

COPPERMINE CHAPTER Meeting

April 29, 2021 @ 4PM (DST)

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- I. Roll Call
- II. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler Jr. at 4:02pm
- III. Invocation by Allen Fowler Jr.
- IV. Review and Adopt the Agenda
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 04-00-00
- V. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 04-00-00
- VI. Old Business - None
- VII. New Business: Action Items, Financial Reports, and Resolutions
 1. Financial – Secretary/Treasurer – report is attached.
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03-00-00
 2. **RESOLUTION CO-04-046-21:** REQUESTING FOR SUPPORT FROM INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND ASKS THAT THE FUNDS THAT WERE DEDUCTED FROM THE FY 2020 APPROPRIATION FOR THE BODAWAY-GAP HEALTH CENTER PROJECT AT GAP, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA BE RESTORED AND FURTHER REQUEST FULL FUNDING OF THE REMAINING CONSTRUCTION FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT –
[VP Lola Smith](#)
VP Lola Smith - This resolution, back in FY 2021, through the five-year plan dated February 2020, Bodaway/Gap Health Center Project was appropriated sixty-four million, eight hundred and twenty thousand according the Navajo Area Indian Health Service. But, in March, a month later, March 2020, the funding was reduced to 42 million 320 thousand dollars, which is a cut of 22.5 million. Therefore, it be resolved at the Coppermine Chapter hereby request for support from Indian Health Service by restoring the funding that was deducted from the FY 2020 appropriation, approximately 23 million dollars for the Bodaway/Gap Health Center Project at Gap, Coppermine, Navajo Nation, Arizona. Further, be it resolved that Indian Health Service provide full funding of the remaining construction funds needed to complete the Health Center Project at Gap, Coppermine, Arizona. Anytime, a health care facility is under funding, delays are expected yet the cost continues to escalate without regards to a cost effective and smooth progression of the construction process. The intent of our request is to promote and improve the health status and mental health of the people in this far western region of the Navajo Nation that has been unjustly compromised for the last fifty years by the Federal Government through the enactment of the Bennett Freeze.
Motion: Delores Dempsey Second: Lola Smith Vote: 03-00-00
 3. **RESOLUTION CO-04-047-21:** APPROVING TO AMEND RESOLUTION CO-04-070-07 BY INCREASING THE LAND PARCEL FROM 75 ACRES TO 85 ACRES FOR THE NEW HEALTH CENTER AT THE RECOMMENDED SITE NORTH OF GAP PRIMARY SCHOOL ON NAVAJO ROUTE 20, TO SUPPORT THE FINALIZED UPDATE OF THE 2008 PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENT AND PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BODAWAY-GAP HEALTH CENTER, INCLUDING STAFF QUARTERS, OTHER SUPPORT FACILITIES, ALL INFRASTRUCTURE EASEMENT AND A SEWER LAGOON. – [Sponsor: Glenna Manymules-Bitsoi/Candace and Glen Tsinigine/Jeremy Shirley](#)
Candace Tsinigine – I’m not sure what you want me to say. I don’t have the resolution in front of me.
VP Lola Smith – This is just to increase the acreage.
Candace Tsinigine – Yes, we require an additional ten acres, because, when the original PJD that justifies the amount of square footage for the facility, was determined it was much smaller. When we updated the PJD just recently in March and finalized it, the square footage was much greater than 2008, so, it required per our formulas for acreage needed for that size of a facility, it required at least 10 more acres to make sure we have enough room for the facility, the quarters, the lagoon and at

least some space for expansion and renovation in the future. We would really appreciate the approval of an additional ten acres for this project.

Glenn Tsingine – This is Glenn Tsingine from the Navajo Area IHS, I'm one of the project reps assisting Jeremy Shirley on this project. We surely appreciate your action on this resolution. It will hopefully meet our needs in the future, so thank you again. You're welcome. It's been on the five-year plan for a long time now, we're here and we're finally getting things done and hopefully we move forward and get all this information documented and approved, and complete are planning on phase and then moving, so I appreciate it, thank you.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03-00-00

4. RESOLUTION CO-04-048-21: APPOINTMENT OF NAVAJO THAW ROUND TABLE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE FOR COPPERMINE CHAPTER – Sponsor: [Navajo Thaw](#)

Brian Cole - Not online

Bobby Robbins - not online

VP Lola Smith – This is the resolution of the Coppermine Chapter appointment of Navajo Thaw Roundtable member and alternate for the Coppermine Chapter. The chapter understands that the Navajo Thaw support team is formulating the Navajo Thaw Roundtable which will serve as a regional oversight organization for the activities of the Navajo Thaw. In order to participate in the regional oversight activities, the chapter must appoint a Navajo Thaw member and Navajo Thaw alternate, and the chapter seeks the representation of Allen Fowler Jr. as the Navajo Thaw member and Lola Smith as the Navajo Thaw alternate. So, therefore, it be resolved that the chapter appoints Allen Fowler Jr. as the Navajo Thaw Roundtable member and Lola A. Smith as the Navajo Thaw Roundtable alternate. Thank you.

Motion: Delores Dempsey Second: Lola Smith Vote: 03-00-00

5. RESOLUTION CO-04-049-21: REAFFIRMING APPROVING AND SUPPORTING ALL COPPERMINE CHAPTER RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE PASSED FOR ROADS, CATTLE GUARDS, GATES, FENCES, GRADING, BLADING

BUS ROUTE/TURN OUTS INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS FOR ROADS N21, N6226, N6210, N20, N6211 AND N201. – [Sponsor: Stanley Fowler](#)

Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – this is to grade the roads and changing of cattle guards and installation of cattle guards and maintenance of cattle guards.

President Fowler – this resolution, it keeps the roads bladed and clean and so we can travel on it.

VP Lola Smith – Can I interject here? Can we just put CO-04-049-21, CO-04-050-21, CO-04-051-21 all three of them together, I'm doing what Western Agency style, put all three resolutions together.

They all have to do with transportation and road maintenance and road improvement and reaffirming the resolution supporting the approval for request of BIA roads Western Agency and the Navajo Division of Transportation for Coppermine Route N20 cattle guard cleaning from milepost three to milepost 35 due to safety concerns for locals and travelers. I just make the motion to approve all three of them having to do with the roads.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

6. **RESOLUTION CO-04-050-21:** SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) ROADS WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY AND THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION'S PLANNING EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR COPPERMINE CHAPTER AND HAVE PRIORITIZED N21 (COPPERMINE TO KAIBETO ROAD) AS LISTED UNDER THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE NAVAJO TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROGRAM TO BE AMENDED AND IN SUPPORT OF PAVEMENT FOR N21 (COPPERMINE TO KAIBETO ROAD) FOR LITE TRAFFIC. – [Sponsor: Stanley Fowler](#)

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

7. **RESOLUTION CO-04-051-21:** SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL FOR REQUEST OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) ROADS WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY AND THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) FOR COPPERMINE ROUTE N20 CATTLE GUARD CLEANING FROM MILEPOST 3 TO MILEPOST 35 DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS OF LOCALS AND TRAVELERS. – [Sponsor: Stanley Fowler](#)

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

8. **RESOLUTIONS CO-04-052-21:** REQUESTING THAT THE TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION'S REVISIONS BE ADDED TO THE NAVAJO NATION'S 2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OF THE NAVAJO NATION AND FOR THE ADDITION OF A NEW REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL AND CLINIC FACILITY WITH STAFF QUARTERS ON THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES NATIONAL PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION LIST. – [Sponsor: Chris Curley](#)

Chris Curley – Did you all know the word Title 5-638, Tribal Public Law, Tribal Health 638, we service eight chapters within our service unit, and San Juan Southern Paiute, the Hopi Tribe and Moenkopi Village. So that as part of the Navajo Nation, they wanted to have us include our budget priorities, which is about approximately six hundred million dollars for a new facility and also including into the Federal priorities would be the long term care, estimated about 55 million dollars and then also the rehabilitation building looking at about ten million dollars to build. Also, for other additional services that is needed at Tuba City Regional, so as part of this initiative we wanted to make sure that we get onto the Navajo Nation advocacy, to have them speak on our behalf as well at the Washington level and that Tuba City Regional has been working with oversight with the health education Human Services Committee and also working with local delegates, such as Honorable Paul Begay, Otto Tso, Thomas Walker. They cover our area, so we've been working closely with them to ensure that they're well informed as well as our chapter officials, letting know that these are some of the priorities that's working on and also some of the priorities that are on the list, what we were discussing earlier with Bodaway/Gap Health Clinic as they have Steering Committee. Half of those Board from Tuba City are represented there in the committee is working with IHS and Committee Members as Ms. Lola Smith and other designated people that are on the committee. So, those are some of the things we're looking for and I think that we haven't really been pressing from Tuba City Regional to have our forty eight year old building to be placed on the National Priority listing and then as you know that Tuba City Regional is also has the first cancer center on any Indian Reservation Indian Lands in the United States, so, we have been looking at that as well. I'm also looking at Behavioral Health Service Substance Abuse Program expansion, to include inpatient residential facilities, also, staff and community housing expansion which is a much needed necessity at this point, is to have a central housing for our staff that are not tier one, tier two or three meaning that they're not a health care providers, but their some of those are on call that need housing as well as our central workers there

on the front line right now, currently, there's not housing for them. Also, we're looking at working with veteran's administration, healthcare partnership. So that concludes our priority listing. So now, there be resolved that Coppermine Chapter fully supports Tuba City Regional Healthcare Cooperation to be added to the Navajo Nation 2021 Federal Legislative Priority and strongly recommends for the addition of a new replacement TCRHCC Hospital and Clinic facility with staff quarters on the Indian Health, Service National Priority Construction List. Mr. President, the resolution presented by Tuba City Regional.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

9. RESOLUTIONS CO-04-053-21: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021

"GF SUPPLEMENTAL" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT \$31,610.48. - [Sponsor: AMS](#)

AMS Royletia Begay – not online.

President Fowler – It's for the amount for supplement youth fund money that is money, just approving it into the budget. That's about it on that resolution.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

10. RESOLUTIONS CO-04-054-21: SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF DINE'

ATIIN BAHANE: NAVAJO ROAD EMERGENCE – THE NAVAJO NATION WHITE PAPER 2021.

VP Lola Smith – In support of this resolution, it will be a historic opportunity for the Navajo Nation to obtain more funds, and better able to build better roads. And this resolution calls for specific Federal Policy changes to enact more funds to better progress as a nation and presently we know presently congress has begun negotiations on a 2 trillion dollars on infrastructure bill called Build back better Plan which includes infrastructures, broadband, clean water initiative, as well as transportation. As of now, we know National Tribal Transportation Funding formula is totally unfair to the Navajo Nation. As being the largest Indian nation, and we are asking for a formula. The formula needs to be changed, also, regulatory red tape causes delays and cost of construction increases daily, which makes it difficult to efficiently spend the limited funds that NDOT received for our roads. This is simply asking to increase tribal road funding, specifically Navajo roads through policy changes at the Congressional level. We just need a safe transportation system that supports economic opportunity and livable communities throughout the Navajo Nation. Coppermine Chapter expresses the need for a fair tribal transportation program funding formula that does not suppress progress on the Navajo Nation by truly and persistently limiting transportation funding levels to same amount that the Navajo Nation received twenty-five years ago. That explains it.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 03-00-00

11. RESOLUTIONS CO-04-055-21: SUPPORTING THE RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S (RDC)

LEGISLATION NO. 0021-21 APPROVING THE 4 MILLION APPROPRIATION TO ALL 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS TO PROCURE HAY, GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK FEED WITH FUNDING THROUGH THE NAVAJO NATION AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (AIF) PROJECT PLAN.

Grazing official Stanford Fowler – this to help the Agriculture department to distribute the money to the 110 chapters.

Motion: Delores Dempsey

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 03-00-00

12. RESOLUTION: CO-04-056-21: APPROVING BUDGET INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT

03:6415-WATER EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,546.55 INTO ACCOUNT 03:6413-NATURAL GAS/PROPANE TO COVER THE NEGATIVE AND REPLENISH ACCOUNT 03:6413.

VP Lola Smith – a transfer request

Honorable Paul Begay – for the record, Honorable Paul Begay on the line.

Motion: Delores Dempsey

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 04-00-00

13. RESOLUTION: CO-04-057-21: APPROVING BUDGET INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 10:6300

- IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 INTO ACCOUNT 10:6301 TO REPLENISH AND COVER THE OPERATING EXPENSE FOR THE CHAPTER POST OFFICE BOX.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 04-00-00

14. RESOLUTION: CO-04-058-21: APPROVING BUDGET INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 15:6101 95-99 OFFICE SPECIALIST SALARIES - TEMPORARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$356.77 INTO ACCOUNT 15:6103 95-99 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227.35 INTO ACCOUNT 15:6104 95-99 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29.42 AND INTO ACCOUNT 15:6108 95-99 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 TO COVER THE OFFICE SPECIALISTS FICA, MED & WORKERS COMP. EXPENSES.
CLUP Linda Long – on this budget transfer, do you have someone already with an application already working or you got someone line for it?
VP Lola Smith – we do have an Office Specialist working as of Monday, and yes, we have personnel working, Sharlene Begay.
CLUP Linda Long – ok, sounds good.
Motion: Delores Dempsey Second: Lola Smith Vote: 04-00-00

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

1. Page Unified School District – Lyonel Tso

Lyonel Tso – Some quick updates for the Coppermine Chapter community. So, first is a we're coming near the end of the school year. There's a lot of talk about graduations and what's gonna happen with that. The Page High School is going to have an in-person graduation limited to six, limited to six family members per graduate. That they are working on that right now to separate the bleachers and make sure everyone's social distance, masks will still be required, even though it's outside, it'll still be at the track football field. Middle school's going to have a virtual graduation, Desert View is going to have a small graduation in the high school gym, mostly just the students and staff. We are still doing testing, state testing, makeup tests, that's going to be happening through the end of May. We'll be reaching out to students to make sure that they get tested and we just encourage parents to make sure that they get their students into test. They'll be contacted by the district to make sure that they get tested. Other than that, just a little bit of updates about the situation on Page Unified School District. I know there's been a lot of media coverage on some things that are happening here in the District. Specifically, things that might pertain to the Superintendent and the staff leaving and things of that nature. I can only pretty much say what I observe, being a member of the LeChee community, a lot of family that's from Coppermine. I grew up in Page, I grew up in LeChee, I went to a Page High School, graduated from here I will say that it is, it's good to see that there is a lot of concern and a lot of focused on our native students right now. I think that's what's causing a lot of the resistance is that there is a lot of expectations to do better for our native students. Our Superintendent is pushing, myself and a lot of other staff members really hard to get a Navajo Immersion Program within our schools, more Navajo teachers in our schools, more Navajo culture and language in our classrooms. Just a lot of different things to help our Navajo students and so I think we're headed in a good direction. As with anything before you head into a good direction, there's usually a lot of changes that has to happen. With that there's a lot of resistance. That's how I got to say about that, I do have high hopes for the future. And, I think there's a lot of good things headed our way as far as what we're going to be able to provide for our Navajo students. Oh, that's all I have, if there's any questions, you can feel free to ask.

VP Lola Smith – I do have a question. Pertaining to Impact Aid, approximately how much do we get? And, also, I've noticed that some funds have been allocated to different schools. Where is it coming from, the American Rescue? I'm not to sure where's its coming, but, I noticed our neighbor in Tuba City, the Tuba City Boarding School is, has been budgeted to obtain something like fifteen million dollars and then as well as Kaibet Boarding School will be getting a couple of million dollars as well. We

have a lot of Native students going to Page and I'm just wondering how, I didn't see Page, Page School District at all on this plan. I was just wondering how much Impact Aid we get to the District.

Lyonel Tso - Yes, very good questions. As for Impact Aid, for those of you who don't know what Impact Aid is, it's Federal monies that comes to the schools, specifically for those students and families who live on Navajo Land or a Federally recognized as a Indian Nations. We have money for those because a large amount of money that comes into the schools is usually through property taxes. Since, people on federal land don't pay property tax the schools lose out on a lot of money, so the Federal Government found a way through Impact Aid to reimburse the schools for that money loss. Every year we have, a person that does accounts of all the students that live in on the reservation, on military bases, they have military parents that work on military bases. Because those are federal lands as well. We get money based off that count, just like any other grant. We don't have the numbers yet; we don't have the amount yet for Impact Aid that usually comes near the end of the school year. I'm guessing it's going to be like the rest of our Federal funded programs, they slightly decrease due to our dropping number of students, but not much. So, I think we have sixty-five, our count is sixty-five less Native students than it was last year. So, once I get that amount, I'll let you guys know what it is and of course we had to come out to the chapter to get the signatures for that as well. As for the federal money that you're talking about coming into the schools, border town schools are unique and the fact that we don't get some of those monies for the COVID-19 money, we did get a little bit. We did get some money but it's very short-term money it has to be used within a certain timeframe, kind of like what the Navajo Nation was under. We can't support a lot of salaries or hiring a new teacher through these types of funds. We can just, work on our infrastructure and our buildings, so we're doing a lot of upgrades to the buildings, the ventilation, a lot of our facilities are really old and they need a lot of upgrades to, help out with these COVID-19 mitigation strategies. That's where a lot of our COVID-19 money's coming from a lot of it is also going to our summer enrichment program, Which I'll be sending out a presentation on at the next meeting. We have some get summer programs going on for our students.

LDA Jerry Williams – Mr. Lyonel Tso, thank you for doing your PUSD updates. I've been asked by two people also I saw some post on Facebook about teachers leaving, and people me "why are teachers leaving?" I think I posted on saying that happens every year, when I was on the school board years ago, we had an average of about fifteen to twenty teachers that leave the school district and a lot of them is due to high cost of living and lack of housing. They can't afford to buy a house, especially these first, second-, and third-year teachers. So, maybe you have an insight the recent departures of these teachers.

Lyonel Tso - Yes, I've had to address this question, several times as well to some community members, people just kind of wondering what's going on. There's a lot of different reasons, just to be clear this year does have a higher number than usual of resignations. There are some positions that we had to basically get rid of due to lack of funding. We got a bunch of money for COVID-19, but we have to cut our budget by \$1.2 million dollars. It's kind of weird that we get money, but we have to actually cut our budget, our salary budget. Some positions were some of the employees were asked to switch positions under a different name, no one was asked to resign. No one was no one was fired so everyone that was resigning was, it was by their choice. And there was a comment by the school board president, Bob Candelaria, that he did talk with every single one of them, and a large majority do have, whether to retirement or personal reasons that they're leaving, it could be the home situation, the economy, a lot of that plays into our situation and so a lot of these claims basing that all of these resignations are around this leadership are not true. And, I just think that right now our district is really being held accountable for the type of education that we're giving our students. What people need to know is that we have a failing elementary school, middle

school that has a D, the last school, I was that down and Salt River, they had a failing grade for two years and they shut down this year. So, it's really crucial that we change something and everyone who wants things to stay the same that's not going to cut it or going to have schools shut down, so things have to change, the mindset has to change. I think we're headed in that direction. But it's a little bit of transition as we're getting there. Thank you

2. TCRHCC – Leila McCabe - not online

Chris Curley – On here on behalf of Leila McCabe, she's engaged in another meeting, I believe. I'll be here to report of Tuba City Regionals activities. Just to share with you, Tuba City has been busy with vaccinations as you know, and there have been mobile vans that are going out to our communities for first and second dose, as well. So, they've been getting the Pfizer and the Moderna. And, with the Pfizer, it's for sixteen and older and Moderna is eighteen and older. Just recently as you know that there was a pause on the Johnson and Johnson, one dose vaccine by the CDC but that been lifted. So, the administration of the Johnson and Johnson is back in place and we are going to move them move forward with that with some caution to educate some of our people that are getting that Johnson and Johnson vaccination, so there'll be a little bit more education with that as well as the other vaccine that may have some side effects, but mainly some of the side effects that have been sighted, has been headaches and soreness in the arm. We've had no major, no major occurrences that I know of. I reported back to the board except for maybe one person that had some underlying issues that they got their vaccine at the hospital but that was taken care of right then and there. But, as far as a Tuba City Regional is going, with the financial services, the finances have been going well, the hospital is going strong. Physicians for finances that we have been utilizing some of the CARES Funding and HERSA Funding (unclear) and also, some funding from the Navajo Nation in the amount of \$375 thousand back in the Fall to help with PPEs, also, Tuba City is continuing to work through the pandemic. Tuba City they just finished up their laundry, they're going to have a hospital organization laundry set up there on the campus. Currently this will help with services that are being utilized with Elite Laundry in Gallup and once that laundry room opens up for Tuba City Regional, that laundry center opens up, we're going to set the contract with the Elite Laundry, and this will give some employment opportunities for some of our people to work onsite with Elite Laundry. As Cameron Chapter, Cameron site we do have a dental site, they had a Cameron warehouse built for data and that happened back in April 16th. So, we have a lot of our data that a lot of the information material that's being stored currently up in Flagstaff will be moved to the warehouse there in Cameron, so that will be a benefit again to Tuba City Regional. So, also, we're continuing to work with the Bodaway/Gap Steering Committee, working with the HIS and just recently we did get a draft, PJD which is twenty-seven pages, and program requirements which is one hundred and seventy-one pages. So, we'll continue to work with IHS and also along with the Bodaway/Gap Steering Committee. Also, the facility, Tuba City Regional again I mentioned a need for housing, Tuba City Regional recently did ribbon cutting for six units to be repaired and reconstructed back on site and that took place March 18, 2021. Moving along with our hospital, we are continuing to look at some of the quality compliance issues that we have continued to stay in compliant with some of the accreditations with Tuba City Regional and Federal mandates that we have. So, we'll continue to do that. We do have a Safety Officer that continually working with the Health Command Operation Center which is up in Window Rock, Arizona. We have a Safety Officer, Mr. Rosales, that reports to the HCOC, as well as myself, with Mr. Virgil Davis, we work with the Unified Command Group, and making sure that we have our priorities heard on behalf of the 638. Also, on the vaccine with the hospital it was reported at 91% of the entire Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation working Core has been vaccinated and also separate data with the Health Care providers that 98% of those health care providers have received their vaccinations. So, moving forward with that, we're also looking at the National

Hospital Week which will be May 2nd to the 8th, the National Nurses Week will happen May 6th to the 12th. These are things that are continuing to happen within Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation and moving forward and making plans to look at all the products that we have in the horizon right now. So, one of the main things was just surrounding the testing of the COVID-19 that will continue 24/7 over at the hospital and also out of those that test positive. As you know that there has been some variants that were identified from the UK, California Variant and other variants that were identified on Navajo Nation. They are working with the partnership with a company called ----(?) and what they do is they look at the sequencing of the DNA and that's how they identify the vaccine, COVID-19 variant, and so far, that once they test those are what they call D Identified and individuals that are submitted positive identified through that process. So, just for data purposes, one was identified in Western Navajo, Central Navajo, and also in the Gallup area, and there was one more in the Shiprock area, so for four so far that are working with the COVID-19 variant that's out there, so, but the numbers have been really low now. CEO reported yesterday that there are no COVID-19 patients withing the red ICU today so hopefully that will continue to stay on a trend and the Navajo Nation is at the level yellow now, they had moved out from orange and they will be at level yellow for the next three weeks, meaning there are some criteria that needs to be met the next three weeks before they move it to the next level that will allow for more people to more businesses to open up to more capacity. Some of our restaurants, casinos and those that are under the public health order, so we continue to work with the Navajo Nation and FEMA and those entities that are out there.

3. Navajo Thaw – Brian Cole not online
4. Community Health Worker (CHW): Susie Shorthair - I visit the elderly and I have delivered water to the ones that don't have water, and I tell them stay home, wear their mask, sanitize and wash your hands. Last week or two weeks, we had a memo saying that there was the first case of the Hantavirus, and I'm kind of telling them that too. So, community members be aware of the hantavirus, and clean around your house. If you come across a mouse or droplets, you have wear gloves, wear a mask and air out your place, you have to clean with bleach. Even though the virus is dying down a little bit, for your protection, you still need to wear your mask. One more thing, this application for the NTUA Water Waste Project, I know some people had question on those. I went over there and asked questions and they said you have to have a homesite lease, existing home on your homesite lease, have a bathroom already existing, and have to live half a mile from the water line, and if you have a home but you don't have a homesite lease but it's still in the process, they still take those applications, but they just need receipt from the land office saying that you applied for it and it's in the process. If you have a homesite lease with no home, you'll have to wait until you have a home on there. Deadline is tomorrow.

LDA Jerry Williams – There's program that Navajo Nation Water Department have with a company called Source Global and they got a contract through Water Resources Jason John, because to work on two hundred fifty homes, that's already signed and it's on going and they need two hundred fifty more. This was a contract through that heavy equipment and waterline that the council passed. Right now I think they've done forty homes. What they are using is source hydro panels, they look like solar panels and they're putting them together at the Tuba City Fairgrounds. They provide drinking water and cooking water, that's all. On an average day, from what they're saying is it puts out about ten liters. So, the people that you are talking, that are not eligible, that

live half a mile from the water line. If you can get a hold of me, I can give the contact numbers, my cell number is 928 380-8715 and they need the location, the name, the contact person, and they'll have someone come out and do the GPS. Thank you.

5. Western Agency Water Commissioner - Jolynn Ashley

Jolynn Ashley - Thank you for giving me this time, for the Coppermine Chapter and its leadership there, Mr. President, Madam Vice President and Madam Treasurer/Secretary and Community members. My name is Jolynn Ashley, I'm a member of the Coppermine Chapter community. I was recently appointed to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission as the Western Agency Commissioner, and we have been having various meetings. Our oversight is the Resource and Development committee of the Navajo Nation council, twenty fourth council. I asked Introduce myself let you know that we do have various meetings that are ongoing and that I have been very interested in all the various meetings that have been occurring regarding, Navajo Western agency area. With the Water Rights Commission our work is currently going on with all the chapters or we'll all the different water rights settlements that are going on in the most recent, is the youth Navajo Utah settlement. However, we are involved with all the Navajo Nations settlements from New Mexico to Southern New Mexico into Arizona and Utah. Currently we've been in various meetings and we do get updated and work closely with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, and Navajo Nation Water Management branch, and we also conduct our meetings monthly and get updated on all the different ongoing litigation settlement discussions that affect the Navajo Nation. Currently what we're up to is we are looking at amending the Plan of Operation and updating it so that we are more current with what's going on with settlement work both litigation and settlement, but also letting the chapters be aware of our work and how we're communicating, with the Council and President's office. We're moving with various legislation's and I know that we've had various, well, our most recent legislation that's been approved or has been approved is zero zero four two dash twenty-one, requesting additional funds for DOJ for ongoing work with the settlement. I know that with Western Navajo area and the project there's a lot of questions with reference to NGS the intake, the work that water management branches is doing, looking at the current work as well with the well, that's being, I think they had their bid meeting with the Coppermine well that's moving forward, so we get briefed with all the different work that water management branches is ongoing and working on and so I just wanted to, like I said, introduce myself, let you know that I'm available and that I'd like to be available to the chapters so that you're aware and if you have questions, you know that I'm here representing Western agency. The other commissioners that are on commission are, we have a new one that was recently appointed Ms.Becker, she was the former, Division Director under the Russell Begay administration. She represents support Ft.Defiance, we've Bert Sandoval to presenting Shiprock agency area, Lonnie Tsinigine, she's representing Eastern Agency. Also, we have a vacancy with the Chinle Agency, and we have Madam Attorney General Doreen McPaul, she's also on the Commission as well as, Director of Water Management Branch and that's Jason John. I know that former Western agency reps that probably have attended previous meetings there at the chapter and informed. Where Leo Mannheim, Lena Fowler and Lena Tso, so like I said, I'm just introducing myself and letting, that I'll be coming out to chapter, well, if we depend on Pandemic and the orders lift as we move forward, hopefully in the fall and into next year, that we will I'll be able to meet in person there at the chapter house but, as I indicated I'm here and available and if anyone has any questions, please let me know. I know that there's, there might be some questions. Just to let the chapter officials know there are monthly meetings that we address and hear from the technical Group advisory group is the Western Navajo Pipeline Technical adviser group. We just had our last meeting April twenty fourth and our next meeting, is May nineteenth and Western Navajo Pipeline discussions

regarding phase one and different technical aspects within the Page, LeChee, Gap, Coppermine area are discussed, so if you guys if you're inclined to participate you might have the information already, but you can do so. That's about it.

CLUP Linda Long – You were talking about the Western Pipeline coming through LeChee and Coppermine and this meeting on May 19th, is there any way that you can share the meeting, phone where we can just listen and or whatever, for it because I am the president for the Community Land Use Planning Committee, so, I'm very interested in that portion. Thank you.

Jolynn Ashley - Yes, I can. Send that information to the only person I have information on it via email is, Madam Vice president so I can send her the link and she could send it out to folks. Yes, that would be great, I know many chapters are looking at their CLUPC's and they're planning documents, especially for economic and mainly the infrastructure, so, that would be great. So, we do have the main folks, just update and review with everyone that's on the call, that'd be great.

CLUP Linda Long – I think Lola has my email.

VP Lola Smith – Thank you for everyone listening. Jolynn Ashley is our baby, she is Bryon Tsingine's granddaughter. She formerly has received Chapter scholarship from here. So, she will work for us. We welcome you to all our meetings, we need a lot of help. We have given you scholarship money, we need you to come back and help the community, as well as Georgia Tsingine. And so we do welcome you and like I said our chapter needs a lot of help, and I know you were the CSC at Bodaway, so you're very familiar with chapter proposals and all that. So, we can use your help. Thank you.

Jolynn Ashley – Yes, thank for that. This is that was one of the main reasons why I sought to this position, the Water Rights Commission is a position where we look at all water and for Navajo and just from my growing up and being out at Coppermine with my cheii, the late Byron Tsingine Sr., I understand that and economic development housing, I was listening to the whole chapter meeting with Indian health service coming to the area and knowing with Bennett Freeze there's, a lot of, area. Well, the whole area is just in need of development and then with the discussion with the Quadro lateral agreement, so, yes, I'm here to help in any way. Like I said, I'm very strong advocate for western agency and this is my way of giving back, especially in the Western agency chapters in my community out there. It's been so many years we lived alongside the Colorado River and to this day we have yet to settle any of those settlements with upper basin and lower basin and that's why I was really pursuant to obtain this commissioner position to speak on behalf of Coppermine and my relatives there where I grew up. I heard I was there every summer growing up, so I understand the need and as I indicated there's a lot of different things happening and with the Navajo Thaw all these different committees and there's a lot of work we all need to work on and, I'm here so I'll listen in on all the meetings and there're some if you want me to be a part of your agenda to just give an update to what I'm working on what the commission, I can do that to a certain extent but at the same time we do have executive session with a lot of what's been going on with all our cases. Especially as you know, well, I might you may or may not know but, the Navajo Nation is currently with the little Colorado Water well, Little Colorado River adjudication is currently going through litigation and not settlement. They had halted settlement discussions and so right now they did have, it is all on record. The Hopi tribe did there presentation, but right now the Navajo Nation is moving forward to prepare for the twenty- twenty-two, phase two of the litigation work which is, costing a lot but we're here to protect, we're working on protecting our water rights and also securing, sacred areas as well, so there's a lot of movement going on and as I indicated I'm happy to be a part of your agenda to give her update report. If you would like and, I'm going to be extending my help or my communication with the other chapters as well LeChee, Bodaway/Gap, Kaibeto all the Western Agency Chapters. But I appreciate it. That's my report, and I appreciate you allowing me to give this report, Mr. President.

IX Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Report

1. Council Delegate Paul Begay – report is attached.

During Honorable Paul Begay's report, Fireflies stopped recording. This is the end of my minutes.

LDA Jerry Williams

Chris Benally

2. Chapter Officials
3. Grazing Official
4. CLUPC Linda Long –

X. Announcements:

1. Next Planning Meeting: May 11, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
2. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: May 18, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
3. Page Lunch for any students @ Coppermine Chapter @ 11am-11:20am (DST) Daily
4. Mother's Day: May 9, 2021
5. Memorial Day: May 31, 2021

XI. Adjournment @ 7:06pm

Motion: Delores Dempsey

Second: Honorable Paul Begay

Vote: 03-00-00