

COPPERMINE CHAPTER PLANNING Meeting

May 17, 2021 @ 4PM (DST)

MINUTES

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- I. Meeting called to order at 4:06pm (DST) by Allen Fowler Jr.
- II. Invocation by LDA Jerry Williams
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 4-0-0
- IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 4-0-0 V. Old Business - None
- VI. New Business: Action Items, Financial Reports, and Resolutions
 1. Financial – Secretary/Treasurer - forwarded to Chapter Meeting
 2. Resolution: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CO-03-043-21 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 “SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - INTERNAL TAX SALES” BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,925.00.
VP Lola Smith - this money is “interest”.
 3. Resolution: AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. CO-03-044-21 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 HEALTHY DINE’ NATION ACT “UNHEALTHY FOOD TAX FUND” BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,940.00.
VP Lola Smith - Resolution 2 and 3 were on the previous chapter meeting agenda, just the amount has changed.
 4. Resolution: APPROVING THE REMOVAL OF THE FORMER COPPERMINE CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR’S (CSC) NAME FROM THE NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA SIGNATURE CARD.
 5. Resolution: APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 01:6350 PURCHASES - HAY INTO 01:6802 - EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,014.12.
 6. Resolution: APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120.00 FOR BRANDING IRON EQUIPMENT AND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$894.12 FOR SQUEEZE SHOOT TIRES AND FLATBED TRAILER TIRES UTILIZING ACCOUNT 01:6802 TO BENEFIT THE GRAZING PERMITTEES OF COPPERMINE CHAPTER.
CLUPC Linda Long - what is being done with some of those corrals (portable fences) and branding equipment that we purchased? Former Grazing Official never pick them up or return to the chapter. Is there anything being done to retrieve these items or this equipment.
President Allen Fowler - we don’t know or don’t have these items. It was never inventoried. Nobody knows.
 7. Resolution: SUBMITTING AND REQUESTING FOR FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THROUGH THE NAVAJO NATION RELATED TO PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES.
This will need a resolution.
 8. Resolution: SUBMITTING AND REQUESTING FOR FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT THROUGH THE NAVAJO NATION RELATED TO PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY BATHROOM ADDITIONS AND/OR MODULAR BATHROOM FACILITIES.
This will need a resolution.
 9. Resolution: APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER COMMUNITY CEMETERY LAND WITHDRAWAL – Sponsor: CLUPC
Linda Long - I will only ask one question and a favor. I didn’t get forward the resolution with the community cemetery withdrawal and I did ask for it, and it’s not all fill in right, if it is, it was going to be redone. Can you read it, then I can remark on it or talk about it afterwards? I don’t have it. Unless you want me. Read the resolution in front of you first because I don’t have the resolution.
President Allen Fowler - Madam VP do you have the resolution?
VP Lola Smith - No, I don’t. Just give a brief summary, that’s it.
Linda Long - Alright. The resolution that I have with that should be a template for all these resolutions for land withdrawal for cemetery, those like supporting and recognizing the land withdrawal for the location, burial plot

at the family burial site, designated site, is proposed and comply with section E of the land withdrawal regulations of resolutions number RDGJN-38-15. Whereas, pursuant 26 Navajo Nation Council Section 3 and 11, Navajo Nation Council Section 10 the Coppermine Chapter, duly recognize and certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government and number 2 pursuant NNC Section 1 B1 and to the Navajo Nation Council Delegated to the Chapter Governmental Authority with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo Law including custom and tradition and allows the chapter to make decisions to govern with responsibility, accountability to community membership and, number 3 the Coppermine Chapter a recognized, certified local government of the Navajo Nation vested with the power and authority to adjacent on behalf of its constituents for the improvement of health, education, welfare and, number 4 pursuant resolution RD21699 and RDGJN-33-15 and subsequent appropriate policy the Coppermine Chapter to comply with prestige for land withdrawal for burial plots and cemeteries, and number 5 proposed burial site is the final resting place for certain number of individuals and properly fenced which will not affect any grazing, used farm land or homesite lease areas, and number 6 illegal survey and description with a map hereby is attached, and number 7 a proposed package entered and forward for approval, now there be it resolved, one the Coppermine Chapter hereby supports and recognizes. I do have map and ordinances, I just need Stan's letter, that's all I need to go to the archaeological survey stuff. That will be my report too

10. Resolution: COPPERMINE CHAPTER REVENUE FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN-ACCOUNT 01 –
Sponsor: AMS

VP Lola Smith - this has to do with our monthly deposit from water and trash. We need to come up with a plan, it's asking that we come up or outline our plan.

11. Resolution: APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT, 15:6101-71 (SALARIES-TEMPORARY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1902.40, 15:6103-71 (FICA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117.95, 15:6104-71 (MEDICARE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.58, 15:6106-71 (SUTA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45.84, 15:6108-71 (W/COMP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.21, 15:6101-72 (SALARIES-TEMPORARY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1902.40, 15:6103-72 (FICA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117.95, 15:6104-72 (MEDICARE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.58, 15:6106-72 (SUTA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45.85, 15:6108-72 (W/COMP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.22, COMBING TOTAL TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,217.97 INTO ACCOUNT 15-95 (OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION), 15:6101-95 (SALARIES-TEMPORARY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,804.80, 15:6103-95 (FICA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$235.89, 15:6104-95 (MEDICARE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55.16, 15:6106-95 (SUTA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91.69, 15:6108-95 (W/COMP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.43 - Sponsor: AMS

VP Lola Smith - in essence, what it is, is taking from accounts 71, 72, and 95 and transferring that to 15 accounts numbers.

AMS Roylentia Begay - 71 labor, 72 supervisors for PEP, each acct I need a total of \$3,804.80 to cover the office specialist account 15:6101.95 to extend her employment from June 1 to July 30th and requesting (audio unclear).

12. Resolution: APPROVING EXTENSION FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT FOR THE OFFICE SPECIALIST FROM JUNE 1ST, 2021 TO JULY 30TH, 2021, BREAKDOWN: (GRADE STEP A158A) OFFICE SPECIALIST X \$11.89 X 320 HOURS= \$3,804.80 PLUS 14% FRINGE BENEFITS, TAXES, W/C OF \$413.17 WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$4,217.97 UTILIZING FUND ACCOUNT 15:6101-95, 15:6103-95, 15:6104-95, 15:6106-95 AND 15:6108-95. Sponsor: AMS

AMS Roylentia Begay - I am requesting for an extension for the office specialist position from June 1st to July 30th, with breakdown of Grade Step A158A Office Specialist @ \$11.89 for 320 hours, totaling \$3,804.80, plus 14% Fringe benefits, with W/Comp of \$413.17 with the total amount of \$4,217.97 utilizing fund account 15:6101-95, 15:6103-95, 15:6104-95, 15:6106-95 and 15:6118-08095 due the Coppermine Chapter not having a CSC. I am requesting to have the office specialist position extended for another two months starting June 1st.

Linda Long - this Office Specialist, are we paying her from the chapter or is she under the work enforcement? Is that still going on or do we have to or are we paying?

AMS Roylentia Begay – it's from the Coppermine Chapter, usually the Tuba City Work Force will advertise when they are hiring but as of January 2020, I have not heard anything.

Linda Long – you only have money enough for to extend her two months? Is that right?

AMS Roylentia Begay – yeah, we decided two months, extend her for two months. There are funds to keep her longer but right now I'm just extending two months because I will be hiring College Students and the summer youth high school students starting June 1st as well.

Linda Long – ok, that sounds like a good plan. Thank you again.

VP Lola Smith – Yes, Mr. President, I make the motion to forward all these resolutions to the chapter meeting, thank you.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 4-0-0

VII. Reports and Presentations: (5-minute allotted time limit per subject):

1. Page Unified School District – Lyonel Tso

Lyonel Tso – I just have quick updates, I will give more updates next week, I'm on the road this week. This is the last week of school, the 21st will be last day of school, it will be half day of school. We do have an update from Mr. Marquez, the food director, he is going to be providing food for the summer for those under 18, they will be distributing seven-day meal packs, and that will be starting May 24th, the Monday after school ends. For the month of June, they will be distributing three-day meal packs on Mondays and four-day meal packs on Thursdays, that is how they will be doing the summer food program. Other than that, we just have summer school options that will be taking place at each school. The goals for summer school is summer enrichment not really to recover lost credits but to help students to get back into school, back into the mode of learning, and the goals is for the class to be fun, so there will be different classes, there will be some welding classes, gardening, utilizing the green house, and just other classes that are more enrichment. All give information on that next week. That's all the updates I have for now. Thank you.

VP Lola Smith - when does summer school begin?

Lyonel Tso - June 1st to last day of June, June 30th.

VP Lola Smith – the hours? Like 9 to noon, or? What are the hours?

Lyonel Tso – Yes, Monday thru Thursday, 9am to noon. Lunch will be provided before the students leave, then no school on Fridays. Monday thru Thursday 9am to Noon. There is going to be some classes, we're trying to put together a Navajo Culture Class, that hope it ends with a sheep butchering. But there will be some special classes that aren't Monday thru Thursday, they are just couple days out of the week. So, there will a lot of flexibility on the classes, and all will try to have the virtual option, for the students that wish to stay home but would like to participate.

VP Lola Smith - what about Navajo language?

Lyonel Tso - language and culture, more of a place base approach.

2. Navajo Thaw – Brian Cole - not online

Honorable Paul Begay – Mr. President I would like to let you know, I'm still on the road, we have a health Education Human Services Committee Meeting at UNM tomorrow, so, I'm traveling to Albuquerque, so I like to request defer my report to the regular meeting.

3. TCRHCC – Leila McCabe / Natasha Begay

Leila McCabe – this is a report from the TCRHCC update with what's going on with our health department. One of the things that we really emphasis on daily work is on COVID-19. It's kind of went up this past week, so, were back testing and there's been couple communities that will be vaccinating so I'll give those areas. And, also our progress, we made a few progresses this far since the pandemic; new laundry department is open now in Tuba for the hospital, so, we don't have to send our laundry out, and also, they built a new warehouse in Cameron to store the materials that we are getting. And, also, I would like to make some recommendations at our next meeting to focus on some of the areas that we are concerned about as far as health care, like a diabetic program, update on what's going on, there's a lot of changes happening, dementia and there's a lot of diseases that were are coping with so we need to education our community so to take care and limit these diseases in our area. Another big area we're concern about at this time is Behavioral Health Program, we have a lot of issues with mental illness as we went through this COVID-19. If there's any questions or area that the community is concerned about know about it, let me know. That is my report and thank you so much.

VP Lola Smith - is Coppermine on the hot list?

Leila McCabe - no, we need to get the younger ones vaccinated, we are low in percentage.

VP Lola Smith – Can you give us the ages?

Leila McCabe – I don't have my paper with me, I think its somewhere between 16 and 30 or 40. I know the elderly is pretty high in getting our elderly vaccinated.

VP Lola Smith – what about the twelve-year-old?

Leila McCabe – we're just now starting; I think this past weekend was the first they did. I don't remember where it was given, in Tuba City at the Pavilion.

Linda Long - can I make a comment there. This vaccine that you are talking about, the two different kind, the

Pfizer and Moderna is available as of the first part of May, it was. They were vaccinating twelve-year-old to sixteen-year-old in the back, they were not doing by the drive by, but they were making appointments and making sure that had parental guidance with them. That's what I noticed back there with IHS Tuba City Region. Thank you.

Leila McCabe – I'll look into that one and give, I need to contact the department that is dealing with the vaccination. That was a good question or comment.

TCRHCC Radiation Exposure/Screening and Education Program Natasha Begay – So the last time I provided a report was back in February, I believe or January, I don't recall but I requested to be on this planning meeting this month because I would like to present our presentation about Radiation Exposure and the Compensation Act to the Coppermine Community at the next chapter meeting. I do have my presentation in Navajo that will be beneficial for the community members that are only Navajo speaking. Our program started back in September, but we didn't start seeing patients until January. Since then our program has really taken off, its been advertised on KTNN, at the local chapters, and the newspaper so we are now seeing patients every third Thursday of the month. It's a radiation screening clinic that happens every third Thursday of the month for eighteen years and older. Because of the demand and we added an extra clinic for the month of May and the month of June. This is good news because community members are feeling the need to get screened and plus early detection is important around this area. The second part of our program is providing assistance with the RECA (Radiation Exposure Compensation Act) that expires next summer, July 2022, so, we are encouraging individuals that may have been exposed to Downwind from the Nevada Nuclear Testing that were done back in the 50's, 51 – 58, and the month of July 1962, if they were living in the area and had been exposed to the Downwind Exposure and got cancer from the testing, there's compensation that the government is handing out. So, we are here to help patients complete their applications. That's my presentation. I would like to present a Navajo version of my presentation at next week's chapter meeting. Do I have any questions?

4. Navajo-Hopi Relief - Marla Butler - not online

VP Lola Smith - Marla is working for Navajo-Hopi COVID Relief. Marla has

VIII. Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Report

1. Council Delegate Paul Begay – deferred his report to Chapter Meeting.

Jerry Williams – will attach report.

VP Lola Smith – Hello. Thank you for your report. You said from the Nation, they want several ready projects, what is the due date?

Jerry Williams – May 19, 2021

VP Lola Smith – Just to let you know, that is on our agenda American Rescue Funds that we are asking for, for bathroom additions as well the modular bathrooms, also multipurpose building, that is on our agenda, requesting funds for that. This is for you to know.

Linda Long – and the cemetery.

2. Chapter Officials

Allen Fowler - Broadband is be installed between Phoenix and Salt Lake and will be coming through N20. This broadband is for rural communities and native tribes. I spoke to a gentleman, he said they will do a chapter report and more of a representation to the chapter. This past weekend I went to Flagstaff for the Navajo Thaw meeting, there is 200 asking for American Rescue Plan and Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Robert Black Jr. The recovery plan is for everyone in the Bennett Freeze and the funding, Delegate Tso said distribute equally. The chapter would like college and high school students to apply to help at the Chapter, doing inventory, data entry, so they'll learn different things.

VP Lola Smith – just to add on to what the president said, the applications are available at the chapter house, employment will begin June 1st, is the start date for college students up to age 24, then high school students ages 14 through 18, so for the month of June, that's student employment.

President Allen Fowler – this is called Summer Youth Program.

VP Lola Smith – I yield my time to Marla Butler. Marla are you online? Marla works with Navajo Hopi Relief Program, and Wednesday, this coming Wednesday someone is coming to the chapter house, they will be hauling water to those that live further from the chapter house. Another thing she'll be looking at is a food distribution next week, through the Navajo Hope Relief for those that live on the out skirt of the Coppermine Community but they have to apply through the Navajo Hopi Relief to them so your name can be on the list, and she's going to try to get an area, we're thinking of, Allen your building if its available that she can do a distribution for that area for those that live in that area, northwest side, so they don't have to go all the way to the chapter house. And for the southern former Bennett Freeze area we need a place where we can distribute food, maybe at first windmill.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey – No, I do not have a report at this time. Thank you.

3. Grazing Official Stanford Fowler - forwarded to Chapter meeting.

4. CLUPC Linda Long – The only other thing I might add is, our planning book is progressing very well and I will be meeting with ASU Friday. I was thinking that's the day that you have the chapter meeting up here, and I will be in Phoenix and for medical reason. I was hoping to take a lot of my books down there make a lot of final decisions and coming back I will have a report of some real good stuff, hopefully. That's kind of about all otherwise I have been asked to start land withdrawals along Colorado River and Waterhole Canyon so that will be our next project. Hopefully, we had a good practice with the cemetery. Thank you all for helping and hope this will go into the recovery rescue act and will have it, I think it will be a little milestone, I'm happy about it. Thank you for running the whole show.

VP Lola Smith – Chapter meeting is on the 25th next Tuesday.

Linda Long – ok, I'll have a report for you from Jonathan ASU, Dr. Pai.

XI. Announcements:

1. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
2. Next Planning/Report Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
3. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
4. Page Lunch for any students @ Coppermine Chapter @ 11am-11:20am (DST) Daily

X. Adjournment at 5:42pm

Esther Addakai – what about homesite? Is there anyway they can build us a home? Is there any money for that?
President Allen Fowler – I attended the American Recovery Plan meeting, we suggested to evenly distribute the \$200 million in the Former Bennett Freeze area.

Esther Addakai - There's a lot of people that have homesite lease clearance, but need a home on our lease, we paid a lot of money on our homesite lease and we don't have a home on it. That's all I wanted to ask.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 3-0-0