

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2023 @ 4 PM
MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:40pm.
- II. Invocation by Rodney Hoschain
- III. Review and Adopt the agenda
Allen – read the agenda to the community
Add-on:
Add-on: Delores – Add member to CLUP and was mentioned at CLUP meeting last night.
Add-on: Kee Black – add to her home for bathroom addition for her aunt.
Valerie – have you submitted application to chapter administration
Kee – submit hard copy application that was submitted last year to chapter officials
Allen – will work with Milford
Motion: Lula Tsinnijinnie Second: Alice Tatakte Vote: 28/00/28
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Motion: Lula Tsinnijinnie Second: Connie Spencer Vote: 33/00/23
- V. Old Business:
 1. Resolution CO-11-003-24: Coppermine Chapter supporting the designation of the Confluence of the Little Colorado River and the Colorado River, the Little Colorado River Gorge, and other related Cultural /Spiritual Sacred Sites as Sacred Sites.
Delores – read the resolution to the community. Supporting resolutions from varies chapters. Any questions.
Floyd – the resolutions that were produced. One was sent to historic preservation and Richard sent letter back to Cameron and Gap. The letter states instead of using word sacred sites but use the work traditional cultural property. I got letter from Richard begay. The word Traditional Cultural Property carries more weight than sacred sites. If you want to use the confluence as property and the government agency recognize that as property. Need to change the wording then Navajo nation can apply for traditional cultural property. If you want to do that, we have lee ferry and along the Colorado river those type of places can be in it. the boundary near river. The historic significant site. it needs to be identified the locations. Its more support and need to revise the resolution and still have time to do so. Historic preservation have ground to say they support this. That would be my suggestion. The main thing was big canyon dam and escalade project. I went to grand canyon twice and questions were asked.
Delores – what he said is true. We would like to talk to you too. More chapters supporting this confluence.
Linda – this resolution states sacred sites so do we say leave the resolution and make changes to include the federal traditional cultural property.
Delores – we can make those changes and it was mention before.

Delores S – so sites will not be distributed

Delores – yes along the canyon, yes we are open to suggestion and other people have help us to.

Ben – sites, permit

Delores – salt trail, permits needs to be issued but some

Ben – permit is from Cameron, what about the Martins

Delores – sacred edge, I did ask and parks/recreation and have ask me if I knew about martins

Allen – with Floyd recommendation to add traditional cultural property

Floyd – we could make changes to the wording traditional cultural property and also add location of the varies sites, so recommend to table and make changes to the resolution, need to ask Richard Begay, so motion to table.

Comment – it does state cultural site

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Lula Tsinnijinnie

Vote: 28 / 00 / 29

2. Resolution CO-11-004-24: Supporting and endorsing NTUA's issuance of a Tribal Authorization Agreement (TAA) for as-built distribution line with fiber optic cable across Coppermine Chapter area.

Moosh – Mujtaba Ansari – I am building to the gap school, there is little piece that goes through Coppermine, fiber is coming from tuba city and will end at the school, there is section that goes through the Coppermine, what can we do for Coppermine, reason why need for fiber to coppermime, there is \$120 million for fiber optic using arpa funds, \$1.7million recommend that chapter officials request for the funds for fiber optic funds, they haven't spent the \$120 million, any questions

Delores – how big does it serve

Moosh – 15 miles radius, ??

Moosh – can request for other carries to come on, any money bring in from rental space on the tower goes, for community where there are more people,

Moosh – takes \$1.7 million to get fiber to chapter house, it will come from Kaibeto

Moosh – its 516 feet that cuts into Coppermine, any questions how to get fiber to this location, get fiber from kaibeto, work with chapter, presaude window rock to use the fund balance of broadband of \$120 million to fund the \$1.7 million, if we build to the water tank then we would contact fiber as well.

Allen – this is connection of fiber to the gap school is what he is requesting.

Moosh – yes we didn't receive any funds from arpa for ntua, believe there is \$80 million, SBI, there is B-funding, ARPA funding, state of Arizona received funding for broadband for the state of Arizona,

Lela – when broadband comes to Coppermine then what is the charge,

Moosh – nuta does the infrastructure, affordable connectivity plan (ACP) that 40% of the NN will qualify, choice wireless will stop cellular in 2years, verizon and ATT are here on the NN

Yoshi – this is just signal for gap and the one coming here is the fiber

Yoshi – electric is too high,

Moosh - can have the electric come to the meeting, recommend to head of the electric to provide information, I just handle the towers

Floyd – what is the timeline for it to reach Coppermine

Moosh – need funding first, chapter needs to get some of the arpa funding

Floyd – in the resolution

Linda – where is fiber optic coming from,

Moosh – from kaibeto

Allen – from highway 98

Moosh – shows the map to the community, can have ntua re-access the cost of from highway 89 or tuba city,

Linda – will you apply for the funding, I'll research and you bring the 2 cost estimates

Allen – who is your ROW agent, is that cost for the ROW

Moosh – that is make ready and ROW cost

Motion: Lula Tsinnijinnie Second: Yolanda Lamone Vote: 40 / 00 / 29

VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	30-Sep-23	Expenses	Deposit	31-Oct-23
01	General Activity Fund	27,241.11	-		27,241.11
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	6,712.63	(662.90)		6,049.73
08	Summer Youth Employment	5,999.29	-		5,999.29
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	19,380.36	-		19,380.36
12	Chapter Official Stipend	15,988.44	(1,650.00)		14,338.44
13	Scholarship/General Fund	11,600.00	-		11,600.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	1,704.00	-		1,704.00
15	Public Employment Project	93,981.72	(3,009.37)		90,972.35
16	Veterans	4,660.37	-		4,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-		23,435.85
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	189,864.72	(1,949.93)		187,914.79
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-		272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	117,682.74	-		117,682.74
34	Agriculture Infrastructure	5.48	-		5.48
	Total	810,459.45	(7,272.20)	-	803,187.25

Bank Statement for October 2023	
Beginning Balance	830,034.31
Deposit from Chapter 10/3	137.36
Deposit from Chapter 10/09	175.78
Deposit from Chapter 10/17	267.04
Checks Processed	11,005.46
Ending Balance	819,166.21
Total Deposit into Fund 01 when Community approves the Fund Management Plan	\$ 580.18

Lavern – allocate the whole \$5000 for awards which was mentioned at veterans meeting. Alex whitehair is the contact person for awards of getting jacks.

Valerie – veterans need to submit veterans resolution to change the budget from \$2500 for Events and \$2500 for Awards for the total amount of \$5000 to be budget for Awards. Submit during next planning meeting. Then chapter will request to change budget amounts.

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Alice Tatatke Vote: 31 / 00 / 27

2. Resolution CO-11-006-24: Supporting the issuance of a Tribal Access Authorization Agreement (TAA) from the Navajo Nation to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to construct, attach, operate, and maintain a distribution line, and fiber optic cable installation within the Coppermine Chapter for expanding and enhancing electrical communication services for the Echo Cliffs Health Care Center.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Christine Wallace – will be taking the fiber optic from the school to the clinic. Show map to couple of community and not all.

Motion: Yolande Lamone Second: Marie Etsitty Vote: 44 / 00 / 26

VII. Reports and Presentations:

1. Red Feather Development report – Duane Tsingine – NOT PRESENT
2. Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation report – Lela McCabe – provided report, take care of our veterans, working with CEO, fiber is in our hospital and its strong, it handles the equipment/ medical records/ ordering supplies/ etc, we are requesting for grants, provide update on cancer, make the cancer bigger, elderly care, echo clinic update and upcoming meeting dec 1st, self-government, since Ive joined the board Ive attend a lot of meetings, we really need to take care of our elders and health, some elders are by themselves, there are nursing homes in flagstaff and winslow, etc. if you have any complaints, visit the senior staff officers.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – NOT PRESENT
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – arap funding there is representative that we met with, cemetary, dump truck trailer, warehouse, ppe supplies, waste mgmt. the consultant will help us. There is some going into design. \$1.4 they will do the drawing. End of December. If feasible then it's a go. Any other chapter if not feasible the funds will be taking away.

Comment – what are your projects

Allen – its on the website, it lists the project and description,

\$160,000 – dump truck and trailer

\$44,468 – ppe supplies

\$36,000 – waste management

\$1,400,000 – chapter PPE warehouse

\$ - cemetery

We are non-certified so need to work with the consultant.

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – I hope you enjoy your meal and thank you to people that brought dish. Thank You Floyd for been apart of meetings and he has a lot of knowledge. Thanksgiving came long ago. There is a lot of work with ARPA funds and chapters received funds to work with. Valerie and I work on preparing the documents for ARPA funds. I met with consultant by myself weeks ago. Next ARPA meeting which was myself, allen, Stanford. Eunice tso needs to be contacted for ARPA project. We have deadline for the documents to keep going forward... December 2023. Not sure when they are coming again. Bill draper and his company comes out to meeting on apra projects. When things were discussed in past then it brought up again. These planning is for our children, grandchildren, etc. we need to have good planning. I was by myself at chapter and said where is everyone. I don't who is going to cook for Christmas. we need cleaning crew. We only have one worker Sharlene. Tomorrow is the food bank distribution.
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – CKP are insurance company. The money is from weather. Jan Feb is doesn't rain then you make money but if it rains then you don't make money. Its not only Navajo nation but other tribes too. They look at the weather. AIF. Doesn't have policy. You have to have your tally and in compliance. If you are overgrazing then you sell / bill of sale to show your adjustment of been in compliance. We are overgrazing. Why we do gps. You add up that sheep unit and BIA does that. They add up all the sheep unit and see how much land is to be used and we are all overgrazing. We have a lot of horses. We try to do roundup. Use some of the funds to get more personnel for horse roundup and currently there is only Olin's group. RDC will look into that. FSA from flagstaff, these 2 programs are under USDA. Grazing is been discussed. BIA are researching and surveying for overgrazing. There are wild horses. If the sheep units over 100. How much can we put. The more you have the more you'll pay. We have different religion and we say our mother earth. We don't give water to the plants. If we pray for rain. Some say we herd sheep but I don't see no one herding sheet but use atv, vehicles, etc. there are 20 permit holders and we don't comply. What I mention to RDC is the road, each grazing all have wear and tear of their vehicles, need bulldozer to maintain the road, Navajo range management. Need to work with RDC and DOJ on the wording. BIA is from congress and Navajo Nation is separate. If going to change with BIA then need to change with congress. You write to them, call them, we do chapter resolutions and gets lost. Another issue burial site. there should be no burial on grazing land and only certified chapters with community cemetery can have burial site. I don't have to approve it. burial has to go to certified burial site – community cemetery. Need to have community cemetery in Coppermine so burials don't go off the Navajo nation. There are ARPA funds for the community cemetery. I see wool in people's storage in plastic bag, need to make it more for our people. Economical way is how you take care of your animals. You sell cows and you make money from it. you sell sheep but it's not a lot of money. Some people have reduce their livestock but I know whom are still overgrazing. In 1930/1940, we only had few permit to hold the land. Why not change back to permit of 50. Take care of your animals. We are not allowed to do vaccinations but owners buy the vaccinations. We know how to administer the shots. Take care of your bulls. Take care of our land. Winter camp. Summer camp. We don't do that anymore.

Julia – burial site, has it been pick

Stanford – yes it been picked and located near homesite

Julia – have gone to land department and oppose the location, its our grazing area

Stanford – as chapter we can select the land, there is already burial site there, there is another one in the same location

Julia – Herbert bigman has burial site as well and just add to that site

5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – yesterday we had clup meeting here and we talked about many things. We talked about with clup and officials as the following: ARPA projects, funds for the projects, documents for the projects, etc. for cemetery we need 2 documents. NDOT. Need maintenance on the road. T.slim when he was delegate he started the quarterly NDOT meeting with his chapters and today there is no quarterly meeting. We will get that meeting started. Water is another issue. Water wasn't fix in the past. Today people hide it from us. Water taking from FBFA is taking from us and taking elsewhere. We should all have running water since we are sitting on water. You are in compliance with your grazing and it will come time when we are not in compliance that they will take away and reduce. Sensitive Area like the confluence has sacred sites. Planning book, we have gps it, back then I have ask you to come to the meeting and plan with us in the planning book. When we start talking about it now then people will start voicing their issue when it should have been brought during planning of the CLUP manual. We will bring the CLUP manual to the community for public hearing. Floyd was the president and we were appointment as clup members. The clup manual at that time was basic, about 10 years ago. Told back then to take start new with clup manual which we started back then. When the clup manual is brought in front of the community for public hearing and approved then will be sent to RDC then Buu signature next. But Coppermine need to have position filled for CSC and AMS, in order to get certified. CSC or Chapter manager say that even if certified the Navajo Nation oversee the chapters. Chapter officials are not allowed in the chapter administration so how is there working relationship with chapter staff and chapter officials. Chapter officials are to remain in the chapter house.

Debra S – she mention our scholarship recipient need to come back. I did go to school. I ask how do I assist. There is policy and procedures. Clup members were appointed. I have my own company and I can provide services. I have ask for copies for policy and procedures but was told Sharlene that copies cost money.

Linda – at clup meeting, we nominated Debra S. to be clup member.

Stanford – title 26, rodgerick begay stated that they will revisit title 26. Getting all the 68 non-certified to get them certified. Get things done in 4 years just not enough time. Previous administration puts halt in our planning. Elections will be coming up. Why there is no progress.

Floyd – its good to see Coppermine community. After the pandemic, now we are getting back to business. We have many tasks to do. It true we need to get scholarship students come back to help the community. To participate in meetings. Valerie was one student that received chapter scholarships and came back to help our community. There is phrase I saw at the veterans conference “do not make decision about us without us”. I am going through cancer treatment and I am at stage 2 of 4. When I am going through this I appreciate all your prayers.

IX. Announcement:

By Valerie Fowler

Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023

1. Next Planning Meeting – December 5, 2023 @ 4PM
2. Next Chapter Meeting – December 12, 2023 @ 4 PM
3. Next CLUP Meeting – December 5, 2023 @ 130PM
4. St. Mary's Food Bank – November 21, 2023 @ 1 PM
5. Administration Office CLOSED November 23 & 24, 2023
6. Next Veterans Meeting: December 14, 2023 @ 5PM
7. Next District Grazing Meeting: _____
8. Next WNA Grazing Meeting: _____

X. Adjournment @ 8pm. Motion: Yolanda Lamone. Second: Frank Spencer. Vote: 40/00/21

Valerie Fowler

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Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer