COPPERMINE CHAPTER MEETING

November 30, 2021 @ 3pm MINUTES

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I. Meeting called to order: President A. Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:09 PM.

I. Invocation: Stanford Fowler gave the prayer.

III. Review and Adopt the Agenda:

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

V. Old Business:

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

1 .Financial Report - Secretary/Treasurer, unavailable due to vacancy of AMS

2. <u>RESOLUTION CO-11-094-21</u>: Accepting Water Truck from Navajo Nation Water Resource Department for Coppermine Chapter.

Allen Fowler: Mr. Jason John of Water Resource Department said Coppermine Chapter can have a water truck from his department. This would require a Resolution.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

3. <u>RESOLUTION CO-11-095-21</u>: Supporting Coconino County Proposed #LDF050 and #LDF501 Legislative Redistricting Maps. (Lena Fowler)

Lena Fowler: Every 10 years, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (AIRC), redistricts and draws boundary lines according to the population census. This is part of the United States Constitution. From the 2010, according to AIRC's proposal, we had elected: two House of Representatives (both Navajos) and Ms. Peshlakai who have presented us. During the 2020 Census count, we encountered the closure of Navajo Generating Station, where many families relocated to Phoenix and other places. Also, we encountered the Covid-19 pandemic, that also affected the census count when the offices shut down. AIRC proposed our area into two electoral districts for the State and Federal elections which is not good for Northern Arizona. (District 7 became 6). As Coconino County, we have proposed and developed a map which will better serve us with more representation. Community members, and chapters and cities need to pay attention to what's going on. All the funds are going to Phoenix. Another problem: Rural addressing does not pinpoint where we reside. We need to get ready for the funds that are coming from the Federal Government. Its very important to register and be an active community. You can write letters and submit it to AZ Independent Redistricting Commission by December 4th, the due date.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 4-0-0

4. <u>RESOLUTION CO-11-096-21</u>: Recommending and Supporting A Fiber Optic Broadband build out and establishment of branch libraries at the Chapter to be funded by FCC E-Rate funding and other funding sources.

Ms. Campbell: Navajo Nation Communication received notification of a successful grant for Coppermine and other chapters on July '21, funded by the Federal Government. A fiber optic broadband build out will be established with a branch library to reverse many negative off-grid issues.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

VII. . Presentations: (5 minutes allotted time limit per subject)

1. Navajo Thaw: Waylon Honga; Zoom at 2PM * attachment (only for planning mtg).

- 2. NDOT/Safety: Evelyn Walker (unavailable)
- 3. Choice Humanitarian: Marilyn Reed/ Chance Foster: Yaateeh and thanks for giving us the opportunity to be on your agenda. We are with Choice Humanitarian, and it is known world-wide helping different countries. Our goal is building capacity within the Former Bennett Area, and help Chapters secure the Escrow Fund in partnership with Navajo Land Commission through a Memorandum of Agreement with established Roles and Responsibilities, monitoring, and providing technical assistance as well as training. In accessing the Escrow Funds, we will maximize needs of FBFA and develop your community. Escrow Funds are only for building supplies so there's a plan to utilize trained volunteers through Choice Humanitarian to upgrade homes. Our goal is to provide more detailed information on the Housing Escrow Fund Grant through USDA Rural Development soon. We also want to provide more information on our Food Security Project to build capacity in farming/gardening to develop entrepreneur in the local food security market. This is Benson Henry of Kaibeto and Cameron. I look forward to working with you on the hoop house project. We will provide the necessary resources and tools to individuals to become successful. Thank you.
- 4. Water Commissioner: Joelynn Ashley (unavailable)

VIII. Reports: (5 minutes allotted time per subject)

- 1. Page Unified District Lyonel Tso (unavailable); *Fern Green- IEC member
- 2. TCRHCC Leila McCabe: All services are open for dental, surgery, appointments, etc. Mental Health and Life Skills are located in back of the hospital. Mobile Health is also in service. Vaccines are being given to ages 5 years and up. Be sure to bring your vaccine cards. Laundry service opened up which is a good savings for the hospital. For the new proposed hospital, we're facing a problem with land consent/no land. CEO, Lynette Bonar is seeking additional funding for shortage of staff and nurses. Not many younger generations are getting vaccines. Family gatherings are causing Covid -19 increases. We need to be healthier: walk more and eat healthy. Contact number for any questions: 928 814 5325.
 - L. Tsosie: What's with the Echo Cliff Health Clinic construction? With staff shortage, how will it affect this new clinic?
 - L. McCabe: Trying to get it going, and not all the paperwork is being processed. Staff shortage: Human Resources is working hard getting VISA s to bring nurses from foreign countries. Chapters need to offer scholarships for nurses.
- 3. Community Health Representative Susie Shorthair: I service Coppermine and Lechee areas. I make home visits to the elders. A lot of them need firewood and some have restrooms that are incomplete. I.H.S. vaccines and boosters will be given on December 4, for ages 5 on up.
 - Allen Fowler: Give us the names of individuals that need firewood. What is your your phone number? (Will be posted at Chapter)
- 4. Legislative Delegate Assistant (LDA) Jerry Williams (unavailable)

IX. Chapter Officials Report:

- 1. Council Delegate Paul Begay (unavailable on another virtual mtg.)
- 2. Chapter President Allen Fowler: District One Chapters met with Dr. Yellowman of Community Development in November. She gave an overview of upcoming ARPA funds that was received by the Nation. Last summer we identified the following projects: Warehouse, Bathroom Addition, Cemetery, and we added more projects based on availability Of funds.
- 3. Chapter Vice-President Lola Smith
- 4. Chapter Grazing Official Stanford Fowler: Yaateeh! Grazing permits transfers and Homesite Leases issues were acknowledged at the November 2nd meeting at Kaibeto. Western Agency Grazing Members' training is scheduled for Dec.14 & 16.

Yesterday's meeting concerning AIF funds was cancelled in Window Rock. Tally counts are almost completed, and record documents will be turned into BIA and Navajo Nation Offices. There is manpower shortage in cleaning out N20 cattle guards, it has been a long process. Please help one another in closing gates where there are gates. AIF funds: Chapter needs to submit a resolution to receive the the funds in the December meetings. We need to plan the simplest way to distribute the funds. Earthen dams: 5 dams have been on the list, but two will be added. This concludes my report.

5. CLUPC - Linda Long: (unavailable)

X. Announcements:

1. Next Planning Meeting: December * December 16,'21 @ 3:00 PM 2. Next Chapter Meeting: December * December 21, '21 @ 3:00 PM

XI. Adjournment:

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