

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
OCTOBER REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2023 @ 4 PM
MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order Lola Smith at 4:50pm.
- II. Invocation by Tom Franklin.
Lola – need motion to appoint Lola Smith as President and need appointment for Pro-Temp Vice-President.
Lola – make motion for Yolanda Lamone to be Pro-Temp Vice-President. Second – Marie Etsitty.
Motion: Lula Tsinnijinnie Second: Marie Etsitty Vote: 24 / 00 / 03
- III. Review and Adopt the agenda
Agenda read by Lola Smith.
Change New Business #4 to #5 and #5 to #6.
Motion: Cynthia Slim Second: Constance Lano Vote: 27 / 00 / 05
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at administration building
Motion: Cynthia Slim Second: Alice Takalte Vote: 27 / 00 / 05
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
 1. Financial Report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and update report

Attached for October Regular Chapter Meeting

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	31-Aug-23	Expenses	Deposit	30-Sep-23
01	General Activity Fund	27,416.11	(175.00)		27,241.11
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	6,949.80	(237.17)		6,712.63
08	Summer Youth Employment	(9,776.71)		15,776.00	5,999.29
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	19,656.90	(276.54)		19,380.36
12	Chapter Official Stipend	19,309.60	(3,321.16)		15,988.44
13	Scholarship/General Fund	15,350.00	(3,750.00)		11,600.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	1,704.00	-		1,704.00
15	Public Employment Project	99,213.21	(5,231.49)		93,981.72
16	Veterans	4,660.37	-		4,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-		23,435.85
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	160,383.53	(4,312.81)	33,794.00	189,864.72
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	778,193.62	(17,304.17)	49,570.00	810,459.45

Bank Statement for September 2023	
Beginning Balance	804,886.95
Deposit from Chapter	817.68
Deposit from NN	49,570.00
Checks Processed	15,930.20
ACH - IRS Payment	8,798.84
ACH - State of AZ	51.47
ACH - Checks	459.81
Ending Balance	830,034.31

Motion: Betty Bigman

Second: Cynthia Slim

Vote: 28 / 00 / 08

2. **Resolution CO-10-001-24:** The Coppermine Chapter hereby requests the Navajo Nation General Land Development (GLDD) for a 250 Acres land designation for the Coppermine Echo Cliff's Development project adjacent to the Tuba City Regional Health Care Center; for a value-added economic and community development which may include, but is not limited, to the following purposed: Housing, Education, economic development, plus Health Care Facilities, Public Service use or Governmental use: Industrial Development is not support for this area; at the general area of; 36°18'37"N111°25'47"W coordinates. Lola – read the resolution to the community.

Yolande – this pertains to the residents of south Coppermine

Cynthia – south has been here and put their input into the map drawings for development

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Natalie Tsinnijinnie

Vote: 33 / 00 / 08

Lula – was there care center in the plans. Yes.

3. **Resolution CO-10-002-24:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 "General Fund, Special Revenue Fund – Internal" Budget in the amount of \$291,954.

2001	PERSONNEL			
2110	PERSONNEL EXPENSES			99,903
	REGULAR			
	2120 Regular Status Employee: One Account Maintenance Specialist @ \$13.84 @ 2088 hours :	28,897.92	(BX58A)	
	2120 Regular Status Employee: One Community Service Coordinator @ \$20.31 @ 2088 hours :	40,778.64	(BX62A)	
		<u>69,676.56</u>		
2900	FRINGE BENEFITS			30,226
	Fringe Status Employee	69,676.56 X 43.38% =	30,225.69	
8000	GENERAL LIABILITY CHAPTER PERSONNEL			
8705	ASSISTANCE			170
	CHAPTER			
	8715: Grant: General Liability / Policy Payment rate is \$0.17 per \$100 of payroll, pursuant to the BIM.			
	Total Personnel \$99,903.00 X \$0.17 / 100 =	\$	169.84	
8000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION CHAPTER PERSONNEL			
8705	ASSISTANCE			523
	CHAPTER			
	8715: Grant: Workers' Compensation Premium rate is \$0.75 per \$100 of payroll, pursuant to the BIM.			
	Total Personnel without Fringe Benefits \$69,677 X \$0.75 / 100 =	\$	522.58	

8000	CHAPTER OFFICIAL STIPEND				
8705	ASSISTANCE				
	CHAPTER	8715: Grant: FUND 12: Chapter Official Stipend			37,800
		[12-6605-01] 3 Chapter Official x \$500.00 x 12 Chapter Meeting :	18,000.00		
		[12-6605-01] 3 Chapter Official x \$500.00 x 12 Planning Meeting :	18,000.00		
		[12-6605-01] 3 Chapter Official x \$150.00 x 4 WNAC Meeting :	1,800.00		
			<u>37,800.00</u>		
8000	WORKER'S COMPENSATION CHAPTER PERSONNEL				
8705	ASSISTANCE				
	CHAPTER	8715: Grant: Workers' Compensation Premium rate is \$0.74 per \$100 of payroll, pursuant to the BIM.			280
		Total Chapter Official Stipend \$37,800 X \$0.74 / 100 =	\$ 279.72		
8000	LAND CLAIMS				
8705	ASSISTANCE				
	CHAPTER	8715: Grant: FUND 03: Land Claims			12,424
		[03-6306] Real Time Solutions - WIND System \$300 and Internet \$200 =	500.00		
		[03-6415] To cover the costs of Water for the chapter =	3,500.00		
		[03-6412] To cover the costs of Electricity for the chapter =	3,500.00		
		[03-6413] To cover the costs of Propane for the chapter =	4,924.00		
			<u>12,424.00</u>		
8000	PERSONNEL LAPSE FUNDS CHAPTER UTILITY				
8705	ASSISTANCE				
	CHAPTER				11,818
		[xx-6415] To cover the costs of Water for the chapter =		3,000.00	
		[xx-6412] To cover the costs of Electricity for the chapter =		8,818.00	
				<u>11,818.00</u>	

8000	GENERAL FUND					
8705	CHAPTERS NON-ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS					
	ASSISTANCE					
	CHAPTER					108,590
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 1 Office Specialists @ \$15.00 x 1040 Hours =			15,600.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 967.20 [15-6104] MED 226.20			1,596.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 285.48 [15-6108] WC 117.00				
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 3 College/Youth Supervisor @ \$14.25 x 240 Hours (6 weeks)=			10,260.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 636.12 [15-6104] MED 148.77			1,050.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 187.76 [15-6108] WC 76.95				
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 14 High School @ \$14.00 x 192 Hours (6 weeks) =			37,632.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 2,333.18 [15-6104] MED 545.66			3,850.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 688.67 [15-6108] WC 282.24				
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 2 Office Aide @ \$14.00 x 624 hrs [24hrs/weekly for 6 months]=			17,472.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 1,083.26 [15-6104] MED 253.34			1,788.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 319.74 [15-6108] WC 131.04				
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 2 Janitor/Maintenace @ \$14.00 x 416hrs [16hrs/weekly for 6 months]=			11,648.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 722.18 [15-6104] MED 168.90			1,192.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 213.16 [15-6108] WC 87.36				
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 1 Supervisor SIDEWALK @ \$16.00 x 160hrs =			2,560.00	
		[15-6103] FICA 158.72 [15-6104] MED 37.12			262.00	
		[15-6106] STUA 46.85 [15-6108] WC 19.20				

FICA 6.2% , MED 1.45% , SUTA 1.83% , WC \$0.75

		CHAPTERS NON-ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS....contiuene			
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] 1 Labor SIDEWALK @ \$14.00 x 160hrs =			2,240.00
		[15-6103] FICA 138.88	[15-6104] MED 32.48		230.00
		[15-6106] STUA 40.99	[15-6108] WC 16.80		
		8715: PEP: [15-6101] salaries =			1,210.00
8000		SCHOLARSHIPS			
8705		ASSISTANCE			
		CHAPTER			
		8715: Grant: FUND 13: Chapter Scholarship			1,551
		[13-6721] Assist 2 Full Time Students at \$500 each =	1,500.00		
		[13-6721] Assist 4 Part Time Students at \$12.75 each =	51.00		
		*Add \$12.75 to Permanent Part Time of \$223.75 for total amount of \$236.50	1,551.00		
8000		PERMANENT FUNDS CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS			
8705		ASSISTANCE			
		CHAPTER			
		8715: Grant: FUND ____: Chapter Scholarship			13,895
		[__-6721] Assist 26 Full Time Students at \$500 each =	13,000.00		
		[__-6721] Assist 4 Part Time Students at \$223.75 each =	895.00		
		*Add \$12.75 to Permanent Part Time of \$223.75 for total amount of \$236.50	13,895.00		
8000		PERMANENT FUNDS VETERANS AWARD			
8705		ASSISTANCE			
		CHAPTER			
		8715: Grant: FUND ____: Veterans Award			5,000
		[xx-xxxx] Funds for Awards for Chapter Veterans =	2,500.00		
		[xx-xxxx] Funds for Events for Chapter Veterans =	2,500.00		
			5,000.00		

Comment – is the veterans of \$4000 still in the budget

Lola – yes the funds is still available

Natalie – AMS pay is low \$13.84. who sets the pay.

Valerie – pay is set by Navajo nation

Mary – need to get certified so that chapter can set our own wage

Comment – is that two area that it can budget for the veterans fund

Lola – yes that are two area that it can budget only made by Council

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Constance Lano

Vote: 34 / 00 / 07

4. **Resolution CO-10-003-24:** 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.

Lola – read the agenda to the community

Comment – where is she from, is from an organization

Comment – what are the cultural sites

Mary – table the agenda to the next meeting

Motion: Mary Francis

Second: Camila Benally

Vote: 33 / 00 / 09

Linda – this is for other chapters, she can be present on questions we have, but best to leave it alone.

District 3 there is disagreement. Cultural sites. In the book that chapter has cultural sites.

5. **Resolution CO-10-004-24:** Supporting and endorsing Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's issuance of a Tribal Authorization Agreement (TAA) for as-built distribution line with fiber optic cable across Coppermine Chapter area.

Lola – read the agenda to the community, the sponsor isn't available

Linda – me and Stanford talked about it and went window rock. It changed. Its not going through Coppermine. Its from different site. but the electricity that we wanted from district 3 into district 1 which is denied by gap. There are people from gap that moved on top of gap and they want electricity. They said they made decision and Stanford was called to meeting with ntua and gap and was hoping he was here to present the information. ¾ of gap is former bennett freeze and the community building area is to benefit for everyone. They dislike the development and they want money from the community development. Its what I heard from stanley. I hope ntua that is sponsoring will clarify this. We don't have quorum and can't move on things. We want the fiber optic here too.

Mary – ntua came before us for solar farm,

Lola – need to get Kristen back here. Gap are certified chapter and think they have say so. Clinic need this service. We need stan here as well. I heard individual living in gap wants to move their trailer into Coppermine area plus another individual move as well.

Mary – motion to table for Kristen or ntua to present and address concerns

Motion: Mary Francis

Second: Marvin Yellowhair

Vote: 35 / 00 / 09

6. **Resolution CO-10-005-24:** Supporting and Approving to Request the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors (NBOES) to Authorize a Referendum for Coppermine Chapter of the Western Agency on the Navajo Nation on the Question of Whether the Chapter Meeting Quorum Requirements Should be Lowered from 25 Registered Voters to 17 Chapter Voters.

Lola – read the resolution to the community to reduce quorum

Lola – chapter would have to pay \$1500 to have an election but if get on ballot for next November then chapter doesn't have to pay

Linda – people think if we approve this then next month only 17 is need to start meeting

Tom – what fund code

Valerie – fund 01 and need to know amount fee

Cynthia – motion and for chapter to pay the fee utilizing fund 01 and for chapter to do budget transfer to transfer funds to correct line item in fund 01 for the special election

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Constance Lano

Vote: 34 / 00 / 10

Linda – the number #4 I want to pull of the agenda, we have meeting 4 times and they were not present

Marie – we pray to the river and we should hear the resolution

Lola – we use to take our animals to the river, not sure when it became bodaway

Tom – there is motion to bring back #4 (little Colorado river) and to delete from the agenda

Alice – if we leave it out and may lose our chance and might not get it back

Helena – this isn't only going effect to Navajo but also to other tribes, chaco canyon there is buffer zone, at Washington dc they are meeting, for me I don't support it which ive heard comment from people, other tribe says its their land and use it, and now the Paiutes stating they are say in the little Colorado river, 20 mile buffer zone for chaco canyon, plus checker border will not be receiving funds, like eastern agency are going through that with chaco canyon,

Linda – water going to Cameron which is by Wilson bigman. Was that approved by you

Lola – there is motion which needs second, so no second for the 2nd motion so it dies

Linda – motion to bring back #4-Little Colorado River and to end discussion of this resolution.

Linda – the language is basic, need to revise the resolution, its going to be full report,

Motion: Linda Long

Second: Helena Stevens

Vote: 07 / 17 / 20

VII. Reports and Presentations:

1. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – NOT PRESENT

2. Tuba City Regional Healthcare – Lelia McCabe – NOT PRESENT

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Reports

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – present and provide update information on fall session on Monday and Tuesday. The legislations were approved. \$3million from shihasin for legislation. Navajo prep which dorm funds needed to complete the project. Chapter projects FRF. My 5-delegate region -gap, lechee, Coppermine, kaibeto, tonalea which projects forward to DOJ. Any projects needs fixing were fixed. Council went into session during special meeting. Fall session. Coyote canyon the recovering center is needed to be fixed for \$2.1million. sawmill chapter which requested for trucks which was approved. Gouldings in MV the have restaurant, lodging, store was purchased by Navajo nation. MV the tourist think that Navajo nation owns the Goulding area. You talk about the chapter's quorum of virtual meeting. When covid was here the chapter had meeting virtually. Once buu lifted the covid and now its in-person. We have problem with this quorum of 25. So we have met and delegate james and to have virtual come back to chapter. When the president signs off then the virtual will come back but the chapter officials are to be present for the meetings. Chapter must pass resolution for the virtual. \$5000 approved per chapter for veterans can be used for awards or dinner. \$1528392 was award for scholarship. Provided an update on waterline, veterans, budgeting, trips, etc. FBFA is been worked by Valerie and is pushing for Coppermine FBFA.

Marvin - \$5000 is per chapter. What about other funds

Helena - \$5000 is per chapter. \$3million is veterans housing.

Cynthia - \$5000 is coming to the chapter. Trust fund is different.

Rita – Brian Cole is Rile Development. Lavern Tsosie and Brian came to chapter and said for development and promise \$20,000 for that development.

Helena – ride development want to do project here and development. They want to meet with you see what would you say.

Rita – whats your choice

Helena – we need the funds to come into chapter and chapter can use the funds. Hydrogen development and its going through tonalea. People thought of running though Navajo nation because nation needs money

Rita – have did reseach on how much water

Helena – its not going to be big water pond

Rita – he said 30 mega watt plant

Helena – if the chapter doesn't want then it up to the chapter. I am either side of yes or no. we still have the railroad by ranch and people made funds from the railroad and plant.

Rita – do you know how much water its going to take

Helena – they are going to bring water in

Rita – how much water does it take

Lola – you had chance to ask questions when they came during their presentation

Rita – they didn't know where the water is going from

Lola – it was just to inform the officials, and without listening to the pro and cons the people went against it

Rita – where is water coming from

Lola – it was barely introduction, we don't know the information for the water, we need to think about our children

Tom – its frustrating that we don't have answers, I went to gap and sat through the meeting and were in favor, I went to Coppermine and they were against it, I went to lechee and were in favor and put the plant at the old plant site, if you want them to come out and do full presentation then they can

Comment – no

Yolanda – I wanted to hear everything, how is going to benefit us, etc.

Tom – community doesn't them to come back that is it

Yolanda – I saw community bill and is charging \$0.80 and im charge in Utah of \$0.08

Viola – my grandchildren ride late bus and the bus goes through moenave and the road is bad, can you voice for road maintenance

Helena – I know otto is working on it, I know moenave road is approved. Valerie has been working and pushing for the Coppermine former bennett freeze area.

Natalie – what is update on former bennett freeze area, people don't want to attend meetings, request for list of names for housing,

Helena – there is deadline approaching and working with sarah slim whom is the new director for navajo hopi land office. House assessments is needed for the selection of names. Helena further talked about ARPA FBFA.

Valerie – wrote on the whiteboard the following to explain the different funding for FBFA

1. ESCROW – budget for 20 homes for housing materials. Have forward 4 price quotes for 4 clients to NHLC Office to obtain purchase order. Working with Choice Humanitarian for them to complete home assessment so house materials can be obtained. NHLC has new director which is Sarah Slim. Choice Humanitarian has new manager which is Robert Black the former director of NHLC office. The staff under Choice Humanitarian are no longer working there.
2. NHLC – budget amount of \$100,000 is to hire carpenters for the home renovation projects
3. ARPA – FBFA – the budget amount of \$15Million and still waiting on NHLC office and haven't receive direction on it yet. Helena provide update on this.
4. NHA – currently have projects within Coppermine

Natalie – request for names for the homes

Valerie – chapter has not submit any names for the ARAP – FBFA new homes. Last I know I had ask Raymond maxx if he wanted a chapter resolutions with list of names for recommendation for new homes and no response from mr maxx.

Things got heated after this and Natalie and Delbert Tsinnijinnie said words.

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr.
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – no report.
Valerie – I already provide report on FBFA.
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long

IX. Announcement:

1. Next Planning Meeting – November 13, 2023 @ 4 PM
2. Next Chapter Meeting – November 20, 2023 @ 4 PM
3. St. Mary's Food Bank – November 21, 2023 @ 1 PM
4. Veterans Meeting – November 16, 2023 @ 5 PM
5. NTUA application for Senior Citizen discount (Adm. Bldg. Office)
6. NTUA application packet for 2024 Light up Navajo V (Adm. Bldg. Office)
7. Community Heating Resource Program 2023-2024 Coal Tickets available (Adm. Bldg. Office)

X. Adjournment at 8pm. Motion: Cynthia Slim. Second: Constance Lano.

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler

Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer