

COPPERMINE CHAPTER – PLANNING/REPORT MEETING
 August 15, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
 MINUTES

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- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:24pm.
- II. Invocation by Paul Begay.
- III. Review & Adopt the Agenda
 - Allen – read the agenda to the community online and in-person attendees
 - Add-on: Lorra - Burial of daughter at the Clizzie Burial Plot.
 - Our funeral plot there are already burial there. What is the process.
 - Allen – its similar to homesite lease so go to Navajo Land Department.
 - Allen – you can request for burial assistance at the chapter administration when its open.
 - Allen – Grazing Stanford call the mortuary for verbal approval.
 - Lola – I ask if you are registered at the chapter. I talked to mom and she isn't registered. Burial assistance where they need to be registered voters.
 - Add-on: Cynthia Slim – Resolution for Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease. Add to New Business #8.
 - Desire Fowler – Add-on to Reports.
 - Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 12 / 00 / 00
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
 - Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 12 / 00 / 00
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
 - 1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer
 - Have not receive financial report from Adminisitrative Service Center (ASC).
 - I have submitted July Bank Statement to ASC last week.
 - As of today, Chapter hasn't received Unhealthy Food Tax and Youth Employment.

Checking Account – Beginning Balance	\$722,539.26
Deposit 7/5	\$178.41
Deposit 7/14	\$404.70
Deposit 7/21	\$212.93
47 Checks Processed	\$24,395.36
Checking Account – Ending Balance	\$698,939.94

- 2. Resolution CO-08-038-22: Requesting BIA to install road barriers near the substation that is on Coppermine Road 89T, near NTUA's substation; this request is to prevent vehicles from sliding off and into area of the substation, currently there are no barriers to prevent this during inclement weather.
 - Allen – read the resolution heading to the community
 - Allen – tell ms Wallace to be prepare for the chapter meeting for both resolutions
- 3. Resolution CO-08-039-22: Requesting to NTUA to construct, operate and maintain at least 16 miles of fiber optic cable to be extended to the Coppermine chapter house and community members.

Moose – purpose is to contact chapter house with fiber optic. I believe there is any cost. My fiber manager is out today so isn't on the call to explain the route of the fiber route. Any questions on why to build fiber there and the route.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community

Allen – tell ms Wallace to be prepare for the chapter meeting for both resolutions

Moose – will tell ms Wallace and will forward you documents for the fiber route

4. Resolution CO-08-040-22: Chapter Scholarship

Lola – Jacob Secody had submitted application and I'll speak for him. Introduce Jacob and is attending Northern Arizona University.

Valerie – saw email from Coppermine Administration that Gwendolyn John and Jalen Smallcanyon have applied for chapter scholarship

5. Business Site Lease and CLUP Information – Edbert Little, Program Manager – NOT PRESENT

6. Underdog Rescue Spray and Neuter Clinic – Dyllan Freeburg

Lola – vendor to spend 3 days at chapter house and I believe they are asking for permission to camp at chapter house and use the bathroom.

Allen – I responded through email that it was okay for the permission

Allen – its this coming weekend and cost \$5. Aug 19 – 21. Free spray and Neuter.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Vendor from Moab UT.

7. Solar Projects (Native Renewables) – Chelsea Chee – NOT PRESENT

8. Add-on: Resolution CO-08-041-22: Supporting and Approving a Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease for 4 Acres for Explore Dibe Ahxehejeehe, LLC on Land Located in Coppermine, Arizona to Operate a Guides Hiking Trails, Dry Camping and Guided Tour Business.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community. What is your intent

Cynthia – to make money. Introduce herself to the community. I have been working with

Stanford for the land withdrawal and my parents have sign off on the land withdrawal. Stanford have signed off. I have been working Dolly with Western RBDO for my business site lease.

Milford (ASC) has stated to wait till in-person chapter meeting. I have homesite at MP 540.5.

going to start the dry camping first then the trail. Trail needs to get approval from Bodaway Gap and also go through Navajo Parks and Recreation.

Lavern – who is asking

Cynthia – Cynthia Littleman Slim

Mary Sands – who are your parents. Pete and Daisy Littleman

Forward All to Chapter.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 14 / 00 / 00

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Community Health Representative – Susie Shorthair – NOT PRESENT

2. TCRHCC Radiation – Natasha Begay – NOT PRESENT

3. TCRHCC - Lena McCabe – we met August 12 with Coppermine and Bodaway Gap. We got our money. Its suppose to be signed off. Hopefully its been sign off so we can start planning. Questions on power, water, etc. we will tackle these problem with specialist. We will be meeting monthly from here on. Next meeting Sept 9 meeting board conference room and invite you to come. Committee meeting have invited ntua and start their involvement. Environmental from

flagstaff and they will be working with us. Question was ask on ground breaking so its been discussed and will let you know when that happens.

For TCRHCC – the elder healthcare and Navajo president jonthan nez signed for approval of \$25 million and have signed a resolution document. Facility has already been planned. We encourage our community to get an education in the health field and jobs are been offered. We have one group that is been trained. If you are interested go to HR and inquiry. Our CEO last day is in January 2023. We are training our new person. Covid still here and encourage to wear mask. People that tested positive is due to group gathering. People are not wearing their mask in border towns but its required on the Navajo nation.

Allen – Sept 9 meeting what is the time.

Lena – don't know

Allen – can provide information at chapter meeting

Louise – why isn't gap clinic open

Lena – I think its open on certain days. Im not sure. We are short on physician. Have to share doctors with sacred peak and tuba city.

Louise – what is the cost for the gap clinic

Louise – why build the clinic, when gap clinic isn't even open

Lena – that was mention before. I can get that answered at the chapter meeting.

? – we need senior center instead of a clinic.

Louise – should turn the gap clinic into nursing home after hospital is built

Lola – that could be in the land use plan

Allen – could be on the funding. There is a lot that is needed, its all about money.

4. NTUA - Christine Wallace – NOT PRESENT

5. Desire Fowler – introduce herself to the community. Serving as Page Unified School District Governing Board and have been to the chapter meeting. Want to introduce myself and provide report. Aug 1 – Navajo cultural orientation for new teachers. Couple of us camp out. Butcher sheep with participation by teachers. Presentation by students of living off the land. Aug 2 – attend scholarships at twin arrows. School is in process. Aug 17 – invite chapter official and paul begay to Indian education meeting at PUSD hogan at 6pm page time. Indian education is to give support that is needed. Its good chapter meetings are taking place on Monday because for some time meeting took place on Tuesday during school board meeting. Wish our students the best.

Lola – who is Indian representative for Coppermine IEC

Desire – Fern Bigman

Lola – haven't heard from Fern

Desire – will mention to her. Is there an alternate.

Allen – I believe there is no alternate

Desire – need alternate when fern cant make it and put into resolution

Louise Addakai – need to comment.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUP Reports:

1. Council Delegate - Paul Begay – during pandemic I have been attending meetings through phone. Now that in-person is available I'll be attending more in-person meeting. Navajo Nation is the safety place in the United States. If you go to border towns, you can tell who is Navajo because they are wearing their face mask. July – quarterly session. Spring session then summer session then fall session then winter session. We have had meetings on several legislations. Legislations for veterans were discussed. We have received many texts from community to myself and herman daniels. Veterans in 18 western chapters have voiced that no

communication to the veterans. Its why we voted against it. we didn't vote no against veterans but vote for the people. Social media states delegates voted again veterans but there was lengthy discussion. Summer session is over by Friday but report of covid in the office so had adjourned the summer session. Thursday had budget hearing from health, school, different departments with budgets. Health education human service committee I am a member of. Those are the oversight. Discussed the budget for fy22 – fy23. We review many binders. We revisit and make correction. another meeting with human service committee, resource development committee, budget meeting and all that information binders will come before NABI. Then comes before NN council then approval by OPVP. Past weekend, IHS conference and discussed many issues and department of health have attended as well. Human Education Human Service attend to get Information. Chief Manuelito Scholarship has took place as well. Antelope Resort, floating ramp, repair walkway, task force, Floyd is advisor board member long with others. Antelope point the parcel B. they need to give it back to Navajo nation. Interior secretary deb hallway. Parks Service. Yesterday Navajo code talkers recognition in phoenix and same for window rock. Freedom that we enjoy today and we own this to our language. We thankful for our military service, etc. we have received many rain and our prayers been answered. Only person that can declare an emergency is the Navajo nation president. I have told jerry Williams to contact 5 chapters to prepare for emergency. Veterans before pandemic, we have many veterans and provide for questions and answers in march 2022.

Cynthia – western veteran agency did a resolution to improve fy23 budget and was it approved or sent back

Paul – as far summer session, this legislation we didn't receive it. james prepared the budget for fy23 and within the agency...some are still going through revisit stage. Comprehensive budget hearing.

Cynthia – you talk about Antelope point ramp, are they going to make it deeper, they going small ramps and not the longer for the bigger boats

Paul – we are still working on it. have not receive approval from national parks service. Have invited national parks service and have address my concern on the ramp repairs.

Superintendent has been reassigned. Take our boats from Antelope Point to Wahweap to launch their boats.

Lola – we met with DCD at Twin Arrows along with you paul begay. We have identified projects for the chapters and some of our projects didn't make the list. Had schedule meeting and it was cancelled then 2nd meeting was cancelled as well. We need to update our projects in the wind system to update our projects listing. We need to meet with pearl and ASC. We don't have AMS and CSC to update the projects in the wind system. I ask and request to have this meeting immediately to update project listings.

Paul – yes we have met and have provide information to the chapters. Another meeting was requested. In about week we will have meeting with pearl on the funding. Im waiting on the date that is open for us. The list for projects can be mention at that meeting.

? – what is mr Z on NABI meeting. He had scary comment on veterans.

Paul – comment on veterans health. There is taboo in Navajo culture. As we grow up, get exposed to western life and some think its okay but for us traditional its not okay. Council can only make recommendations. We don't have the authority to remove him.

? – we community didn't like the way he handle it.

Paul – we talked about it. veterans are our oversight as member of Health education human service.

Jerry Williams – meeting platero and pearl so meeting is set for sept 1 is proposed. Road and dams due to water damage, roads to homes, bus route, which is been requested for wash out, earthen dams, etc.

2. Chapter President - Allen Fowler – will do report at chapter meeting

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – this week I've been busy. I didn't hear about toolbox training till Sunday nite and made it to training at coconino college, page az. Bodaway gap all showed up the staff and officials. We had good technical team from Choice Humanitarian that provide presentation. We need to have another one. They are willing to meet us at college in page. I met with TCRHCC, mr Julius young and has good handle on the infrastructure, working with ntua on power, unsure about the water and are planning on meeting with western pipeline consultants, clinic by gap school is good side clinic and its going to be top notch hospital and will have helicopter pad as well, they will receive over \$1 million to build the clinic, this didn't start couple years but decade, over 200 employees will be needed, jobs will be available to our children, this is only project in the former bennett freeze that is over \$1 million dollars, Tuba city and winslow and Utah Navajo to go 638 so meaning tuba city will overlook and provide medical assistance, there is an overflow at the tuba city hospital and so there is need for another hospital, we are in the design stage and will take year to design it, infrastructure as well been discussed, sewer is been discussed, power is been discussed, water is been discussed, its good size clinic and jobs for our children, we have nurse that graduated, need more housing for our children to work there, more homes into our planning book, need to work on land withdrawal for economic development, we need store, we need fire station, we need to develop the area by the hospital, we need post office, development in the former bennett freeze area.

Paul – there were 3 areas. Dilcon is done. Publebo is next then our clinic is next.

Lola – message from chance foster and she is asking for person to open up their homes to figure how to improve their homes. I need names of people with homes. I need home location. This Saturday, they can assess the homes.

Louise A – weatherization for former bennett freeze.

Allen – we are working on arpa funding.

Esther Addakai – lives in flagstaff. Need home.

Need bathroom for judy sands. There is no outhouse.

Addakai – what about the \$8 million for delegates

Paul – its still in the planning process.

Allen – need members be registered voters

Addakai – im registered voter. Need help with roofing is leaking.

Allen – we get funding by number of voters

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Standford Fowler
Schedule your branding during weekdays. Take care of your livestock. Report of animals been sick so take care of them.
5. CLUPC – Linda Long – i don't really have report. We are looking forward to clup award in scottsdale. Still need to do more session on clup manual. Schedule next meeting.

IX. Announcements

1. Next Chapter Meeting: August 22, 2022 @ 4pm DST
2. Next Planning Meeting: September 6, 2022 @ 4pm DST
3. Next CLUPC Meeting: to be determined
4. Next District Grazing Meeting:
5. Voter Registration Open for General Election closes on September 30, 2022
6. Veterans Meeting: September 8, 2022 @ 6pm (MST/PageTime) @ Coppermine

- X. Adjournment at 6:55pm. Motion Valerie Fowler. Second Lola Smith. Vote: 09 / 00 / 00

Valerie Fowler

Written and prepared by Valerie Fowler

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer