting need to include delegate Helena, brown Caldwell meeting with Helena on the hydrologist, everything discussed at the meeting and provide information back to Buu, communication, phase 2 information isn't given to clup president, Helena is only one to do legislation, I have good working relationship with Helena,

Allen – during meeting at chapter on pipeline, at meeting is was state Coppermine would get water but yet its not and water is given to gap/Cameron first, need invitation on water meeting,

Comment – we were not invited to meeting at lechee

Sarah – stress on my job that if you need to go out to the chapters to help them or schools or veterans and each have different situations, I was told to make sure the chapters are successful, 5 year prioritize, audits, compliance, I put it in my report,

VI. New Business

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

Valerie – provided the below information on the fund balance and bank statement information to the community.

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	31-Mar-23	Difference	30-Apr-23
01	General Activity Fund	27,710.19	592.00	28,302.19
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	13,128.33	286.81	13,415.14
08	Summer Youth Employment	15,718.48	1,453.28	17,171.76
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-	19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	21,743.33	(178.27)	21,565.06
12	Chapter Official Stipend	34,867.28	(3,000.00)	31,867.28
13	Scholarship/General Fund	15,350.00	-	15,350.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	1,704.00	-	1,704.00
15	Public Employment Project	119,656.88	(669.59)	118,987.29
16	Veterans	4,660.37	-	4,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,694.60	(258.75)	23,435.85
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	168,215.83	(1,324.89)	166,890.94
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-	272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	95,418.55	(544.81)	94,873.74
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-	5.48
	Total	834,076.06		830,431.84

Bank Statement for April 2023	
Beginning Balance	\$845,993.49
Deposits	\$627.30
Checks Processed	\$6,090.77
Ending Balance	\$840,530.02

Valerie – announced that St Mary Food Bank – Food Distribution on June 20 and that day will be receiving TFAP food box which will require more information from the community and once in the system then will just require ID or Driver License.

Motion: Lela McCabe Second: Sallie Tsingine Vote: 09 / 00 / 04

- Resolution CO-05-023-23: 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. Sponsor Stanford Fowler.

Stanford – this is every year and need to reaffirm the resolution ever year. Read the resolution to the community. This is for the horse roundup in Coppermine. Need to have the affirm the resolution so the chapter can have horse roundup.

Allen – any questions

Motion: Valerie Fowler Second: Paul Begay Vote: 09 / 00 / 04

- Resolution CO-05-024-23: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 “Special Rev Fund-Internal-Tax Sales” Budget in the amount of \$33,794.00.

Valerie – read the resolution to the community and budget form 4.

Object Code (LOD 6)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)
8000	GF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE	33,794.00
8705	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.	

Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 11 / 00 / 03

- Resolution CO-05-025-23: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 “Unhealthy Food Tax” Budget in the amount of \$22,809.00.

Valerie – read the resolution to the community and budget form 4.

Object Code (LOD 6)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)
8000	GF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE	22,809.00
8705	CHAPTER 8715 GRANT - FUND 40 : To hire contractor to construct and install Recreational Sport and Playground Center for the Community. The Center will improve physical health, develop social skills among peers, supports mental health, help develop gross motor skills, encourages outdoor play and other activities, etc.	

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 11 / 00 / 03

5. Resolution CO-05-026-23: Authorizing the Approval of Student Travel for Jaren S. Scott utilizing the Chapter activities Fund in the Amount of \$150.00.

Allen – read the resolution to the community.

Valerie – Parent of Jaren Scott has submitted financial assistance application and documents to chapter administration and was forward to ASC for their review and approval. ASC approved to be on the agenda and payment.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 11 / 00 / 03

6. Resolution CO-05-027-23: Requesting the President of the Navajo Nation and Indian Health Service to support the name “Echo Cliffs Health Center” as selected by the Bodaway/Gap and Coppermine Chapters and area communities for the new health center at Coppermine, Arizona.

Lela – official rename the clinic we are working on it and rename it to Echo Cliffs. Need approval from chapter and rename the project to start naming the project Echo Cliffs. Read the resolution to the community.

Linda – when you read the resolution did Coppermine chapter and nearby community are we saying okay for the community.

Lela – its nearby community

Linda – so we are saying okay for the nearby community, I think each chapter should have their own resolution

Lola – yes this resolution is for Coppermine community, other chapters will have their own resolution

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Tina Tsingine

Vote: 11 / 00 / 04

7. Resolution CO-05-028-23: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 “General Fund” Budget in the amount of \$15,776.00.

Valerie – read the resolution to the community and budget form 4.

Object Code (LOD 6)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)
8000	Assistance	
8705	Chapter	15,776
	8715 : Grant: FUND 08 - SYEP PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT	
	08-6101: Two (2) College Students x \$13.50 x 160 hours =	4,320.00
	08-6101: Twelve (12) High School Students x \$12.50 x 64 hours =	9,600.00
	08-6103 FICA: 13,920 X 6.2% =	864.00
	08-6104 Medicare: 13,920 X 1.45% =	202.00
	08-6108: Workers Comp 13,920 / 100 X \$0.53 =	74.00
		15,060.00
	08-6303: Operating Supplies for students to use such as gloves, masks, pencils, etc. =	716.00

Motion: Linda Long

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 14 / 00 / 01

8. Resolution CO-05-029-23: Approving the Budget Transfer within Fund Account 40 [Unhealthy Food Tax] from Sub-Account 6390 (Other Supplies Expense) into Sub-Account 6355 (Purchase Food) of \$2567.69 to cover the negative balance of \$544.81 and replenish the account for upcoming expenses.

Valerie – read the resolution to the community.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 13 / 00 / 02

9. Add: Resolution CO-05-030-23: Supporting Local Residents and Traditional Land Users of Black Mesa Opposing the Proposal, Funding, and Development of the North, East, and South Black Mesa Pumped Storage Projects.

Adrian – provide powerpoint presentation. We are nonprofit, am community of hard rock. We are Sacred Water Speaks. www.tonizhoniani.org/no-bmpsp

Applicant – nature and people first, Arizona

File date – nov 7 2022

Federal agency –

Location – northeast edge of black mesa

Duration – 100 years

Project – its pump storage project. Project is to generate electricity. Method is to generate electricity by pumping water uphill inot water reservoirs when electricity prices are low and releasing it downhill into water.

Three project sites – North project, East project, South project. Chilchinbeto, Rough Rock, Kayenta, etc.

Source of water: Colorado river, san juan river, local aquifers,

Concerns with this project:

- i. Excessive water use
- ii. Water source is not identified
- iii. Water evaporation
- iv. No community, Consultation/consent
- v. Land and wildlife impacts

This project o use 450,000 acre-feed of water (126 trillion gallons)

Water source : black mesa groundwater, and or Colorado river and/or san juan river

All 3 project combined would require: 30-40 mile

Project destroy: aquifers and spring productivity groundwater withdrawals, traditional land use, endangered Mexican spotted owl, geological stability due to overdraft of aquifers,

Water: 450,000 acre feet = 126 trilliams gallons = Over 2 million 55 gallon barrels = 100x wheatfields lake

Chapter support – hardrock, chinle, pinon, rough rock, black mesa, Kayenta, forest lake, lechee, etc.

Tina – who is doing this project

Adrian – Nature and Energy First

Tina – who is supporting them,

Adrian – Chilchinbeto is supporting. Refer to map. Presented this powerpoint this rough rock and chapter was unaware of this project.

Lola – are you going to other chapters

Adrian – missed their planning meeting so going to hit next month

Tina – did it go thru DOJ

Comment – Navajo nation DOJ filed a motion with FERC opposing the project

Lela – will community benefit from project

Adrian – states it possible to benefit chapters

Comment – power will go off the reservation and not to the Navajo Nation, using NN water

Linda – we were taken by previous projects, many water rights are taking place, federal states we don't have any rights, its still in court and hope for positivity, I would say, who are they to come in, there is process

Paul – this is big issue, it will probably involved education at the local level at chapter, with Buu Administration and are they aware of it and what is their stand on this project,

Adrian – for chapters what we have done is present resolutions and powerpoint presentation, we have hit all chapters surrounding the chapters, have started the western chapters, so far we have 15 resolutions. The Nature and Energy First have done presentation to chapters like Shonto and not in-depth information, haven't hear from Buu Administration, we want to collect chapters resolution and present to the Buu

Stanford – drought issue this isn't good project, I can present at the western agency grazing meeting and I know all grazing need is for water for our people and livestock,

Adrian – can get your email and forward document to you

Stanford – can add you to the agenda for western agency grazing meeting

Sarah – the support resolution, you have tall grass that are promoting hydro, questions raise by community, community are asking tall grass and how community will benefit from the project, tall grass are going through

chapters so be aware, they will probably make that request for presentation, community want to oppose the project, hydro, we need to quantify our water, need to provide presentation in Navajo for community
Allen – did the community understand the presentation and does one need translation
Delores – intro, translate the presentation in Navajo

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Linda Long

Vote: 14 / 00 / 01

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Choice Humanitarian – Lori Riggs – NOT PRESENT
2. Black Mesa Pumped Storage Project – Adrian Herder – provided presentation under New Business #9
3. TCRHCC – Lelia McCabe – provided update report. Training program for coding, medical technician, reach to high school to get students into medical field, contact human resources for the training, cultural language to come to the chapters, they are working on program on medical interruptions, especially explain medical term in Navajo, etc. reminder to community to get provider at hospital.
4. TCRHCC – Natasha Begay – NOT PRESENT
5. TCRHCC – Lisa Butler – NOT PRESENT
6. PUSD – Sharon Claw-Watson – NOT PRESENT

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Reports

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – provided report over phone. Veteran financial situation. Working on setting up meeting. Have setup meeting with NDOT. Working on sihasin funds.
Linda – clup manual public hearing will be coming up, need to have chapter csc/ams and will need to have those positions filled so chapter can be certified
Helena – not sure if there is any applicants but do see it advertised
Allen – no word from ASC on applicants
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr
Jerry Williams – report on Navajo Power Homes. NTUA have powerline near homes but are without power due to no homesite lease. Request for names for USDA. Gap have provide names and have enough names for the project. Will be doing home visit to know of their home location and home status. Need to GPS homes. Gap/Bodaway have already completed the information on obtain name, home status, gps. Website is www.navajopowerhome.com haven't apply for usda grant. Meeting tomorrow in window rock for the 1000 homes on Navajo nation. Housing meeting is tomorrow at museum at 9am.
Sarah – housing summit has been cancelled for may 30. Rescheduling to June 27-28 and location is fairground in window rock. Melinda with OPVP is handling the housing summit.
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith
Last planning meeting I gave report. We have been meeting with Native Promise whom have received grant for economic development for the upcoming clinic in south Coppermine, is still on our agenda, need to pin point on the location, heard from Buu that Coppermine will be receiving the 2-ton truck, heard on the radio, truck will be useful in hauling water and trash, etc, thankful to sihasin fund.
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler. Im doing branding and tally. Call me to schedule. Get your calf and must be over 3 months would be best...small ones not good. Will call you for session which is 4-5 hours. I'll be working NN olin begay to schedule horse roundup. I see a lot at first windmill. Maybe middle of June or July when water decrease at dams. Look after your livestock, cows, horses, etc.
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – I have mention planning book, book is at another trip to editor, hopefully she'll be done soon. I contact Jonathan time and time. Need ASC and CSC. We have to have that in place in order to get certified.

Motion to accept report.

Motion: Paul Begay

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 13/00/02

IX. Announcement:

1. Next Chapter Meeting – May 29, 2023 @ 4PM
2. Summer Youth Employment Program- applications accepted for ages 14-21
3. Scholarship for Summer Session deadline is last Friday in May (05-26-23)
4. Just Move It - June 6, 2023 registration at 6PM starts at 7 PM
5. Next Planning Meeting: JUNE 5, 2023 @ 4PM
6. Next Chapter Meeting: JUNE 12, 2023 @ 4pm
7. NDOT Meeting at Lechee Chapter from 9am – 4pm on June 13
8. Next CLUPC Meeting TBA
9. Next District Grazing Committee Meeting TBA
10. Next Western Agency Grazing Committee Meeting TBA

X. Adjournment at 7:50pm. Motion Valerie Fowler. Second Lola Smith. Vote: 13/00/02

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler

Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer