

**COPPERMINE CHAPTER – REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING**  
**August 22, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference**  
**MINUTES**

Join: [https:// meet.google. com/ycq-ujcd-eta](https://meet.google.com/ycq-ujcd-eta)  
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Present: Valerie, Allen, Stanford, Roger Curley, Cynthia Slim, Norman Lane, Alice T, more...  
 On-Line: Lola, Nona Slim, Gwen J, Tina S, Esther A, Paul Begay, Linda Long, Lena McCabe, Lavern T, Christine W, Moosh,

- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:25pm.
- II. Invocation by Roger Curley.
- III. Review & Adopt the Agenda  
 Motion: Stanford Fowler                      Second: Lola Smith                      Vote: 14 / 00 / 00  
 Esther Addakai – add agenda for new home for me. Add Louise Addakai for home assessment.  
 Lola Smith -  
 Paul Begay – im in meeting in window rock and request to do report at beginning of meeting  
 Allen – add you to old business for report
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building.  
 Motion: Stanford Fowler                      Second: Lola Smith                      Vote: 14 / 00 / 00
- V. Old Business:  
 1. Paul Begay – update on remediation and discussing plan. Plan to meet on Aug 31 and Sept 1 which changed to only Sept 1 due to special meeting on Aug 31 for Council Delegates.

VI. New Business:  
 1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer

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

Fund Account	Total L / FB
Chapter Activities General Fund	28,217.98
Land Claims Trust	9,482.77
Supplemental Youth Funds	21,503.21
Housing Discretionary Fund	19,540.48
LGA Grant Fund	15,833.62
Chapter Stipend Fund	21,662.94
Scholarship General Fund	9,404.00
PEP Fund	55,351.92
Veterans Fund	4,660.37
NN Sales Tax funds	147,510.98
Chapter Projects	272,697.28
Unhealthy Foods	83,584.55
Agricultural Infrastructure Fund	5.48
Total	689,455.58

Difference of \$9484.36 between Bank and MIP.

Motion: Stanford Fowler                      Second: Lola Smith                      Vote: 14 / 00 / 00

- 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 to the community in-person and on-line.

Christine Wallace – disregard this resolution. Will obtain resolution from Gap Chapter.

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.~~

Christine – read different resolution heading.

Valerie - I don't have copy of the resolution since it has different heading

Christine – sent Coppermine email. Its same resolution but different heading and maps

Received resolution from lola...

Resolution CO-08-039-22: SUPPORTING AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO THE TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY TO ATTACH TO AN EXISTING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION WITHIN THE COPPERMIN CHAPTER FOR EXPANDING AND ENHANCING COMMUNICATION SERVICES, AND REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMITTEE TO APPROPRIAT FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THIS FIBER OPTIC LINE.

Allen – where is the service coming from

Christine – its 16.4 miles from highway 98 to Indian Route 201.

Linda – fiber optic line up to chapter only...what about other residents

Christine – fiber optic can run on the existing powerline. There is current plan. Employee would like to be in the planning meeting for the health clinic to plan for fiber optic line to the clinic.

Allen – are there cost for the residents wanting fiber optics

Moosh – no additional cost for residents to contact to fiber optic. This is just to contact the chapter house which is the first phase. The second phase isn't been discussed for home residents.

Lola – fiber optic for the clinic

Moosh – just 1 right-of-way is an issue

Allen – is the service free, cabling is free ?

Moosh – connection is covered but there is monthly service fee

Lavern – has anyone look into pros and cons. Low power in the home. Is this safe.

Moosh – fiber optic is sy electric. They wear rubber glove. Radio frequency. 1/10 size of hair particle, its in protective cabling 1-2 inch, its light going through glass tube, is the safest,

Lavern – if agreed don't want to see dry areas and animals/plants leave or dying off

Moosh – I have installed this throughout the united states.

Christine – will submit another resolution for right-of-way

Christine – will submit another resolution distribution line for community member for 1.29 mile

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 11 / 00 / 00

4. Resolution CO-08-040-22: Approving the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for the following Five (5) Full Time Students @ \$500.00 each for total amount of \$2500.00 utilizing the Chapter Scholarship General Fund Account 13:6721.
- Jacob Secody attending Northern Arizona University. Spoke for himself and his request for chapter scholarship, major machinal engineering.
  - Tina Stevens attending Snow College. Spoke for herself and her request for chapter scholarship, degree in sociology, working toward RN.
  - Gwendolyn John attending Dine College. Spoke for herself and her request for chapter scholarship, major Associate in Social Work.
  - Lara C Yazzie attending Arizona State University. Sent letter and Allen read the letter to the community. Major Recreational Therapy.



- Rochelle Curley attending Rio Salado College. Her father spoke for his daughter. Spoke for herself and her request for chapter scholarship, major Childhood Education.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Kelly Skacy

Vote: 13 / 00 / 00

5. 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 to the community

Cynthia Slim – Read the resolution heading. Guide Tour, Dry Camping, etc. My sister April Littleman and I have been planning this for awhile. As growing up, we didn't have electricity or running water and my father would put pillows in back of the truck and sleep outside under the stars. That was our childhood memory and incorporate that here. My dad taught us about the stars, names, location, etc. we want to start doing that. There are a lot of tourists that want to spend night under the stars and prices on hotel as well. Trail lead to the end of the canyon. Another trail that comes out of Navajo spring. Before the trail begins they called it Dibe Ahxehejeehe which is pot holes there where sheep would drink water there. That is why we want to name it that the water hole near the echo cliffs.

Comment: what is the price for residents

Roger: where is this is located. Cynthia provided the location.

Alice: camping in specific areas only. Cynthia – yes.

Stanford: have you got the clearances. Cynthia – I need the resolution first then work with Effie.

Stanford: there are 3 red zones in that area. Cynthia – need to work with Parks Service.

Linda Long: Dibe Ahxehejeehe is in vicinity of the sensitive area and need to have special clearances. You can't camp there. You can go there to look at it but can't dispute the area. Not sure if the road is already there.

Cynthia: camping in different area and its not located in the sensitive area. That sensitive area is only for hiking

Linda: we only withdraw only 4 acres.

Cynthia; Im using the name. operation

Linda: I want Stanford to explain the sensitive area to her

Cynthia: me and Stanford have worked on the sensitive area and I need to go through 4 different departments for approval (Parks Service, Fish and Wildlife, Parks Recreation)

Linda – thank you for the land withdrawal for 4 acres. We will be withdrawing 50 acres.

Allen – can you state where in CLUP for the 4 acres

Linda – I have never receive anything for land withdrawal

Cynthia – it was during the pandemic

Allen – need to do GPS for the land withdrawal

Allen – it should go through CLUP first,

Linda – yes. She had came CLUP meeting but it was during pandemic so couldn't discuss.

CLUP manual is amendable within the 5 years.

Allen – with this coming up and this needs to be brought during CLUP meeting.

Linda – she needs to come to CLUP meeting and bring her resolution,

Allen – she needs to work CLUP, the CLUP manual can be amended,

Linda – need the GPS points,

Allen – when is next CLUP meeting.

Linda – after the awards then will know of next clup meeting

Allen – deferred to next chapter meeting....(needs to go through CLUP)



VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. TCRHCC - Lena McCabe: covid rate is showing steady decline. Fully vaccinations is open for our children, booster for 5 year older, 2<sup>nd</sup> booster for 50 years older. Training. I listen to all the students who are requesting scholarship. We have school at gap school and building health system by the school. We need teachers. Hospital has training going on. Training for medical assistance, medical coding technician, medical technician, medical front desk, contact human resource if interested in training. Next meeting is 10am Sept 9 at leadership room, TCRHCC for the next clinic meeting and its zoom. If anyone interested in board member for Coppermine can apply at the human resource and I'll be reapplying.
2. PUSD - Desire Fowler : on the Page Unified School District board, very important to service on school board at the state level and national level to have voice for the students. PUSD school and sports are in process. School hosted registration blizz. I had invited chapter official and council delegate to Indian Education Committee to attend meeting last Wednesday and had officials from lechee and kaibeto. Monson has damage roads and need to get that information from the chapter because bus go on those damage roads.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month – IEC member is Fern Bigman, need alternate, information need to be shared with community, getting back to our family our community. Need to be successful for our students. Free meals still taking place, vacant positions with PUSD, parents communicate with their child's school, need let school know of absents, NEC conference in Washington and student representative is going attending conference and is resident of Coppermine.  
Allen – route 6210...have requested from BIA, County, NDOT for road assistance but an assessment was done and they stated that road is still passable. Need school to reach out to NDOT that road is getting sandy.  
Desire – yes I'll reach out. I believe they grade once month  
Allen – henry indicated they will grade till September

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUP Reports:

1. Council Delegate - Paul Begay
2. Chapter President - Allen Fowler : Road 6210 I have reported to County through Lena Fowler and the assessment done by NDOT indicated its passable. But the road is sandy from the washout. Voter registration. Funds are distributed from Navajo Nation on voter registration. 50/50. The fund is distribute 50 percentage among 110 chapters. The remaining 50 percentage is distributed by voter registration. Need to register to vote.  
Jay – Pot Hole on Road N20. Turn off to residential turn off need to have signs.  
Allen – NDOT was told about the pot hole, no warning signs  
Linda – make resolution to address warning signs  
Allen – for the pot hole they put gravel and not sure when NDOT will address it  
Jay – need cattle guard since they leave gate open all the time  
Allen – road 201 to put cattle guard  
Allen – will have Henry Begay address it.
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith : choice humanitarian. Company from Utah. They will provide document for home assessment. Funds from NHL. Need warning sign by the pot hole. Fern bigman text me and stated no report at this time.
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler  
Frank – is branding going on  
Stanford – yes its going. Im calling. I don't have number in that area. Received booklet last week.



5. CLUPC – Linda Long : no report just looking forward to trip to phoenix for awards. After we accept the award, pending on finalizing the manual book, then submit to ASU then they will edit the way we want, then goes into publication, public hearing, then goes to RDC. I have been told that RDC is no problem with approving CLUP manual book.  
Lola – after clup approved then Coppermine will be certified and avoid many red tapes.

IX. Announcements

1. Next Chapter Meeting: August 22, 2022 @ 4pm DST
2. Next Planning Meeting: September 5, 2022 @ 4pm DST
3. Next CLUPC Meeting:
4. Next District Grazing Meeting: September 1, 2022 @ 12 noon @ Coppermine
5. Voter Registration Open for General Election closes on September 30, 2022
6. Veterans Meeting: September 8, 2022 @ 6pm (MST/PageTime) @ Coppermine

Natasha Begay – TCRHCC Screening: requesting to do report.

Allen – yes go ahead make report

Natasha – radiation exposure is funded for 3 years and have started our 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Have extended into 2023. Biden has extended RECA deadline so our program maybe extended as well. July 7 was the date RECA was supposed to expire. Community members expose couldn't file claim after July 7 but it's been extended. We have good turnout. 253 screen patients. 91 screen last year. 162 screen this year. 49 have received RECA benefits. 16 of 49 is directly from Tuba City District and 3 from Cameron. Next screening Sept 29 2022, Nov 17 2022, Jan 19 2023. No screening in oct due to fair and dec due to holidays. I will be setup at Cameron chapter house at the uranium 101 workshop. 930am to 1pm is information table. 10am to 130pm the workshop will start.... uranium, radian, agency involvement, exposure pathways, etc. there is space in chapter house is 25. There is zoom information.

Allen – contact grazing Stanford for branding.

- X. Adjournment at 7:10pm. Motion Alice Talakte. Second Norman Lane. Vote: 10/00/00

Valerie Fowler

Written and prepared by Valerie Fowler  
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer