

**COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 3:38pm.
- II. Invocation by Kee Black.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler. Read the agenda to the community.
Add-on: Lela McCabe – update on Echo Cliff Clinic - #7
Motion: Phillip Tsingine Second: Kee Black Vote: 27 / 00 / 08
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building and posted on Website.
Motion: Alice Talakte Second: Kee Black Vote: 31 / 00 / 04
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Financial Report and update report

FUND BALANCE - NOVEMBER 2024					
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	SEPT 2024 per WIND	Expenses	Deposit	OCT 2024 per WIND
01	General Activity Fund	42,202.97	(1,198.44)	1,198.44	42,202.97
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	12,094.03	-		12,094.03
08	Summer Youth Employment	32,179.76			32,179.76
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46			19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	22,886.34			22,886.34
12	Chapter Official Stipend	16,228.42	(4,000.00)		12,228.42
13	Scholarship/General Fund	20,745.00			20,745.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00			2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	103,178.13	(4,732.32)		98,445.81
16	Veterans	5,719.96			5,719.96
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85			58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	-			-
22	NN General Fund	-	-		-
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	218,777.68	(246.43)		218,531.25
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28			272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	141,213.99			141,213.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48			5.48
	Total	968,125.35	(10,177.19)	1,198.44	959,146.60
Bank Statement for October 31, 2024					
Beginning Balance	Deposit - Cash	Checks Processed (22)		Ending Balance	
986,774.88	1,198.44	8,167.51		979,805.81	

FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 2024					
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	OCT 2024 per WIND	Expenses	Deposit	NOV 2024 per WIND
01	General Activity Fund	42,202.97	(1,493.24)	826.25	41,535.98
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	12,094.03	(109.66)		11,984.37
08	Summer Youth Employment	32,179.76			32,179.76
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46			19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	22,886.34			22,886.34
12	Chapter Official Stipend	12,228.42	(3,150.00)		9,078.42
13	Scholarship/General Fund	20,745.00			20,745.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00			2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	98,445.81	(5,276.04)		93,169.77
16	Veterans	5,719.96			5,719.96
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85			58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	-			-
22	NN General Fund	-	(2,864.30)		(2,864.30)
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	218,531.25	(280.73)		218,250.52
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28			272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	141,213.99			141,213.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48			5.48
	Total	959,146.60	(13,173.97)	826.25	946,798.88

Bank Statement for November 30, 2024				
Beginning Balance	Deposit - Cash	Checks Processed (23)	Ending Balance	
979,805.81	826.25	10,706.45	969,925.61	

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Al Long Vote: 30 / 00 / 08

- b. Resolution CO-12-006-25: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL FOR \$250.00 FOR THE LATE ESTHER BIGMAN FROM THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY FUND IN MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR BURIAL ASSISTANCE UTILIZING FUND 01-6720.

Allen – read the resolution to the community. This is to assist with monetary assistance.

Motion: Ella Tsinnijinnie Second: Wilson Bigman Vote: 33 / 00 / 05

- c. RESOLUTION: CO-12-007-25: APPROVING THE FINAL PAYMENT FOR \$568.30 FOR CONTRACTUAL CONSULTANT SERVICES RENDERED PER RESOLUTION # CO-01-026-18 BETWEEN COPPERMINE CHAPTER AND MR FLOYD STEVENS UTILIZNG FUND 23-6600.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community.

Floyd – the resolution in Nov 2018 was approved for consultant, my chapter president term ended in 2016 but continue to attend chapter meetings and provide assistance, clup request for assistance and consultant for the clup manual with 80% payment, the remaining 20% will be paid upon completing the consultant. In 2004, clup members were placed, local community governance was to be use by Navajo chapters. Us government funds to develop community organization as whole to develop each chapter, where government development received \$5 million. Community land use plan is how to use the funds at each chapter. For people like planners will assist the chapters, bids went out, chapters started planning, community development. For coppermine, woman from tuscon assisted, some say 10 members clup members then reduced to 5. Collect information, data, assessment, etc. Manual had maps,

guidelines, one is about community participation, etc. manual was approved by chapter community and this manual have to renewed. Who wants to be on the clup committee. Till about 2009 2010, the former bennett freeze was lifted and needed information, how information do you have to address the need, we state we need help, need home, with that selected members for clup. Members would consist of resident from north, south, east, west, and grazing. In 2013, window rock ask for projects from coppermine of what is needed, what is your chapter priority, for long time the Road N20 was the number priority, at that time erosion of road, the Navajo housing authority was issues going on, they stated you have \$90 million laying around, fbfa are in need of homes, chapter staff and chapter officials and clup started the projects and assessments of who has the most need, NHA said this is how we do housing assessments, so chapters started housing assessments with their assistance, ernest franklin stated you put points on what is needed for tabulation, he showed us the formula and apply it. new president came and we had started working with NHA, nha board were told they were not doing enough, NN discussed to remove NHA board to reduce to 3, others stated they are working with FBFA on homes and lets keep the same working relations, the NHA board were removed and has also cut the working relation with ernest franklin, then started have meeting at harry begay's church for home assessment for FBFA then chapter ask to do home assessment for the whole chapter. These housing committee will be the clup committee. Sue yellowman and natalie were helping to develop plan of operation for housing committee but new csc indicated didn't need housing committee. The major task for clup was the manual with all positions filled. WHPacific did recovery plan. Then another person Brian Cole came and went to Bodaway Gap to do their land use plan and received contracts. FBFA assessment we had completed for coppermine. FBFA had meetings at twin arrows, he made it community builders and still has contract. Sara slim had resolution approved, \$15 million with Robert black, \$15 million with ARPA, when sara came and brought up the resolution and stated this contract is still paying Community Builders, for coppermine we are working with ASU Geoscience Urban Planning, professors came. In 2018, we need to know what you know for manual, asu came, we work on fbfa action plan. I kept track of all the meetings that I have attended, for clup, for planning, for chapter. I have 20 planning meeting, 16 chapter meeting, 38 clup meeting, other meeting 20 plus. This is the latest and its thick the manual. All you need to do is look into the manual. Asu have helped and its not marked up. We are getting toward the end of it. manual needs to be presented to the community. There is no clup. Linda term ended. Mary resigned and ask for continue assistance. Working with asu, asu have interested because they help us, we have to respect that, asu has copyright law, plagiarism, we have the respect the setting. People have stated that the current clup manual isn't worth anything and toss the manual. Asu is not only helping coppermine and with their helping us that other chapters have heard about ASU so now Dilcon is asking for their help with their clup manual. Now ramah chapter is asking for asu assistance as well. appreciation to them asu. Jonthan davis got cancer so decrease his assist. Covid came as well. 2022 started the clup manual again. This is for your information. What you can do with this is, government development states that you can create community land use plan, this manual doesn't have this and can update. Thank you and best wishes.

Like to thank chapter secretary who has received chapter scholarship and still here to help the community. When did you started

Valerie – 2005

Floyd – thank you for the years of assistance and thank you lola for the many years. Have worked on the water rights too. Worked on buffer zone, quadrilateral agreement, and now its not been discussed by Navajo nation. All together 270,000 acres along the shoreline, parks and recreation indicated the have ownership which is not been discussed, etc.

Motion: Chris Benally

Second: Alice Talakte

Vote: 48 / 00 / 06

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- a. Add-on: Lela McCabe – update on Echo Cliff Clinic – I am apart of the Tuba City Regional Healthcare Cooperation Board, Community Health Assessment and Needs Survey is done every year and have received the booklet on it, this data is how the hospital receive money. The CEO whom we meet with monthly, the tuba city hospital is among the largest provider among the Indian health service, the repairs are costly, we are in need of new hospital, the western agency council meeting in flagstaff which TCRHCC proposed resolution for infrastructure to build new medical facility for the new 2025, need for nursing homes for our elders, the money needed is requested from varies areas, special care reimbursement, human resource development training, hospital need funding for our children and for people needed job to train them, we need certified pharmacy technician, need training for coding, we have new system, we receive funding, we recruit high school students, our CEO has told us this information. Echo cliff had meeting yesterday, construction is going well and moving along, open date is 2026 and will give service, water line is been worked on by ntua, fiber optic is been worked and will in July, the outside will be finished built by February then start the inside and the lagoon afterwards, staff housing we are doing the design now, there will be 96 staff housing. Long time I have gone to school, we need booklet of information, the information helps to get funding, I really commend for the work that floyd has done for the community. Wish you all Merry Christmas. one person mention problem is that construction is hiring a lot of Mexican, skill is needed, Mexican work hard, the nurses do they respect you, do they provide all the information, are you happy when you leave the hospital, are you treated well at the hospital. Thank you.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate Report:

- a. Community Service Coordinator – Chris P. Benally – introduce self to the community, thank you for the little children, we need future president, vice president, secretary, merry Christmas to everyone, you are the future, I am hard of hearing, I am not yelling at you, you have cell phone, we have starlink, free wifi, check the website, resolutions, asc are my supervisor, negative complaints are been said to asc, its hard to order stuff for the chapter, this present is to the chapter, emergency funds can only be used during emergency, price quotes need to purchase for chapters, come to planning meeting to request for assistance then to do chapter meeting, coal is available for pickup, present is the flag and rope to hang up the flag out side the chapter house, wood is for the elders, PPE supplies are available to pickup for registered voters, need housing committee, I don't feel right about selecting names for need of home, I need 3 people interested to come to the chapter, no student employment for winter because it has to be posted for 10 days, so if we post it will be over Christmas, AMS position is vacant,
Floyd – arpa what is the status, December 30 is coming up
Chris – the chapter is handle by Helena, the warehouse is at window rock, waste bin is at DOJ, im on 90 days to become permanent,
Phillip – thank you for the wood, I heard you need to bring CIB, so I had to go back home to get CIB, wood for the elders
Chris – its apart of the what was approved by the community, we can bring it up with the new chapter officials,
- b. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – Margorie representative for Helena, she isn't feeling well so she is home, she attends many meetings, I am thankful for her, thank you to the chapter

officials and CSC, all of first windmill and all of coppermine, I use to work for senior center and cover coppermine and drove all of coppermine to serve elders, I transferred to parks and recreation, thank you to the people that have voted for Helena, she stated after she started working there was much work to do, say good kind words to her and of her, I see negative comments on facebook, she purchase items and will do drawings for her, in past horse meat were fed during meetings with intestine, thankful for the many gifts,

- c. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – merry Christmas and thank you for letting me help you for this last 4 years, all the policy is in your hand, what you vote on is what this chapter runs on,
- d. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – at the agency meeting, there are money available for bathroom addition,
- e. Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler

IX. Announcements:

- a. District One Council Meeting: Wednesday, Dec 11, 2024 @ 4pm @ LeChee Chapter
- b. Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting: Saturday, Dec 14, 2024 @ 9am @ Coconino Community College
- c. Coppermine Chapter Meeting / Christmas Dinner: Sunday, Dec 15, 2024 @ 3pm
- d. St. Mary's Food Bank: Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024 @ 1pm
- e. Add-on: Next Chapter Planning Meeting: Sunday, January 5, 2025 @ 3pm
- f. Add-on: Next Regular Chapter Meeting: Sunday, January 12, 2025 @ 3pm

X. Adjournment at 5:52pm. Motion Evelyn Tsinnijinnie, Second: Jeannie Mexicano Vote: 54/00/02



Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer