

# COPPERMINE CHAPTER REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021 @ 3PM

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A. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 3:07pm

B. Invocation by Lola Smith

C. Review and Adopt the Agenda

President Allen Fowler suggested that the agenda be revised by using the numeric system, in place of the alphabet.

VP Lola Smith motions to approve the agenda "as is".

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03/00/01

D. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Allen Fowler is asking if the agenda is publicly posted.

VP Lola Smith states the agenda is posted at the Administration Building.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03/00/01

E. Old Business

a. **RESOLUTION CO-02-026-21:** APPROVING THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE BACKHOE AND OTHER CHAPTER EQUIPMENT TO REGULATE THE USE AND OPERATION OF CHAPTER EQUIPMENT AND TO BE IN CONSISTENT WITH OTHER APPLICABLE NAVAJO NATION LAWS AND NAVAJO NATION AND CHAPTER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

VP Lola Smith states in the resolution summary the word "inconsistent" should be two words (in consistent) or replace the word with "in compliant".

President Allen Fowler responds that this resolution was tabled at the Planning Meeting. He also mentions that he received a memo from ASC stating they need to see the Plan of Operation before approving this resolution.

VP Lola Smith asked if DOJ reviewed this resolution, and have they responded?

CSC Wilford Lane statement is unclear, due to audio.

President Allen Fowler states CSC Wilford Lane's response, DOJ hasn't responded, and ASC wants to review it. CSC Wilford Lane recommends that this resolution be tabled to the next meeting, March's Planning Meeting.

VP Lola Smith agrees with CSC Wilford Lane's recommendation and makes the motion to table it once again.

President Allen Fowler comments there is a motion to table the resolution. Do I have a second? Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey seconds the motion.

President Allen Fowler asked if the community or anybody have a comment on the resolution?

VP Lola Smith motions to table this resolution.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03/00/01

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

a. Financial Reports – Secretary/Treasurer – reports are attached.

1. Combine Balance Sheet
2. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
3. Budget to Actual

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey read all Financial Reports.

President Allen Fowler asked for a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Also, asked if anyone has any questions about the Financial Reports.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delegate Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/01

b. **RESOLUTION CO-02-031-21:** APPROVING AND AMENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER AND HARRISON D. WILLIAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,861.71 FOR AN ELECTRICAL HOUSE WIRING UPGRADES ON 21 HOMES IN THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER SCATTERED POWER LINE EXTENSION PROJECT.

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey if we have any questions.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey states no comment.

VP Lola Smith states that we are still in the three-member status quorum, and our agenda needs to be COVID related items, only. With a three-member status quorum there can be a problem, also, people from the former Bennett Freeze are on the list. With this being said, we are scheduled to meet with the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission on Tuesday, and would like to know the status of the Escrow Fund for the Former Bennett Freeze and \$100,000 Rehabilitation Fund. These funds should be utilized in place of the Chapter funds. Before this can be approved, we need more information about the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. Also, NTUA has been in the Coppermine area, however, we do not know what has been accomplished. As a three-member status quorum, we should focus on COVID related items.

VP Lola Smith motions to table this resolution.

President Allen Fowler asked CSC Wilford Lane to comment on this resolution.

CSC Wilford Lane is having audio difficulties.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states with a tabled motion, there is no discussion.

President Allen Fowler moves forward with voting

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 02/01/01

c. **RESOLUTION CO-02-032-21:** APPROVING HIRING TWO CARPENTERS AND TWO CARPENTERS HELPERS AND ONE OFFICE SPECIALIST TO WORK ON THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM UTILIZING FUND 15-6101.

President Allen Fowler asked CSC Wilford Lane to comment on this resolution.

CSC Wilford Lane states that the Chapter hires PEP workers to work for one month, in the spring and fall, and depending on the availability of the funds they could work longer than a month.

President Allen Fowler asked, do we have enough funding?

CSC Wilford Lane answers "yes".

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith, Secretary/Treasurer and Honorable Delegate Paul Begay if we have any comments.

VP Lola Smith states there is a problem with the use of chapter funds, when we could be using funds from the ESCROW and/or Rehabilitation Funds, and we, also, need more information from the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. The ESCROW and Rehabilitation Funds are in Window Rock when we could be utilizing those funds.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay comments that it doesn't specify that the two resolutions are for Navajo-Hopi Land Commission or state that it's for Former Bennett Freeze. Therefore, I assume that it is for the Coppermine Community.

CSC Wilford Lane states in the Fall they did three homes, pouring foundation and floors in the Former Bennett Freeze area. There was a resolution in 2018 approving and supporting the listing of 20 names of residents living in the Former Bennett Freeze area in need of housing assistance. In the Fall we poured footing, foundation, and floors. The materials were delivered, we started framing, built walls, did exterior finish, and interior finish. We are trying to hurry so we could help everyone, but it comes down to funding. I've been working on this project for two years. Window Rock uses a financial accounting system called Financial Management Information System (FMIS). When you submit a material list, it must go through this system. I told Brian Cole with Navajo THAW we need their help with funding. Some time ago, the Chapter set aside some money under the Chapter Projects Fund called Kitchen/Bathroom Addition Fund. This fund has approximately \$62,630 available, therefore, we've been using this fund with housing assistance. IHS is encouraging us to get these bathroom additions completed. Housing assistance project is all COVID related.

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone has any questions.

Coppermine Community member Regina explains the ESCROW Fund and the \$100,000. Three years the Former Bennett Freeze Committee voted on who will receive help. The people voted that 20 residents will receive housing assistance in the amount of \$10,600, instead of building three new homes. This was also brought forth through the Chapter. Material and supplies were bought; however, it went to waste due to DCD actions. The Chapter has an account with ESCROW under Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, approximately \$214,000 in that account. The Chapter needs to get updated price quotes on materials for each of these homes. The Chapter okay to hire carpenters; however, all the applicants' applications need to be taken to Navajo-Hopi Land Commission in Window Rock.

President Allen Fowler comments the work needs to be more specific as to where the carpenters will be working, and for the office specialist will be working here at the administration building.

CSC Wilford Lane comments on the labor, Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund (\$100,000). We met with the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission in July or August last year, in regards to hiring one qualified applicant who applied for Senior Carpenter. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission were willing to hire the applicant, but, as a Carpenter. We had two more applicants who applied for the carpenter position, they also were Senior Carpenters. These applications were submitted to

Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, who were supposed to submit their applications to the Department of Personnel Management, since then we have not heard from Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

VP Lola Smith recommends we change the wording from "Former Bennett Freeze area" to "within the Former Bennett Freeze area", so we can get the ESCROW and the Rehabilitation Funds.

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith to restate her motion for the resolution and for the record.

VP Lola Smith motions to approve hiring two Carpenters and two Carpenter Helpers and one Office Specialist to work on the Coppermine Chapter Public Employment Program utilizing fund 15-6101. To work within the Coppermine Chapter Former Bennett Freeze Area.

President Allen Fowler states he must listen to the motion before he can take any comments. Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states Order, order.

President Allen Fowler approves Honorable Delegate Paul Begay to speak.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay suggested Madam VP Lola Smith to word it as "I motion to make an Amendment", someone will second it, then we'll vote on it.

CSC Wilford Lane states he has a comment.

President Allen Fowler states I need a motion, unless you state you say point of order on that, like Delegate Begay.

VP Lola Smith motions Approving and Amending hiring two Carpenters and two Carpenter Helpers to work within the Former Bennett Freeze area and one Office Specialist to work on the Coppermine Chapter Public Employment Program utilizing fund 15-6101. Do we need two resolutions? One for the Office Specialist and one for the Carpenters?

President Allen Fowler's response is that he must go with this motion unless you rescind the motion.

VP Lola Smith states it's coming from one fund, the same fund, 15-6101.

President Allen Fowler responds I must get to this motion before you say anything else. You might want to rescind, rewrite it, or redo your motion, rescind the motion, you motioned.

VP Lola Smith states she wants one question answered. Do we need two resolutions for this, or will one be sufficient? Because it's coming from the same fund 15-6101.

President Allen Fowler recommends that there should be two if you're going to word it the way you're wording it, because the Office Specialist is not in the Former Bennett Freeze.

VP Lola Smith answers right. I rescind my motion. So, it will be two separate resolutions. One to work in the Former Bennett Freeze area, that would be one. Number two would be the one Office Specialist to work through the Coppermine Chapter Public Employment Program utilizing fund 15-6101.

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith if that is her motion?

VP Lola Smith answers Yes, I rescinded my other one. So, this is my main motion.

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith to say it again, for the Chapter Secretary to write it down.

VP Lola Smith motions Approving and Amending hiring two Carpenters and two Carpenters Helpers within the Former Bennett Freeze area utilizing the ESCROW fund or the Navajo Nation Rehabilitation fund.

President Allen Fowler comments go head number two.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay calls Point of Order, can I have point of order first.

President Allen Fowler asked Honorable Delegate Paul Begay, is this the way you must do it, to make two resolutions?

President and Madam VP, I think the way that VP Lola Smith is wording is sufficient, where you can identify the two workers to be funded through the ESCROW or the other fund. Also, the second, the Office Specialist being funded separately by another fund. The way Madam VP is wording is sufficient.

President Allen Fowler responds, just on resolution then? Ok, thank you. VP Lola Smith go ahead with your motion.

VP Lola Smith motions and the second one, one office specialist to work on the Coppermine Chapter Public Employment Program utilizing fund 15-6101.

President Allen Fowler states there is a motion from Lola. Do I have a second? Going once, going twice

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay seconds the motion.

President Allen Fowler states lets vote. Lola what is your vote, Lola states Yay for me. Hold on, hold on. Someone wants to discuss it, so let's go ahead, anybody have a comment.

CSC Wilford Lane commented on this amendment, with the PEP fund we worked on the Former Bennett Freeze area projects but sometimes we go somewhere else, if somebody needs help, and then we need to do some work here at the chapter also, carpentry work. PEP Funds, our main projects are those on the Former Bennett Freeze area and we help those assistance. We are starting work next week, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We could be using those funds, yet the materials are sitting there warping, and we are losing money.

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone has any questions or comments.

Honorable Paul Begay states after CSC Wilford Lane's explanation of the workers, not only concentrating on the Former Bennett Freeze area, but I would also like to withdraw my second on that motion. And I do agree that having a separate resolution for the Office Specialist worker would be better, and to keep the two apart.

VP Lola Smith states, the main thing is that we need these ESCROW Fund asap, and Honorable Begay is on this commission. He needs to realize this is important, and they need to release it asap, these funds. The materials are being wasted, not only in our Chapter, in Kaibeto, as well as Coalmine and whoever else. So, the main thing is these funds need to be released. Why is it sitting there for this long? We are using our own Chapter funds. I mean that is a lot of money that we have spent on Former Bennett Freeze, and these funds need to go where they belong to be utilized. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler asked if there is a second, Delegate Begay withdrew second. There is no other second after, the motion dies.

VP Lola Smith suggests maybe we just table this and move it to next month, because we will be meeting with Former Bennett Freeze on Tuesday, but it would be good if we had this resolution in place and put it before them. That is why I wanted to go to them so they can act on it asap. President Allen Fowler recommends, yes, we need the carpenters and all that, but I think it has to be more specific, that not only in the Former Bennett Freeze but I think the CSC Wilford Lane can explain. Yes, we have a water breakage at the Chapter house and by the way it is looking we might have a Chapter meeting next month so I think that needs to be fixed, but I will give it to Mr. Wilford Lane and see how that is going and if he's going to use the Carpenters to redo the Chapter House.

CSC Wilford Lane states he wants to use the Carpenters to fix the Chapter House, so we can start using it again, for Food Distributions. We missed out on several Food Distributions because the restrooms in the Chapter House are not ready.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states Mr. President, thank you Mr. President it seems like the workers made a schedule to do work, leave the resolution as is and move it forward. As far as Madam VP is requesting, as far as funding from the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, we could use or request those funds, use the funding in different areas, not so much for the two workers on this legislation. The work is to be done in the Former Bennett Freeze, and for the Coppermine Chapter Community. Leave the legislation as is. When we meet with Navajo-Hopi Land Commission and the Executive Director of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission and for what VP Lola Smith is saying that we need those funds for the Former Bennett Freeze area. I do not know what the holdup is.... we have been requesting those funds from the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. When we talk about the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission, there are nine Chapters involved. I know some of the geographical areas are smaller than others, and Coppermine probably is one. We need to talk about how we are going to use these funds equitably. We need to think about this. We need to take into consideration the land size and the population. It has been going on too long. The Former Bennett Freeze area is still the same, no change. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler recommends these Carpenters and Carpenter Helpers should be helping with the Chapter House water breakage so we can get the Chapter House back into working order. This is how I think of this. Do I have a motion, or other comments?

Grazing Official Stanley Fowler comments regarding the two Carpenters and two Carpenter Helpers, we should hire them as soon as possible to fix the breakage at the Chapter House. The longer the Chapter House water breakage is not fixed, it becomes a safety hazard. Hire the two Carpenters and Carpenter Helpers for right now for emergency work to get it done. Use a portion of fund 15-6101 and then create another resolution to work on the Former Bennett Freeze and around the Coppermine area. This job is not only for the Former Bennett Freeze, but it will be the entire Coppermine area. There are people that need help, some are emergency cases or the elderly need help. We need to hire the two Carpenters and Carpenter Helpers to fix the water breakage at the Chapter House as an emergency. I know there is no money in the Emergency Fund to do projects. This is my idea and comment. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler asking if anyone has any comments. If there are no comments, is there a motion?

VP Lola Smith makes the motion and just like Delegate Begay has said, it would be the greater Coppermine area not just the Former Bennett Freeze. Once we get the ESCROW into place, so with that I do make the motion.

President Allen Fowler asked if there is a second? That resolution passed.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delegate Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/01

- d. **RESOLUTION CO-02-033-021:** APPROVING THE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING (3) FULL TIME STUDENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 EACH UTILIZING THE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 13-6721.

1. Rochelle Yazzie – Rio Salado College
2. Valeria Fowler – NAU
3. Ashley Dempsey – NAU

VP Lola Smith makes the motion.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03/00/01

- e. **RESOLUTION CO-02-034-21:** ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE SELECTION OF STANLEY FOWLER, COPPERMINE CHAPTER GRAZING OFFICIAL FOR THE NORTH WEST COPPERMINE AREA AND NATALIE TSINNIJINNE, FORMER BENNETT FREEZE AREA COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR THE SOUTH COPPERMINE AREA AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE NORTH WEST AND SOUTH COPPERMINE AREAS OF COPPERMINE CHAPTER.

CLUPC VACANT POSITIONS TO BE FILLED: CLUPC President – Linda Long

President Allen Fowler asked if President Linda Long is online.

CLUP President Linda Long states the CLUP Committee has been texting and have accepted and would like for the Chapter Officials to confirm our selection of Stanley Fowler and Natalie Tsinnijinnie. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler asked if there is a motion.

VP Lola Smith makes the motion to confirm these two individuals, Stanley Fowler and Natalie Tsinnijinnie and as it is on the resolution and I know the CLUP manual needs to be completed as soon as possible, it is very important, so I make that motion.

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone wants to make a comment on this resolution?

CLUP President Linda Long comments Thank very much for confirming this resolution, Lola for motioning and Delores for seconding, and thank you listeners for listening in on the teleconference. Thank you.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 03/00/01

- f. **RESOLUTION CO-02-035-21:** Hydrating Water – Tyrone Whitehorse, Together on Turtle Island  
President Allen Fowler asked if Tyrone Whitehorse is here. Also, asked Mr. Whitehorse to explain to the community what you want and what you want to do with the Hydrating Water. Tyrone Whitehorse states he is from the Coppermine area, and currently resides in Provo, UT. I am a representative of a nonprofit group that I started, called “Together on Turtle Island”. We are a multi-tribal group that helps all tribes across the country. I am here on behalf of them

because one of the things we want to do is we have a connection with what is called an Atmospheric Water Generator. What this thing is, it is the size of a metal container. What it does is condenses water that is already in the air. Condenses it for use by the Community, we had this opportunity come up where we are raising funds, so the Chapter would not have to pay anything. We want to give back to my community and my people for what I wanted to do is I proposed setting up one of these Atmospheric Water Generators on Chapter House ground and this would be the first one on the Navajo Reservation. I wanted to get it in a pilot program to see how it would do and if it does well there on Coppermine Chapter, we would like to roll it out to other places on the reservation. Basically, it is free water, the air already has water in it. This generator basically just pulls it out of the air, condenses it. It can fill up a water tank or water container on good days, it can fill up 400 gallons or more. On bad days, meaning when the humidity is low, it would do much less than eighty-eight gallons of water, I mean twenty gallons, either way, that's free water. It can be run by solar, so, even that would not cost the Chapter anything. Basically, we are already raising funds to be able to try to set up one there at the Chapter and I just wanted to propose that Coppermine Chapter be the first chapter on the Navajo Reservation to receive one of these water generators, and we'd also bring in and train whoever on the maintenance and how to run the thing as well. Thank you, that is what I wanted to propose today to the Chapter and the community.

President Allen Fowler comments Thank you, Tyrone for explaining Hydrating Water. Does anyone have any questions?

VP Lola Smith thanks Tyrone for thinking of Coppermine. We greatly appreciate this. However, do you have a rough draft or a resolution for this? Or let me ask another question to my other officials or even something like this within the Coppermine Chapter, within the Chapter compound, do we need a resolution? That is my question.

President Allen Fowler asked Honorable Delegate Paul Begay for his thoughts.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states, looking at the agenda, it looks like there is a resolution, it has a number on there, Coppermine resolution. I do not see the body of the resolution, but I am assuming the resolution is already there. I would think it is a supporting resolution, so that Mr. Tyrone Whitehorse can pilot his project. Thank you.

Tyrone Whitehorse states if a written resolution is needed, I can do that as well and get it to you as soon as I can.

VP Lola Smith comments, thank you, that would be great. It would be a support resolution within the Chapter boundary. Thank you once again.

President Allen Fowler asked, so your recommendation on this Honorable Delegate Paul Begay?

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay replies Thank you Mr. President and Madam VP, what I gathered looking at the agenda on "f" it says Resolution CO-02-035-21, I am assuming that resolution is for the Hydrating Water, I do not see the body of the resolution, and since it is a pilot project, it's a support resolution. But if there is not, by all means, the supporting resolution would be good just to make everything official, in order and at the Chapter level. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler replies, thank you Delegate Begay and with that recommendation, do I have a motion?



VP Lola Smith makes the motion, and to get the resolution as soon as possible. Thank you.  
Secretary/Treasurer seconds the motion.

President Allen Fowler asked if there are any comments? Delegate Begay commented that there is no body to it, so it is supporting resolution. Is that what you are motioning?

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay, thank you Mr. President. What is the resolution number there? Does it have a resolution already, or is it just a number?

President Allen Fowler states, it has a resolution number.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay asked if there is a resolution available? Or already made up.

President Allen Fowler states, Tyrone Whitehorse said if he needs a resolution, he can draft one up.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states, he understands that, but why is there a resolution number there? The resolution number there tells me that there is already a resolution available. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler states, I do not have a resolution, there's a resolution number, and as Tyrone explained, he doesn't have a draft resolution.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey replies, When I was preparing the agenda, there was not one when I submitted the agenda, so it was probably added on, so it should not have a resolution number yet.

VP Lola Smith replies it was at the Planning Meeting. It was made known at the Planning Meeting.

President Allen Fowler asked for Honorable Delegate Paul Begay's recommendation.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay replies, I would ask Madam VP to. Audio difficulties. Vote on it, request resolution in hand for next meeting.

President Allen Fowler asked VP Lola Smith, with that recommendation, do you want to rescind your motion, Lola? To what Delegate Begay said, until we have a resolution from Tyrone Whitehorse.

VP Lola Smith is having audio difficulties.

Honorable Delegate Paul Begay states, since it is not a resolution to consider, treat it as a report, and leave as that.

President Allen Fowler states the way we can take care of that is, it is not a resolution so withdraw your second Delores, and then the motion dies. Lola cannot hear us.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey withdraws her second.

President Allen Fowler recommends Delores to withdraw your second, since Lola cannot hear us, and according to what Delegate Begay said, it's not a resolution and it becomes a report, and recommending we get a resolution for the next meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey withdraws her second, and states, currently it's probably the best thing to do.

President Allen Fowler asked Secretary Treasurer Delores Dempsey if she is withdrawing her second, and to repeat for the record.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey motions to withdraw her second.

President Allen Fowler states, with the motion, the motion dies, and it becomes a report from Tyrone Whitehorse and from the recommendation is to draw up a resolution for the Chapter

which the Planning Meeting will be on March 9<sup>th</sup> and we can add it to the Planning Meeting Agenda, then we'll vote on it at the Chapter Meeting. Is that good, Tyrone?

Tyrone Whitehorse replies yes, thank you very much.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: 00/00/00

G. Reports and Announcements

a. Page Unified School District – Lyonel Tso

PUSD Lyonel Tso states, Hello can you hear me. Thank you, Chapter Leaders and Chapter Officials and Chapter Staff, and Honorable Delegate Begay for your time. I did an update last week; I'm just doing another short one this week. The big news this week is that the students are back to hybrid learning. On Monday, the students were able to go back to the classroom. I did a tour at the high school this morning. When the students would arrive from the parking lot, they would get a temperature check, as well as questioning for any possible symptoms of COVID-19. Hallways are clearly marked, there's hand sanitizer everywhere. The classrooms that I visited, everyone was practicing social distancing, so far, the most part, from what I saw everything looks safe and according to the CDC guidelines. New updates on our website regarding COVID-19 cases in the District. There is only one active COVID-19 case, that is at the Middle School. Anyone can go on the website PUSD website and view the data, or they can see the statistics on COVID-19. If you want to see the up-to-date numbers, to see if the numbers are going up or if they are staying the same or going down. Other than that, tomorrow night we have an IEC Committee Meeting at 6:00, if you want to join us, that would be good to see where the Johnson O'Malley Funds are going. We will post the agenda and login information to the Coppermine News, as well as our Facebook. That is all the update I have for this week. Thank you.

President Allen Fowler replies, thank you for your report. I have a question for you, how is the sports program going.

PUSD Lyonel Tso states Thank you for your question. The sports programs that are currently going, basketball and soccer. I believe they did start baseball practice as well. Today, basketball is playing down in Chino Valley. There is a home game here at Page High School, only allowing two family members per player. Family members of the visitor team cannot attend, until further notice. Games are livestream on Facebook Page Unified School District and on the District website.

President Allen Fowler asked Are they doing playoffs or state or anything for those sport activities?

PUSD Lyonel Tso replies, they are but as we know it's not going to be as fun because were missing all our Navajo Nation teams.

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone has a question or comments for Mr. Lyonel Tso.

b. Navajo THAW – Brian Cole

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone from Navajo THAW is online.

Bobby Robbins with Navajo THAW is present. I am here to give an update on Navajo THAW. Navajo THAW Regional Recovery Plan is completed and ready to go. Honorable Delegate Paul Begay and Navajo Nation Council are having a meeting on Thursday. Navajo THAW Regional

Recovery Plan have a resolution that we will be taking to the Navajo Nation Council and/or to Navajo Nation President Nez. Once approved it will go to Tom O'Hallen, House of Representatives, who will then present it to Congress. Congress wants to know how they can help us. Navajo THAW is asking and encouraging all Chapters to look at their Recovery Plan, review it, edit, and make changes. How do we want the Recovery Plan? What are we asking for? You can do Amendments. You review, edit, and approve it. This plan is very crucial, it's your plan, you can change it. This is the Chapter Recovery Plan. We have committees, what we call, Round Table Representative Committee. We want a Chapter approved representative for the roundtable and an alternate, preferably, we would like the Chapter President or Vice President or other people. These roundtables will be discussing projects, and funding's. Then we have a Steering Committee, they select people that you think that can speak for the chapter, what we call Chapter Champion Committee Meeting. They meet every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. You can use your CLUP Committee as your Steering Committee as well. Once people are selected for the Roundtable and Steering Committee's they must be approved through the Chapter. Now working with Partners. We are working with Choice Humanitarian, an International Group. Due to the pandemic, they are unable to work overseas and travel outside of the US. Therefore, they are currently working with the Former Bennett Freeze area and are fully committed to work with us. Their priority is food and water security, which means agriculture and how to look for water and how to farm. They are also helping with businesses. They also want to help create businesses. We have another partner, they are Envision Cameron, it's a place making, Community Place Making. They are looking at the entire community of Coppermine. This other company called Swab Back, they'll look at your community and based on your vision, they recommend where housing should go, market, retail sales, all your Economic Development areas should go, where your infrastructure should go. That's what they call Community Place Making. Right now, they are working with Cameron Chapter, and next in line are Coalmine, Gap, and Coppermine. They have meetings every, I'll need to check on the dates. We can send you a schedule for this meeting so you can work with your officials. Another partner is BANE (Business Assistance for Navajo Entrepreneurs). They want to improve or establish a business. They are meeting this Thursday at 1pm. You can ask questions; they'll work with you. They are looking at establishing roadside vending businesses along Hwy 89 by the Big Cut, and on N20. We are also working with AML, Abandoned Mine and Land, we have four projects that they are working on in Kaibeto, Community Development along Highway 98, Coppermine to renovate the old Coppermine Trading Post, Curley Valley Housing Manufacturing Complex helping them out, and establishing canyon tour and hotel in Cameron. These projects are approximately 3 million and are under the direction of AML. We'll keep you up to date. US President Joe Biden is asking for 1.9 Trillion, it looks like the Navajo Nation may get 20 million. If its approved, that is how much the Navajo Nation is looking at receiving. Now, with Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Housing ESCROW Funds, this fund is hard to get. It takes a long time to move these things. We are looking at establishing a non-profit organization, called Native Promise. If we can establish this non-profit organization as soon as possible, we can ask for this money, the ESCROW Fund, and transition it from Navajo -Hopi Land Commission to Native Promises, non-profit organization. The most important thing we are working on at

Chapter level is the Roundtable and Steering Committee. Your Recovery Plan we need it, you need to read and edit it. You also need a resolution for this Navajo THAW to support us to push this forward to Navajo-Hopi Land Commission President then on the Washington DC Congress. Native Builders – Raymond Max – Regional Plan, we're doing presentations and update orientations to Senators and Congressman. They are asking for updates. The people in DC know and are aware about Navajo THAW. They want to know how they can help, so this is one way by introducing it to the legislation for the money we are requesting, 4 billion dollars. This money will be spread out over 10 years, allocation. On behalf of all the chapter and Former Bennett Freeze. We are doing a lot of work with other partners: Choice, Envision, BANE, and a native entity called Native Promise. We are also working with professional grant writers and they've been trying to get grants outside Navajo and bring into Navajo to help chapters. We're working with Cameron, they received grant money for some of their community projects. We also give advice and recommendations. We are proposing a grant to help chapters to get certified, we call that Chapter Capacity Building. In the past, we've trying to get money to give to the nation through non-profit groups. We worked with Tolani Lake Enterprise, they have a track record of a Fiduciary taking care of funds and administering the funds for projects. They're of overloaded, so, we've asked other folks to be Fiduciary like some certified chapters, but they don't want to do it. We don't know why, maybe they don't have the capacity, or because of other reasons. To overcome that we created Native Promise. We follow the state and we can use that to get grants to help more people within the Former Bennett Freeze area. We are trying everything we can to help people in the Former Bennett Freeze area. We're here to help. This is an example of a private Enterprise trying to do something for the people of the Navajo Nation. We have a lot of meetings going on, everyone is invited to be part of the meeting and to ask questions or learn about what's going. This is all under the umbrella of Navajo THAW. The Cares that President Biden is pushing, we're estimating that it will be almost 2 trillion. Out of the that, the tribes will get twenty billion, and the Navajo Nation is estimating they will 1.9 billion, and that is almost 3 times as much as the last Cares Act. So, we need to get ready this time around and use those resources without a lot of chaos. I'm sure we'll have more time this round. We are here to help Chapters or Bennett Freeze get some of this funding. The last time, in Leupp we made water storages and we even drilled water wells at the last-minute working with others. The remaining of the funds were tied up because of the set clauses that were made up by the Navajo Nation Government. Hopefully, a lot more can be done using the Cares Act Fund. If there's any questions, we'll be available to answer those.

President Allen Fowler states Thank you Navajo THAW. Does anyone have any questions?

CSC Wilford Lane has a comment,

Navajo THAW Raymond Maxx states he would like add, the proposal to get two billion from Washington, Congressman O'Hallen is ready to introduce the bill and the professional that we work with in Washington are recommending that the Navajo Nation or Navajo-Hopi Land Commission have a supporting resolution. Hopefully, we can get that on Thursday. The only challenge we have is when we trying to get support resolutions, is the leadership they start amending to include like NPL and other projects from outside the Former Bennett Freeze area. It delays everything and make it confusing and it's not specific to Former Bennett Freeze area

issues. We've been trying to get this for the last year, we're kinda behind schedule. In that area we need support of the Chapters and have the leadership pass these supporting resolutions. We need to hurry with this, otherwise we'll be kicking this thing around, kicking the can around like they say. So, we need these resolutions and legislation to get into this proposal.

President Allen Fowler states thank you for your report.

c. Medicare Advisor – Brooke Spain

I've been working insurance for many years. Most of our clients are either native American or they are Veterans. What I really noticed is that there seems to be a ton of confusion that revolves around Medicare, so I really want to be the point person, that you guys can go to if you've questions. What kind of paperwork? If people are applying for Medicare? What you need to do at SSA? However, there are certain benefits that Native Americans and Veterans entitled to, that most people cannot get, and they don't cost anything, they are part of Medicare and people don't realize that those benefits are there for them to take advantage of. Now, some of those benefits include fifty dollars back every single month in your social security, because Medicare A and B costs a hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents a month. If you're native, you have IHS. If you're a Veteran you the VA, so, you're getting fifty dollars back from the federal government to go in your social security every month. So instead of that costing me one hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents a month now it's only ninety-eight dollars and fifty cents a month but you must sign up for it. You also get one free eye exam every year, along with money to go towards eyeglasses. Depending on what plan, you can get fifty dollars to two hundred and ninety dollars every three months for over the counter products. Over the counter products could include aspirin, walkers, sanitary needs, sanitizers, face mask, all kinds of things. It's important that you utilize that if you're at the high end of that plan almost three hundred dollars every three months for you and your family. Some of the plans have a twenty-five dollars food voucher that you get every single month. You can use it at Walmart, Bashas or Safeway, it's a debit card that you get, and it's filled every single month for twenty-five dollars. Every single one of the plans also comes with free dental plan and the dental coverage ranges from two thousand dollars a year to four thousand dollars just depending on what plan, but that gives you extra coverage outside of IHS, if need to have a bridge or you need to have a crown or bonding. There is a dental plan there for you that doesn't cost you anything. Also, it's really important, that Native American especially for more than my best friend, you guys travel so much county to county, you'd be in three counties in one day, so, you need to have a plan that can go with you from, state to state, county to county, city to city and that will work. Every plan that we do for our natives, really focuses on making sure that they're covered in every state in every city and county. What people don't realize is that if they only have Medicare A and B just that red white and blue cards that you get from the from Medicare, its paper, that card only covers eighty percent of the total bill. So, let's say you're in Colorado and you're traveling and there is an emergency that happened, so you go to the first hospital that you can find. If you are admitted to the hospital, there is a fifteen-hundred-dollar deductible no matter what and Medicare only covers eighty percent of the total bill, leaving you with twenty percent of the bill. So, what I do is make sure there is plan there that takes care of the deductible and nothing coming out of pocket for you and helps to bridge

the gap and cover the twenty percent, that Medicare doesn't cover. So, this helps you individually, but collectively this leaves more money for IHS. So, instead of IHS and Contract Health getting a bill of twenty percent, whatever the total bill is, now they only have a bill for a co-pay of fifty bucks or hundred bucks, whatever that service is. So, it leaves more money in IHS and your preferred care provider. All these benefits that I am talking about are free. You've already paid for it throughout your life by paying taxes, so they are free, but most people are not taking advantage of it and so it leaves them with unexpected bills or Contract Health doesn't cover it all. Plus, it doesn't give the fifty dollars back every month. So, there are three things you get. I am here if you have any questions. I am planning to visit all the Chapter Houses. I will be back in March. Please feel free to call me (623) 414-5184.

President Allen Fowler asked if anyone has any comments or questions.

VP Lola Smith asked when will you be in Page again?

Brooke Spain replies I was just there, I plan on being there next month (March). I don't know if the chapters are going to be open. Are they going to be open, do you know?

President Allen Fowler states as far as we know, we are not sure yet. If we're open, we'll give you a call from the Chapter House and invite you over.

Brooke Spain comments Jerry Williams invited her to LeChee Chapter House, and it was very beneficial for the LeChee Community. I will probably be there March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

VP Lola Smith asked is there a deadline for this?

Brooke Spain answers yes and no, I can help Natives so not really. It's best if it's done before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

d. TCRHCC COVID-19 Vaccine Update – Leila McCabe – not online.

e. Coppermine Food Distribution February 17, 2021 at 10am – Volunteers needed

CSC Wilford Lane states that he is aware that will be getting about 150 food boxes, tomorrow about 10am.

VP Lola Smith states and this is through Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint in Salt Lake City.

f. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Meeting @ Coppermine Chapter on February 23, 2021 @ 9am

#### H. Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Reports:

a. Council Delegate Paul Begay – report is attached.

Jerry Williams – LDA to Honorable Delegate Paul Begay – I will be working for Honorable Delegate Paul Begay. It is my pleasure to be working with the Coppermine Chapter Official and Staff.

b. Community Service Coordinator – report is attached.

c. Chapter Officials

President Allen Fowler – We are still transition, and still learning how to prepare resolutions and the agenda. We are looking into getting the Coppermine Chapter certified, that's our goal.

VP Lola Smith – is offline. Within the Coppermine Community I would like to acknowledge you, Chapter Officials, yes, I know this is a new territory for you, and we will all learn and work together. Where Echo Cliff Health Clinic is going to be built, they are asking us for two things:



### Combining Balance Sheet:

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 – Chapter Activities General Fund | 13,507.71         |
| 03 – Land Claims Trust               | 25,073.39         |
| 08 – Supplemental Youth Funds        | 22,197.93         |
| 09 – Housing Discretionary Fund      | 17,687.11         |
| 10 – LGA Grant Fund                  | 26,762.92         |
| 12 – Chapter Stipend Fund            | 28,335.55         |
| 13 – Scholarship General Fund        | 9,610.00          |
| 15 – PEP Fund                        | 22,377.69         |
| 16 – Veterans Fund                   | 4,660.37          |
| 17 – Emergency Fund                  | .00               |
| 23 – NN Sales Tax Fund               | 104,487.98        |
| 28 – Chapter Projects                | 272,697.28        |
| 40 – Unhealthy Foods                 | 72,447.39         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>619,845.32</b> |

### Statement of Revenues and Expenditures:

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Outstanding Checks/Vouchers | 3,410.36   |
| Cleared Checks/Vouchers     | 5,897.20   |
| Cleared Other Cash Items    | 123,385.37 |



**Budget to Actual:**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 – Chapter Activities General Fund | 2,159.48          |
| 03 – Land Claims Trust               | 10,008.25         |
| 08 – Supplemental Youth Funds        | 5,844.69          |
| 09 – Housing Discretionary Fund      | 5,960.70          |
| 10 – LGA Grant Fund                  | 1,534.77          |
| 12 – Chapter Stipend Fund            | 13,725.00         |
| 13 – Scholarship General Fund        | 4,400.00          |
| 15 – PEP Fund                        | 29,309.61         |
| 16 – Veterans Fund                   | .00               |
| 17 – Emergency Fund                  | 1,194.75          |
| 23 – NN Sales Tax Fund               | 17,799.30         |
| 28 – Chapter Projects                | 34,493.32         |
| 40 – Unhealthy Foods                 | .00               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>126,429.87</b> |