

COPPERMINE CHAPTER MEETING

August 31, 2021 @ 4pm (DST)

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Meeting called to order by: Allen Fowler @ 4:11 pm

II. Invocation by: Lola Smith

III. Review and Adopt the Agenda Corrections to heading and Resolution #6

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes: post at Chapter Administration Building

Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 4-0-0

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business: Action Items, Financial Reports, and Resolutions

1. Financial Report –

Chapter President- madam vice president is there a report on this, do you have a report?

Vice President- No I Don't but I think Roylentia is online, AMS.

Chapter President- AMS are you online?

AMS- yes, I'm here.

Chapter President- Do you have the financial report?

AMS- Yes, I do. for the month of July 2021 the fund balances for each account are:

ACCOUNT:	BALANCES:
01 - Chapter Activities General Fund	\$ 17,845.75
03 - Land Claims Trust Fund	\$ 5,350.66
08 - Supplemental Youth Fund	\$ 35,396.07
09 - Housing Discretionary Fund	\$ 4,505.46
10 - LGA Grant Fund	\$ 22,548.98
12 - Chapter Stipend Fund	\$ 8,585.55
13 - Scholarship General Fund	\$ 7,610.00
15 - PEP Fund	\$ 7,999.56
16 - Veterans Fund	\$ 4,660.37
17 - Emergency Fund	\$ -
23 - NN Sales Tax Fund	\$ 134,303.30
28 - Chapter Projects	\$ 272,697.28
40 - Unhealthy Food Tax Fund	\$ 83,852.86
Total:	\$ 605,355.84

Total Deposits from Chapter Revenue for the month of July is \$1, 979.26

2021 Unhealthy Food Tax Fund Allocation total received is \$11, 940.00

2021 Sales Tax Fund Allocation total received is \$39, 925.00

2021 Summer Youth Employment Fund Allocation total received is \$31, 610.48

Cleared checks totaled to \$17, 087.44

Outstanding checks totaled to \$3, 108.03

All the financial information is updated every month in the Navajo Nation WIND system, it has the total amount per account updated each month, so if there are questions with fund balances or budget reports, its all in the WIND system which is the Woven Integrated Navajo Data and the site you would look into is at WINDenavajo.org. that's my report, Thank You.

Chapter President- Thank you AMS for your report, are there any questions? If no questions, need a motion to except the report.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

2. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-083-21**: APPROVAL TO REMOVE THE SECRETARY/TREASURER NAME FROM THE NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA SIGNATURE CARD.

Chapter President- Can you take this one Madam Vice President?

Vice President- I think its self-explanatory and I think it's wise to combine Resolutions #2 and #3 on the agenda.

Chapter President- Ok, I will read Resolution #3

3. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-084-21**: APPROVAL TO ADD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTERS SENIOR PROGRAMS & PROJECTS SPECIALISTS NAME TO NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA SIGNATURE CARD.

Chapter President- Anyone have any questions?

Comment- I have a question, who's the senior project specialist, who's name is being added? I know the Secretary/Treasurer is getting off but who is getting their signature on?

Chapter President- #3 the resolution is for ASC, Area Service Coordinator, the Administrative Service Centers Senior Program Specialist, his name will be added to sign checks, for the administration, we need that signature. It's for accountability.

Chapter President- Any more questions?

Comment- This person with the Administrative Service Centers, is it the CSC? The one that goes to all the Chapters from Tuba City? Is he the one that you're adding to the Signature list for checks?

Chapter President- Yes, his name is Milford Maloney, its all for accountability, so checks are not just typed out to whoever.

Comment- ok, I see a little bit of confliction from him for the Chapter that's why I'm asking if it was him. I don't know why I have that feeling about him, I wish it wasn't so, thank you.

Chapter President- its just to have that accountability because we don't have a CSC and we don't have a Secretary/Treasurer, that is why.

Comment- and a lot of times I've heard him questioning a lot of very unnecessary questions because of funding going out and I'm wondering if he's going to say no to certain check writing and he strikes me as the type of person that would and that's why I'm asking and to just let people know that this person is that way. Thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you for your comment any more questions?

AMS- I can comment, Milford with ASC is the acting CSC, he does sign off on everything for me in my position so, we do need this and it is more of accountability for the work that I do also. If all the documentation is there, he does approve a lot of the checks that are being typed out, so it really is all about accountability, we do need a CSC, if you know anyone ask them to apply and that way we have a CSC here at Coppermine Chapter, thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you for your comment are there any other questions?

Combine Resolutions #2 and #3

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

4. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-085-21**: SUPPORT AND URGING THE NAABIKI'YATI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO AMEND THE NAVAJO NATION ELECTION CODE OF 1990 – SCHOOL BOARD REAPPORTIONMENT BY AMENDING 11 N.N.C. SS 2 (H), 11, AND 321 (A)(8). Resolution TABLED, No representation

Motion to Table: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

5. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-086-21**: OBJECTS TO THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF DINE' EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO A P.L. 93-628- INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION CONTRACT WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION (BIE) TO "CONTRACT" OUT ALL BIE FUNDED SCHOOLS AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS ALL NAVAJO NATION BIE FUNDED SCHOOLS TO REMAIN AS BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION OPERATED AND P.L. 100-297 GRANT SCHOOLS AND THEIR GOVERNANCE TO REMAIN VESTED WITH THE LOCALLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARDS.

Resolution FORWARD to next meeting, No representation

Council Delegate- Suggestion to have all resolutions with sponsors added to each agenda for representation.

Comment- According to Robert Rules of Order, if a resolution is tabled, it has to come back in a different form, it cannot come back the same, the wording has to be different. I think it's best to forward this resolution to another meeting.

Council Delegate- yes, that is correct, so defer and move to next meeting. And if its tabled and you bring it back and tabled again, its no longer valid as a legislation.

Chapter President- Alright, I resend my motion to Table this resolution. do I have a motion to defer to the next meeting, Do I have a motion?

Motion to defer: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

Chapter President- the other resolution before this one, do I rescind the resolution that we tabled? Delegate Begay? (no answer) Ok, we'll move forward

6. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-087-21**: OPPOSING THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S PLANS AND ACTIONS TO LIMIT CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATIONS AND OPERATIONS OF ANTELOPE POINT MAIRINA'S DOCKS, RAMPS, SLIPS AND OTHER STRUCTURES PENDING RESUMPTION AND RENEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NAVAJO NATION AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGARDING THE GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.

Vice President- read entire resolution

Chapter President- Council Delegate Begay do you have an insight on this resolution?

Council Delegate- its pretty much all self-explanatory, the main thing is the quadrilateral agreement was made between the National Park Service Bureau of Reclamation and the Navajo Nation, it expired last fall in September 10th, 2020, 50-year agreement and it was never re-negotiated. Now the negotiation this time will be on our side for the Navajo People. It never benefited us as the Navajo people in the prior agreement that expired. Wahweap and the Antelope Point and now the National Park Service have to make the Navajo Nation aware and now all agreements have to be followed and it was never followed and the Navajo Nation was never aware of any construction, modifications, and operations. A letter was sent by Council and OPVP to Washington Department of Interior to have a government-to-government meeting between the Navajo Nation and the National Park Service to have communication to work together but there have not been any responses. The way we see it, if the National Park Service operates now all the

jobs will leave and go to another area and our people depend on these jobs, we need to work together to keep the community employed. This is a supporting letter for the Council's legislation.

Chapter President- Thank You Delegate Begay, Any questions? If none, do I have a motion?

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 4-0-0

Delegate Begay- Chapter President, Vice President, Grazing Official and the Community, I would like to request to go offline now from this meeting, we are in a Nabikiyatii Committee Meeting and we are discussing 7 legislations. Thank You.

Chapter President- Thank You Delegate Begay

7. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-088-21**: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND BUDGET REVISION REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNTS 15-71 (LABORER) & 15-72 (SUPERVISOR) INTO ACCOUNT 15:95 (OFFICE SPECIALIST) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2,357.06

Chapter President- this resolution is sponsored by the administration, AMS are you online?

Chapter Vice President- AMS is offline, so let's just go ahead and sponsor this resolution. (Chapter Vice-President read the resolution)

Chapter President- Thank You again Madam Vice President, are there any questions?

Chapter Vice President- it's just a transfer of funds because the funds had depleted.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 3-0-0

8. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-089-21**: APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY OFFICE SPECIALIST POSITION FROM SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 TO WHEN FUNDS ARE DEPLETED WITH BREAKDOWN OF: (GRADE STEP A158A) OFFICE SPECIALIST X 11.89 X 160 HOURS = \$ 1,902.40 PLUS 14% FRINGE BENEFITS = \$ 266.34 FOR A TOTAL OF \$ 2,168.74 UTILIZING ACCOUNT 15-95 (OFFICE SPECIALIST).

Chapter President- Madam Vice President if the AMS is not online can you take this one again?

Chapter Vice President- Ok, (read the resolution)

Chapter President- Thank You Madam Vice President, this resolution is to extend the Office Specialist position who is at the administration office taking care of the Chapter Trash, water and daily operations. Any questions? If not, do I have a motion?

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 3-0-0

9. **RESOLUTION# CO-08-090-21**: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING SIX FULL TIME STUDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 EACH UTILIZING SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND 13:6721.

Name of student: **School:**

1. Hailei M. Joe Coconino Community College

Chapter President- are you online? Is anyone online that knows Hailie Joe and would like to speak for her? How do you want to do this madam vice president if she's not responding? She wasn't at the planning meeting.

Chapter Vice President- maybe in an evening class maybe? I'll go ahead and speak on this person's behalf, I believe it's Edith and John Clings grandchild, a continuing student from CCC.

2. Ashley Dempsey Northern Arizona University

Chapter President- Did introduction and presentation at the planning meeting.

Vice President- Yes, she did.

3. Tawnya Nez Northern Arizona University

Chapter President- are you online? Is anyone online that knows Tawnya Nez and would like to speak for her? How do you want to do this madam vice president? She wasn't at the planning meeting.

Chapter Vice President- I can speak on her behalf, she is attending NAU, she is Rambert Nez's wife and presently she is working at Desert View Elementary and she is seeking her degree from NAU. Thank you, that's all I know.

4. Chelsea Walker Grand Canyon University

Chapter President- are you online?

Chapter Vice President- Wynette are you online? She wrote a letter.

To whom it may concern, my name is Chelsea Marie Walker, and my maiden name is Chelsea Marie Hammond, my census # is, I am the daughter of Chris and Wynette Hammond-Manson whom are residents of Coppermine, my grandmother was Carol Manson-Begay, and my grandfather was Johnny Manson, I am asking for scholarship assistance for my masters degree. I am seeking a masters degree in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University, I am expected to graduate March of 2022, any and all financial assistance is greatly appreciated, Thank you in advance for your time and consideration Sincerely Chelsea Walker.

5. Shanice Smallcanyon Northern Arizona University

Chapter President- Are you online? Or is anyone representing Shanice Smallcanyon?

Chapter Vice President- I can speak on her behalf, she is the daughter of Howard Dempsey. She graduated from ASU and got her Degree in Dietician. She is now attending NAU to get her Masters Degree.

6. Morgan Fowler Fort Lewis College

Chapter President- This is my son, he is attending Fort Lewis College for Sports Administration. Are there any questions about these Scholarship recipients? If not, do I have a motion?

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: 3-0-0

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

1. Page Unified School District – Lyonel Tso

Not online

2. TCRHCC – Leila McCabe

Hello Coppermine Community, Chapter Officials and all those that are in attendance, my name is Leila McCabe and I have been selected to represent Coppermine Chapter to the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation and my report is:

Covid 19 is going up and down, so we are stressing to everyone to continue wearing your masks, wash hands, stay distant and social gathering is important, that is why the virus is going up and down. So be very careful when someone comes to your home. There is a new variant which is called Delta that is spreading. I think most of the community has gotten their vaccine but if not, get it so you will be safe. At the hospital we have been changing a lot of the operation, the hospital is completely open now and you can go in and get your treatment as of today. We've been really working on our elderly care; a discussion has been made to have homes for them but funding is still coming together. As soon as the funding comes in, we plan to start building. Another discussion is that the entire hospital should be rebuilt.

Please take care of the elderly that's the most important, a few years ago there was a survey that was put out and Coppermine was ranked bad for Elderly abuse.

Take care of your health, if there is any concern about your treatment at the hospital, please express your concerns, do not just let it go. We need a good hospital that is providing the best care for everyone. There are comment cards all over just fill it out and return it.

As natives we are always asked as board members to speak and present with our native language, so I try my best but it can be difficult but I will continue to learn. I am from the Coppermine Community and my parents are Steven and Clara Tsingine. Thank you, are there any questions?

Chapter President- Thank you for your report, are there any questions?

3. CHR – Susie Shorthair

Chapter President- Are you online?

CHR- yes, Thank you to the Chapter Officials, Delegate and everyone listening, I am Susie Shorthair, I am the Community health worker for the Coppermine Chapter and the Lechee Chapter. I do overlook Coppermine Chapter elderly, I don't really have much of a report but I do have one and its Health Education about Smoking. We had training about smoking, and they say it's preventable. It causes lung cancer, heart disease, ear infection, respiratory infection, and those can't be prevented, and if you stop smoking your lungs will begin to heal. You also need to think about your family being in second-hand smoke. There is third hand smoke. So, stop smoking.

And the Virus is spreading, if your lungs are healthy you will get through it and if you're smoking your lungs will be weak. So, if you're smoking, stop smoking and if you have family members that smoke tell them to stop smoking, it's not good for us, there are so many chemicals in tobacco, that is what causes cancer and heart disease and all. That's it, thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you again for your report, are there any questions?

IX. Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Report (5-minute allotted time limit per subject):

1. Council Delegate Paul Begay- Not online- in a meeting, So, do we have Jerry Williams, Council LDA are you online?

Council Delegate's LDA- Thank you Officials, staff and those listening in, I do have a short report, from Washington there was a meeting about Roads, we were all updated by Margie Begay earlier. She sent out the reports about funding amounts for the roads in Western Agency and for Lechee, Coppermine, Gap and Kaibeto, we are on the list for the planning stages, so we need to keep it up for discussion and speak up for these roads.

The school clothing program form has been sent out and I emailed you all to distribute to the community members.

The western Navajo Agency is on the 28th in September at Bodaway/Gap, so remind yourselves and attend. The supporting resolution for the antelope point marina that was in discussion earlier I want to say thank you for supporting this resolution. And Floyd did let me know that Coppermine Chapters resolution is going to be different but it's good to see how you all think of it and put it in your own words for that I'm grateful. Lime the Delegate said it's a Navajo project. 700 million dollars has been funded so the council says the construction is starting at the state line, of which 300 million has been funded. But the water level is very low now and their predicting that in a few more years it will be lower. The letter to Washington that Delegate Begay discussed earlier, we were told it was picked up and there was a phone call made to Denver Regional Office, and Utah Senator Mike Lee also received the news about the letter, Wednesday there was a meeting at Antelope Point at 10 am, so I attended for Delegate Begay. United States Senator Mike Lee from Washington came down to attend this meeting. It was a quick meeting, and antelope point presented the boat ramps and slip docks. That is about it and they left. But the meeting with them and the antelope point marina was 6 hours, for us that represented the Navajo Nation was a few minutes, that's it. The regional director had another meeting but it was also quick. There was a discussion on how they shouldn't just meet quickly and pick up and leave because the Navajo Nation community do have jobs there. That's how the National Park Service thinks of us. There is really no communication from them to us. We're not a part of any of their planning. The waterpoint at the first windmill also is under construction but I didn't stop by to check it, I just sent them an email for an update. So that's my report, thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you for your report, are there any questions? (none)

Delegate LDA- Take care of yourselves everyone and be safe from this virus. Thank you.

2. Chapter Officials

Chapter President- The Long Range Plan, Navajo Department of Transportation, NDOT had a virtual meeting and discussed the roads in Western Agency. The bad roads are in discussion and according to the traffic on each road, it is counted to see how many drives through. Depending on the count that's how the pavement is done for each road where it is needed. From Washington there are guidelines that are used by NDOT to do any projects. N21 and 6210 where there are no pavements just grading, that's where the counts are done. N21 from 1st windmill to Kaibeto is up for discussion and there will be a count done on this road, the community is always asking about why there is no pavement/improvement on N21, it is really up to NDOT to make that decision according to the traffic count, and bus routes. Are there any questions?

Chapter Vice-President- Hello and thank you to everyone listening, I'll make a short report, the Bodaway/Gap Health Clinic, the naming will be Echo Cliffs Health Clinic. Phase II final report of the project is due in September. Then, the next part of the project is the planning/design that will take one and half years.

First, a company will be selected to do the design, it has been a long process and hoping it comes quicker to where we have our students come home and run the clinic. There will be 200 job openings so encourage your children to continue with their education and they can come home and have stable high paying jobs.

And what the Chapter President brought up, The Long Range Transportation Plan LRTP, they did have a two hour meeting discussion. I think we finally got their attention having to do with Navajo Route N21, the first windmill to Kaibeto road. We did bring it to their attention, myself, Kaibeto and Gap brought up the Route 21 in the meeting. I did tell them that it's a bus route for 4 schools, and not only that, we have a clinic that will be built in that area. So with that information it will be highly considered for pavement. It would have a higher traffic count if it was in good condition, right now it's not highly used because it's in bad condition. When I was part of the road committee, I did tell them that if N20 was paved you wouldn't be able to count all the traffic. Now it's like that, N20 has a lot of traffic going through. The paved N20 road from White Cone to Lechee needs a lot of attention also, and it's in discussion because the roads are cracking, even the newly paved roads need attention. They tell us they only work by resolutions, we have sent so many resolutions and I don't know what happens to them. Many resolutions have been sent for NR21 improvement and finally considered for pavement/improvement, which I'm very thankful for.

We are told to be careful, take care of ourselves and Coppermine was at a high level, we were in the orange level for some time and we need to be careful, wear masks and social distance at grocery stores and gas stations, use hand sanitizers. Thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you for your report, are there any questions?

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer- Vacant

Grazing Official- Thank you for listening Coppermine Community and officials, my report is: For Branding Phone calls have been made to get tally and branding done, if you haven't get it done call to schedule as soon as possible, if it's not done it can be reported to Window Rock Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, it will be up to them I did inform everyone in the community

Adjustments on Livestock is recommended, reasons are drought, no vegetation, wintertime is going to be hard on some livestock owners due to possible hay shortage.

Encouraging all permit holders to get your tally and branding done as soon as possible.

Horse Round up will be schedule by the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture, they will set up in Here in Coppermine sometime in October or November, the resolution that was passed has already been Submitted to them.

Home Site Leases, the Land Department in Tuba City is Closed until further notice and no idea on when they will reopen. It was reported by Julie Begay at the planning meeting. There is no office and Transfers have been done so far a few have attended and requested for transfer. They bring in their CIBs birth certificates, which are documents that are needed for a transfer. These meetings are scheduled and next is Vice President and Tyler Manson is the Secretary.

Earthen Dams are being repaired, that is an ongoing project for now, in red mesa they were working there

and it was about complete then moving to 3 more in North West Coppermine then onto the Peach tree and another earthen dam in South Coppermine. And 1 near the first windmill. I just go around and check on them. Some areas can't be done.

Complaints and Disputes, there are many, the ones with permits need to stop about land use toward other permit holders and those seeking Home Site leases, we do not own the land, it's a federal trust land, open range. The permit just allows you to have your animals graze the open range and you have to care for your animals. At the round table we will see how it goes and it will be reported back to you all and if resolutions we will get one together for support.

Auctions are available if you need to haul in your cattle, I do have brand irons if anyone needs their branding done. That is all I have for a report. Thank you.

Chapter President- Thank you for your report. Are there any questions?

Delegate LDA- Earthen Dams are in the process of improvements for the Bennett Freeze Areas as the Grazing officials reported, I did send an email to everyone that updates on this topic. I believe it was for the Former Bennett Freeze areas or I'm not sure if it's within the Chapter Grazing boundaries. But in a report from Washington says it's only for the Former Bennett Freeze area and a list was sent out. I just wanted to bring that up. And it's true we do only care for this land as a trust land from Washington. That is all I wanted to add.

Comment- I've heard from people telling us people living here need.... (end of audio)

4. CLUPC – Ms. Linda Long: Good afternoon my people! Coppermine Land Use Planning Committee is in the process of finalizing the CLUPC manual. We need to review and finalize all plans and datas before a public hearing is held. After all these procedures, we will go before the Resource and Development Committee to obtain certification for Coppermine Chapter. The chapter needs to consider our expenses/budget for the committee to meet with Arizona State University, and RDC meeting, and publication expenses.
Thank you.

X. Announcements:

1. Next Regular Chapter Meeting:: Thursday August 31, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference
2. Next Planning Report Meeting: Thursday September 16, 2021 4PM (DST) Teleconference

XI. Adjournment: 6:30 pm
Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 3-0-0