

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021 @ 3:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE: JOIN BY PHONE 1 470-485-8841 PIN: 682197462
MINUTES

- I. Welcome by: Allen Fowler Jr @ 3:12 pm
- II. Invocation by: Stanford Fowler
- III. Review and Adopting Agenda read by: Allen Fowler Jr
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/00
- IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Lola-Don't have the minutes yet from the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, will forward to next meeting.
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/00
- V. Old Business
A. none
Motion: Second: Vote: 00/00/00
- VI. New Business/Resolutions:
 - A. Resolution CO-02-035-21: Accepting and Approving the funding request for the Gaming Revenue FY2020 Allocated Carryover into FY2021 to Coppermine Chapter in the amount of \$3,640.01 to be used for Utilities. Lola -Comment on the Gaming Fund is carryover from the FY2020.
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/00
 - B. Resolution CO-02-036-21: Reaffirming Resolution CO-04-020-17 which withdrew 75 Acres Tract of land for the construction of a new Health Center, Staff Quarters, Easements and Sewer Lagoon and related facilities one mile North of Gap Primary School on Navajo Route 20 (NR20) to provide Health-related services to local communities.
Resolution is for reaffirming the 75-acre tract and there is a request for another resolution for the sewer lagoon for the clinic in future Chapter Meetings. Phase one is complete but it is 1 year behind due to the pandemic so Phase 2 was put on hold. So just reaffirmation for Resolution CO-04-020-17.
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Paul Begay Vote: 03/00/00
 - C. Chapter Projects- Powerline Infrastructure Project - Wilford Lane CSC
Wilford- Prior Powerline Projects that were completed but 3 were not complete, S. Whitehat, R. Sloan and E. Cling so recently the 3 were complete and have electric now utilizing the Chapter fund. CDBG proposal usually have there notice of funding of availability for chapters to submit proposals but have not posted anything in 3 years.
Lola- what if we get more funding from the federal government, I don't think we should be utilizing chapter funds. Instead, we used the fund for the chapter multipurpose building and ended up taking it all, I think the Cares Act and Light up Navajo should have done more. There is more funding coming from President Biden so we should not be using the Chapter Funding.
L. Tsosie- I did not use Chapter Funds I went to NTUA to utilize the Care Fund with the Light up Navajo its an easy process and can direct the people, refer people to NTUA and apply with the Light up Navajo 3 project, all you need is your approved Home Site Lease and other Documnets. I applied in November and was approved now waiting for power hook up to my home. Asking for help through the chapter it is a process and takes a long time. The Application with NTUA has to be in person and NTUA does not make appointments to visit your home, they will unexpectedly show up for a reason to make sure you live there permanently and not just a second home seasonal home. If there is a powerline 1 mile from your home its all free and make sure your home is wired that way it will be completed sooner.
Allen- agree that we can look into getting people to use other resources and we can direct people to apply for the Light Up Navajo with NTUA. If denied they can go back to Chapter as back up.

Wilford- 547,620.00 is needed to serve 8 homes as a project, The Cares Act and Light Up Navajo are helping these residences so we will have extra funding to add 5 names that will replace the 5 names that are assisted through the Cares act. The fund from the Multi-purpose building \$200,000.00 because there is not enough funds to build and maintenance the building, fund would have just sat there, so prior officials made the decision to move funds to the powerline projects. The Western Navajo Pipeline they already have the funding for that project.

Lola- comment on the funds for the multipurpose building is that \$200,000.00 is for planning and design and there could have been more funding coming in for the multipurpose building to build and maintenance like the Tonalea Chapter.

Wilford- This project we did the procurement process with Gilbert and sons but they didn't start it and now Harrison Williams is working on it we didn't do the procurement process with approval because of the Council waived procurement procedures expenditures due to the Cares so project is ongoing.

Lola- Council did waive it but it only has to do with the Cares Act Fund and not the Chapter Fund. We need to get this Black and White, New Resolution to add 5 homes based on info from ASC no amendment, do the procurement process and need the progress on the 16 homes, do these first.

Paul- yes, any action waived by council pertains only to Cares Act Fund not the Chapter Fund.

Allen- that's my understanding as well, so will work with ASC for a new resolution and need to do another procurement process and if the home owners want it done quick, they possibly have to pay out of pocket.

Wilford- 16 homes some are 100% (4), 90%, 60% complete etc. 5 more homes NTUA wants those homes done this week and material cost is between \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Allen- I would like to see if these homes are being done, I would like to talk to the home owners to see if their homes are really complete.

L. Tsosie- not many of the people can get onto these meetings due to signal on their phone services or they don't know how to call in on these meetings. I have been going to homes in this community for the past few months and when I do talk with the home owners, they say that their bathroom electrical work has never been completed and they show me that the material is just sitting there and probably not good anymore. Are there any reports on the homes that are completed and a spreadsheet on who is getting the assistances at the Chapter? Is there anyone looking into these completed projects or into looking into the work being done?

Allen- any project should have a guarantee of completion, that is how I do any home I work on. I always go back to make sure everything works.

Stanley- Yes, any home

Lola- We had heard that some projects are cut off and material are getting bad, that was not the Chapter it was from community development and they had the manpower but one day we were just cut off and they never returned without any answers.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanley Fowler Vote: 03/00/00

Allen- agree with Lola to have the resolution and go through the procurement act and work with ASC's to follow proper procedures and protocols.

Stan- comment on the work I would suggest reports on a weekly basis to know how the work has been done and do it in steps so no material is wasted.

VII. Reports:

- A. Forward to next meeting

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Next Planning Meeting: March 9, 2021 @3:00pm Teleconference
- B. Next Chapter Meeting: March 16, 2021 @ 3:00 pm Teleconference
- C. Jerry Williams- Planning to continue meetings with the Western Navajo Pipeline Project will forward information to Chapter Officials and encourage to attend.

IX. Adjournment @ 4:48pm

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanley Fowler Vote: 03/00/00