

COPPERMINE CHAPTER

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 28, 2017 @ 11:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

I. Welcome Address: Natalie Tsinnijinnie

II. Meeting Call to Order: @ 11:15am

III. Invocation: Natalie Tsinnijinnie

IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda: Keep it the way it is

Motion: Susie Yellowman 2nd: Susie Shorthair Vote: 5-0-0

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Selection of Officers:

Natalie Tsinnijinnie- President

Susie Shorthair- Vice President

Royletia Begay- Secretary

Debra Benally- Member

Susie Yellowman- Member

B. Housing Committee Policy and Procedures

Read through the Policy manual at the last meeting. Floyd brought in the Housing Discretionary Policy and Procedure that was passed re amended during the August 2017 Chapter Meeting. Passed out the new manual copies.

C. Former Bennett Freeze Area 20 Home Renovation Listing- update - Passed the list of 20 names to the Housing Committee and it was forwarded to the Chapter Meeting with a Resolution to Division of Community Development. Natalie is giving a briefing on the history of the FBFA Renovation list that we started back in 2015. Talked about the Discussion with Delegate Tuchoney Slim and Natalie, Linda Kent, and Harry Begay they started the meetings at her Hogan in Feb. 2015. Then Royletia and Floyd offered there help and we started getting the peoples information putting files together and collected Data. Now it's at the Office of Division of Community Development waiting to be executed for Renovations. Question: Debra- How come we can't have Community housing for people with no Permit and the ones with permit to have scattered homes. It's the ones with Permits that won't give up their grazing land for a clustered home project.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Former Bennett Freeze Area – Floyd Stevens, Former Coppermine Chapter President

Introduction and giving updates for the FBFA. You're an official for Coppermine Chapter Government and you are a member of the Coppermine Chapter Housing Committee. Representing a Chapter there is the introduction and introducing yourself as a Coppermine Chapter Official. Ke, is what we should carry at all and any meetings or workshop, and Thank You I wanted to say to you all, I spoke with Royletia and she told me that I needed to come in and explain a lot of the duties and responsibilities when it comes to being an official. So, volunteering but being compensated is good so thank you for volunteering. In 1994 we tried to make a Housing Committee but there were no Volunteers and it's been that way since every year no volunteers till now we finally have a committee. There are other Committees that you will work with such as the CLUPC, Veteran, Housing Agencies, Departments, Chapter Staff and the Officials when it comes to Housing needs and wanting better for the Community of Coppermine. Willing to help in any situation and if you have any questions I am available to help. Being part of the Housing Committee,

you're always going to be asking how can I help this community, if you have questions ask, it's always better to ask the questions you may the answers and more. People depend on your decisions and that's what they will be looking up to in the long run. You only have enough stipend to cover your meeting a certain amount but if that runs out you may need to donate your time so look forward to that.

Other chapters and Agencies will be looking to connection with this housing committee so you will get to know other Departments and Agencies who you will all end up working with in the near future.

We needed the Housing Committee So Thank you again.

Anytime we start a new job we always get orientated and get a Lesson and be updated on all the ongoing Projects for the Coppermine Chapter Community.

Housing does permit a big problem it's a task with the paperwork and the people coming at you with questions answers anger frustration. Working together is the best way to go about this having a good relationship and in this business, there will be arguing and disapprovals of each other's.

Coppermine Chapter has a good Community here, religion should divide a community but no we all have this respect for each other. Other Chapters are divided and fights even happen in their meetings.

Chapter Meetings tend to go ahead of all the paperwork it will get behind so we have these workers here to catch us up in the end we have all the necessary paperwork together in the end.

There will be some decisions where some community members will be turned down and they will be saying things to you, and they will also accuse you of helping your own family members with Housing so it will be there but if you do it right and the decision is made its all you can do.

PRESENTATION:

Funding Source: Treaty and Sovereignty (Navajo Nation Government) (Sovereignty)

Federal Level – Housing Urban Development (HUD) > Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) > Tribal Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) > Navajo Housing Authority (NHA)

We are with TDHE who NHA is under so HUD is what we get funding from for housing and infrastructure (water, powerline, etc.)

Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute (JUA) 1882 joint use area was established, in 1950 it was resolved so the Hopi filed suit and they wanted half of the funds Healing VS Jones, Navajos had funding to fight in court the Hopi used government funds and it was split 1.9 million and HPL and NPL formed as a result and the NHLCO formed in Flagstaff. The Relocation office was created to move Hopi off NPL and NHLO was formed to get Navajos off NPL and it was their choice if they relocated they got New Homes built.

In 2006 Obama lifted the FBFA and in 2009 Congress passed the lift of FBFA

Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund (NRTF)

Escrow FBFA 9 Chapters \$12 million \$6 million to Navajo and \$6 million to Hopi

1 Million went to WH Pacific to do studies and Assessments on the FBFA in all 9 Chapters but the Data wasn't accurate.

\$3.9 Million was left in the end so that was decided to be divided between the 9 Chapters, it was going to be divided 50 50 but some chapters argued some chapters were bigger than others so they divided it by the acreage of the Chapters FBFA so Coppermine got \$216,400.00

Question: Debra- Why is there only 20 names on the Escrow Fund?

That is the Escrow Fund that is under federal guidelines and it was for New home but that is only enough to build 2 homes 2 bedroom and it was changed to Renovation at \$10.800 per home.

Tribal-

Community housing and infrastructure Department (CHID) > Home Improvement Program (HIP)

Who is under Division of Community Development (DCD)

Due to the change and removal of the NHA Board and Director the Escrow Fund was changed to be done by DCD not NHLCO and is headed by Carl Smith Director of DCD who is a contractor.

John McCain expressed that if there are any changes that need to be made it has to be done or he will freeze our accounts and no more funding in the Future.

There are carpenter's electrician's painters are here in the Community but most don't like the pay from the Chapter. Natalie there are carpenters etc. And they just need some kind of negotiations done for them on the wage.

Will be working with Carl Smith and Casey Begay with Division of Community Development on the Escrow Fund Account for FBFA Members.

(LIHEAP) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Minor repairs windows doors just minor weatherization repairs and wood stoves.

Can work with faith based organizations, to where the chapter can get the material and they build the homes. Allen Fowler Jr.'s Church does this also helping with homes.

Question: Susie S. Will there be any funding for the non FBFA in the future to redo their homes and possibly get homes?

Floyd- Yes but the FBFA was declared by the OPVP in 2010 as priority so that's how all the funding was put into use for FBFA to heal. But in the future Escrow and NRTF will be gone and there will only be NHA to rely on, the Permanent Trust fund is Restricted so there's 3 billion now.

Debra- how do we know these people are not going to all these sources and getting help 3 times from the Navajo Nation how can we avoid this. If there's someone that is assisted from this escrow how can we keep from getting another assistance. I'm still wondering how can the 20 FBFA members just be 20 because there is more people than the 20, Natalie- its according to the residents there and the ones that have HSL and actually came in to ask for them to be assisted.

Floyd- Fraud Clause, Double Dipping

Roylencia- all I hear is you saying you don't understand so I think you should go out and do the non-Bennett freeze assessment and that way you know. Debra and Susie S. said they are ready to do that and want to get started.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1998 LGA-NNC (Community Land Use Plan) Title 26

Community Land Use Plan

Finance

Accountability

Five Management System

Housing – scattered / clustered

Assessment – used to develop Land Use Plan

In the Sustainable journey of beauty planning manual, it only has clustered housing in it. We've never had clustered housing because of grazing land rights, that's why Coppermine never had clustered housing.

Susie Y.- the elderly are the ones that make the decision to not have clustered homes but yet there are young ones that don't know what to do so I think they would decide to have the clustered homes.

Floyd- there are a lot less animals grazing now and with NGS closing I think it's possible the new generation will have it all out a different way more community oriented. And the issue with Burial sites the Chapter needs a Cemetery but no one wants a Cemetery they say it's their back yard.

Being community oriented is best because less costs to the chapter for Powerlines & Waterlines etc.

Natalie- what is our term?

Floyd- Usual is 4 years, it can be on the resolution so work on the Policy and Procedure. Address FUNDING SOURCE: Federal, Tribal, Faith Based etc.

We were working on the Housing Policy and procedures and the CLUPC secretary lost it on her computer so we don't have it.

NEED TO HAVE THE POLICY & PROCEDURE REDONE AND GET TOGETHER A PLAN OF OPERATION, get it together and PUT BEFORE THE CHAPTER AGAIN.

There is a VETERANS FUND for housing \$60,000.00 (1998) Veterans, the Coppermine veterans were told to come up with a plan of operation and policy and they decided they don't want that and a resolution for the use of their funds they didn't want to get 3 quotes and didn't want to put it before the chapter for community approval so one member came in daily arguing with the CSC and the CSC then opened an account at page lumber \$60,000.00 and they charged what they wanted and others started getting upset again so now there's \$4616.00 left that was tabled in 2008.

The chapter facility usage they were being charged to use it \$45 per meeting but they go to other people's homes now to have a meeting.

THE HOUSING POLICY we have now it applies to the Coppermine Veterans as well. So, if they need home assistance it will have to go through the Chapter Housing Committee.

Audit- once this happens it will not pass.

Concludes Floyds Orientation. Thank you, Floyd Stevens,

We need to attend the CLUPC, Veteran meeting and the Grazing Officials input on how they play there roll in this Housing Policy process.

INTRODUCTION- Susie Yellowman- from Winslow Area North at Seba Delgai, live in Page Az. Married Robert Yellowman who works at NGS and taught at Page School and retired in 2009 have a residence 4.5 mile east of the Old Trading Post we have livestock out there as well.

INTRODUCTION- Natalie Tsinnijinnie

- B. Former Bennett Freeze Area – Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund \$100,00.00 5 Home Renovation Listing
Need Resolution to re amend the resolution that has the new name listing.
Need to bring this up with DCD and NHLCO to get help with the constructing part of the project.
Because chapter doesn't have the funding to hire contractors or PEP workers.

FORWARDED TO NEXT HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING THEN CHAPTER PLANNING MTG.

Susie Y. - Now that we have this HOUSING COMMITTEE All the Chapter Officials CANNOT MAKE OR CHANGE ANY DECISIONS for Community Housing Needs.

Debra - WE WANT FAIRNESS ACROSS THE BOARD.

Susie Y- why can't we make the list adding 20 more for Escrow Fund.

Floyd- the Policy and Procedure need to make it your own and go through it line by line to make it how you're going about it.

VII. Reports:

- A. President- Natalie - Report on FBFA Meeting at Hogan Restaurant with different Departments, Angie Cody works with Walter Phelps and they put up this meeting to have updates for the FBFA and they have their own agenda to their Task Force team, they are the ones that ask for the Data, we work with them to have a lot of our FBFA members needs met for Housing and Infrastructure. The Department of Agriculture presented the IRMP. The EPA Region 9 is doing testing on homes that may be built with rocks that are contaminated with uranium. They have funding for the testing and repairing homes for these contaminated Homes. NHA Roberta Roberts explained NHA Policy and Procedure and the applications are never turned in by chapters. Debra- I think we should put that in as a priority having the policy and procedure put to where we can have this in the future for our community (Clustered Homes) Even though their saying no now I think we should have it in place and where we can have rules and restrictions and caring on the resident's part.
- Susie S. – I think the problem is the young ones that get together to cause problems to people who own livestock and bringing together dogs and attacks happen.
- Natalie – I think we should have a community questionnaire and ask these questions, Susie Y. – yes there was one done by CLUPC but I never heard anything of it again.
- Debra- I think we should help in a way to solve the Grazing Officials and the Chapters Problems. The solution to the horse roundups and people asking for cow roundups as well it's an issue because this land belongs to the Livestock regardless of the land Lease. Was offended by the Council Delegate about the

land being leased to us because of the animals in the first place so how can we take that from them. So all this could be changed because of the word land lease will they shrink a lot of our land like bears ears, are we going to be paying for our land in the future and a lot may be taken from us.

Natalie- DCD Carl Smith also got to update and explain the Escrow Fund Account.

B. Vice-President – Susie Shorthair -

C. Secretary – Roylenticia Begay – Explained the Process of getting community assessment done how we did it for the Former Bennett Freeze Area.

D. Member – Debra Benally -

E. Member – Susie Yellowman -

NEED TO CONTINUE ON AMENDING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND MAKE IT OUR OWN AND ONCE THAT'S DONE THE NON-BENNETT FREEZE ASSESSMENT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WE NEED TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH CLUPC VETERANS AND GRAZING.

NATALIE- Explained the Process of doing the Community Assessment to Susie Shorthair, Susie Yellowman and Debra Benally. How the Assessment was done by Natalie T., Roylenticia Begay and Valerie Fowler for the Former Bennett Freeze Area. And about CONFIDENTIALITY.

Debra- So were going to pretty much do this assessment on our own?

Yes, because we don't know where these residents live we only know the Bennett Freeze Area.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution# ~~CO-01-0~~ ~~18: FBFA NRTEF \$100,00.00 5 Home Renovation Listing~~

1. Kee Nez Begay
2. Stella Williams
3. Joe Homer
4. Laura Clark
5. ~~Kee Chewing~~ Kee & Mary Adakai

FORWARD TO NEXT HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING – need more information

IX. Adjourned @ 4:57 PM

X. Next Meeting: Wednesday January 3, 2018 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 VOLUNTEER BASIS NO STIPEND

XI. Next Meeting: February TBA @ TBA

XII. Announcements:

1. January 1st, 2018 – New Years Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED
2. January 4th, 2018 – Planning Meeting @ 3:00 pm
3. January 4th, 2018 – FBFA Meeting @ 6:00 pm
4. January 9th, 2018 – CLUPC Meeting @ 9:00 am
5. January 9th, 2018 – Chapter Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Thank You for Attending, **Happy Holidays.**