

COPPERMINE CHAPTER PLANNING/REPORT MEETING

April 25, 2022 @ 4 PM (DST) Teleconference

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MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order: Mr. Allen Fowler called the Planning meeting to order at 4:10 PM.
- II. Invocation: Given by: Kindly given by Honorable Paul Begay.
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda:
Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 4-0-0
- IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 4-0-0
 - I. Any add-on to the agenda? No Response.
- V. Old Business: None
- VI. New Business: Action Items, Financial Reports and Resolutions:
 1. Financial- Secretary/Treasury vacant & AMS vacant: Financial report will be provided by ASC Office at the Chapter Meeting.
 2. **RESOLUTION: CO-04-023-22:** Supporting and Recommending a Conditional Use Permit for Allarice Meehan on Land Located in Coppermine, Arizona to Operate a Bed and Breakfast Business.
Sponsor: Allarice Meehan
A. Meehan: I have to get a lease, a new lease for my business site lease through the Navajo Nation. Apparently, something happened with the RBO . They had a lot of back up with all the permit stuff. All these permits are finally going through. However, I have to now request a conditional use permit for my business site lease.
My name is Allarice Meehan, I am operating Shash Dine, Bed and Breakfast Business. I'm sure you have seen it. I am requesting a conditional use for my business site lease. We're looking to continue to grow and help the community. I really wish we were a certified chapter. I pay quite a bit of tax to the Nation. I wish it could go to the community. Delegate Begay: Thank you for the information on your business. If you need help at Window Rock level, contact me, I m willing to help you do the footwork for your business. I appreciate your hard work to run your own business.
Motion: **Second:** **Vote:**
 3. **RESOLUTION: CO-04-024-22:** Coppermine Chapter hereby approves the Cultural Pedestrian Survey within Coconino County Arizona for maintenance and minor construction activities within the WAPA ROW, access roads, and construction areas for a segment of WAPA's Glen Canyon to Flagstaff 345 Kv Transmission Line #1 and #2.
Sponsor: Nadine Benally, of Transcom Environmental. We put a request through the Chapter. We want to go out to do a Class 3 Cultural Resource which is a pedestrian survey. We will have a team of 4 to 6 archaeologists walking in those area that are in the maps provided. These transition lines currently exist. Also looking at some of the access roads which currently exist too. Coppermine area transition lines start single line then splits into two – somewhat parallel lines up to Cameron then follows each other to Glen Canyon. Two transition lines: lines #1 and #2 transitional lines. These are the big power structures, which are steel structures that are currently out there. These are not electrical lines connected to your homes. Western Area Power Administration. WAPA are a Federal Powerline that regulates the power line. We will walk within the right -of-way and a little outside of it. We are going out into the field to update our cultural report that WAPA missed. Western installed these lines back in the 1950's. The cultural part needs to be updated. We are only doing portions that were not completed. We're skipping from one point to another point. I was asking the Chapter after the Navajo Historic Preservation Department said a chapter resolution is not

needed because these are existing transmission lines and existing access roads. I am asking, how the Chapter wants to handle this: with a full resolution, or get permission from the Chapter by a letter? We just need some kind of communication or even by attending this meeting to put in the cultural report, just to make sure that we've done our diligent of contacting the Chapter and made aware of what we are doing. We want to do this survey in mid-May with a team of two vehicles and a team of 4 – 6 archeologists walking the lines. We will give you guys a heads up prior to our getting out there. Another thing, we're asking the Chapter is the culture sensitive site that are out there? We need to be aware of, just to put into our report where these things might be located.

A. Fowler: Thank you. Anybody with a question for Ms. Benally? I don't know why the Navajo Historic Preservation said: you don't need a resolution or anything from the Chapter? I think that any activity that goes on at the Chapter, the community needs to know I don't know why they made that statement?

N. Benally: My senior archeologist sent a letter that chapter resolutions are needed only for new builds when it's for new construction. We called to verify with Natural Historic Preservation Department; they said, due to covid at this time some Chapters are not meeting. A chapter resolution may not be needed, these are existing transmission lines and existing access roads. They're already out there. I will leave it up to you guys, the chapter how you want to do this? It's not too far, we can continue on with the process for the resolution, since the Chapter meeting is in two days or if you don't want to go through with the full resolution, we can, or I can document this meeting, and if you guys have a decision, I can document it in the cultural report and submit it to the Navajo Nation Preservation. I just need some form of documentation to submit it, it's up to you guys. Then they asked that I contact the grazing official prior to be able to contact the land users.

A. Fowler: 6211 is a BIA existing road, even though it's an existing road, any project that are happening are always by resolutions. I would like to see the letter that was sent to you from the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation. N. Benally: I had called her, its just a verbal conversation. A. Fowler: I would get a written statement, an e-mail, it's always a good thing or an email to document it. N. Benally: I will contact her and shoot an e-mail about that.

F. Stevens: A comment in regard to possible two identified, Cultural Sensitive Site, identified by former Grazing Official, Calvin Begay. One is located near Frank Howard's resident, and near Stinky Springs Well. Maybe, these two sites can be checked out. N. Benally: We'll keep an eye out and note it. We are not picking any artifacts. We are leaving everything that's on the ground. We're just documenting. No collection of artifacts.

F. Stevens (unclear)

A. Fowler: How many feet of the survey are you doing from the transmission line?

N. Benally: 300 feet from the center of transmission line, 150 feet each side. It's larger than the current Right-Of-Way. That's standard practice for survey. These are two older lines, usually, we have to renew/redo the archeological survey if in the last 50 years. If more than 50 years, you're required to do archeological survey.

A. Fowler: This will carry over for another 50 years? N. Benally: The survey report will be good for 50 years.

A. Fowler: If you don't mind sharing clearance with the road access, that will be good for the roads that we can maintain for that and documented at the Chapter House so if there's anything that comes up that we need an arch clearance. N. Benally: You're requesting a copy of the cultural report when we're done with it? Yes! Sensitive document, I did put in a request, you're not the only Chapter requesting this, into the Navajo Nation Preservation. Sometimes, she'll say, go ahead and produce a copy for them, or the Chapter has to make a request directly to them for a copy. I'm trying to find out from the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation. I will let you know on that. I will try to get the chapter get cultural report so they're well aware of what's in the area.

A. Fowler:

N. Benally: We're going out there with a safety vest and a sign on our dashboard that the vehicles are of Trans-Com Environmental. Is there a contact person? A. Fowler: Point of contact will be the Chapter house and Stanford Fowler, Grazing Officials, phone number: 928-640-2317. L. Smith: Approximately, how many companies are utilizing these lines? N. Benally: Just one, Western Power Administration. They are Federal-Government – owned power company across the U.S. that they regulate.

A. Fowler: Thank you. We will move this to the Chapter meeting.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

4. **RESOLUTION: CO-04-025-22:** Proposed Resolution for Navajo Nation Council Health Human Education Service Committee to accept the United States (US) President Joseph Biden's Nomination of Navajo Tribal member, Roselyn Tso as Director of the Indian Health Service

Department (I.H.S.) of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Sponsor: Delegate Begay: This legislation is a supporting legislation. Right now, Roselyn Tso, is the Navajo Director of Indian Health Service. She was appointed to head the mitigation against the pandemic. She is well known for all her experiences related to health in Oregon. She is from LeChee, the daughter of the late Alvin Tso. She really did a great job working for the Nation. Twelve individuals have recommended for this position. President of the United States, Joe Biden has recommended her for this job. We do have a resolution and supporting resolution by the 24 Navajo Nation Council. For a stronger voice, we do need a supporting resolution from the chapter on her behalf.

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

5. RESOLUTION: CO-04-026-22: Supporting Animal Rez-Q Inc. and Recommending Approval of the "Navajo Nation spay and neuter vaccination blitz 2022" project across the Navajo Nation in Legislation #0052-22.

Sponsor: Paul Begay: This legislation was sponsored by Eugene Tso at the spring Council Session as an emergency legislation. A lot of Delegates did not think this item was a real emergency item, which requires 16 votes. It was discussed that this can be done gradually with proper planning which didn't meet the requirement to get on the agenda. Stanford: This is a problem; it needs to be done from the agricultural standpoint. This is a problem with wild dogs and cats; they need to be spayed and neutered.

Motion: Stanford motioned to move all items to the Chapter meeting. **Second:** Lola Smith **Vote: 4-0-0**

VII. Reports and Presentations: (5 minutes allotted per subject):

1. NDOT- Evelyn Walker: (No response on call)
2. Page Unified School District- Fern Bigman Green: (No response on call)
3. TCRHCC- Leila McCabe: Thank you to the Chapter Officials for the results pertaining to the new clinic we're building. You met our CEO, the two ladies. They gave you a good presentation on what's going on at the hospital. Hopefully, we will continue to meet to know what's going on at the hospital. The pandemic is down, hardly any positive cases. We encourage you to continue to wash hands, wear mask, safe distance and try to avoid large social gathering.
4. TCRHCC Radiation Department- Natasha Begay (No response on call)
5. Community Health Representative- Susie Shorthair (No response on call)

VIII. Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Report:

1. Council Delegate- Paul Begay: 15 resolutions came before the Council Spring Session. 1. Dine College: Updated the 1968 Charter, amendments were to include Dine philosophy. (Carl Slater) 2. New Mexico Region: 12 related water projects to finish these projects for 68 million dollars, introduced legislation as benefitting the whole nation, which is misleading. Utah got their water rights; Western Navajo/Lake Powell: We have not gotten any water rights. Under President Shelly's administration, the Council did pass it. 3. Nursing Home for veterans: 4 million dollars funded. 5. Election Office: Asked for 3 million dollars for the upcoming election for ballots, poll workers, etc. Many questions were raised, and it was not acted on. 6. New Mexico Schools: Ramah and Rehoboth Schools. These are Christian Schools, the buildings do not belong to the Nation. If we're helping to up grade the buildings, would it become the Nation's building? There are many students attending these schools. 7. Recognizing and Honoring Women Warriors: Every first day of spring, they will be honored at this time yearly. This passed. 8. Membership back into the Nation, recertified with a census number. 9. Navajo Government Committee: College student, Rachel Brown was instated to become a member.
2. Chapter President-Allen Fowler: Attended Economic Development Summit at Twin Arrows: The new Clinic will need a new development to meet the needs of employees and the community. Also access roads and water treatment to farm alfalfa. L. Tsosie: How does a veteran go about to obtain funds from the chapter? I really need a water heater.
3. Chapter Vice-President-Lola Smith: (No report)
4. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer- The newly elected Valerie Fowler, will be certified and sworn into the office.
5. Chapter Grazing Official- Stanford Fowler: 1. AIF Fund: Documents have all been submitted for entrance

into the wind system for release of funds to the chapter for hay purchase. This will take 2-3 weeks for the process. 2. Horse round-up will be done through Window Rock. 3. Spring vegetation: not much has grown, and whatever has come up is already being grazed by horses and other livestock. 4. Take care of your livestock. They are roaming to the neighbors' corrals. 5. Remittee assessment on a personal basis to go over grazing regulations and your responsibilities as a permittee. 6. People are taking gates, animals entering the ROWs. Be careful, people speed as well. 7. Cleaning out cattle guards: Mr. Henry Begay, BIA roads, has not cleaned out any cattle guards. 8. Community cemetery: Land Office talked about land withdrawal, consent forms need to be submitted to Window Rock for this. 9. Alfalfa field: develop a field to raise alfalfa for our own hay. We need to look into this plan.

6. CLUPC- Linda Long: Our CLUPC manual is near completion. Our editor is reviewing it at this time. We will meet with him for final review. This has been a long process and hope to complete it soon. We need a CLUPC representative from the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

IX. Announcements:

1. Coconino County Special Election: May 17, 2022, 7AM-7PM
2. Next Chapter Meeting: April 27, 2022 @ 4 PM DST Teleconference
3. Next Planning Chapter Meeting: TBA
4. Next CLUPC Meeting TBA

X. Adjournment: Adjourned at 5:45 PM

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 3-0-0