

**COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
MINUTES**

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 3:48pm.
- II. Invocation by Jack Stevens.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler
Allen – read the agenda to the community
Stanford – Announcement - Jan 21 2025 at 10am at Western BIA Office for Grazing Agency Meeting
Allen – Announcement – Inauguration is Jan 9 2025 at 9am at Kayenta
Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Esther Yazzie Vote: 22 / 00 / 04
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Allen – minutes are posted on the website and can be given to you upon request
Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Debora Saliego Vote: 19 / 00 / 07
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Financial Report and update report

FUND BALANCE as of December 31 2024					
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	NOV 2024 per WIND	Expenses	Deposit	DEC 2024 per WIND
01	General Activity Fund	41,535.98	(1,077.42)		40,458.56
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	11,984.37	-		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	(469.62)		22,416.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	9,078.42	(3,000.00)		6,078.42
13	Scholarship/General Fund	20,745.00	-		20,745.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00	-		2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	93,169.77	(4,581.17)		88,588.60
16	Veterans	5,719.96	-		5,719.96
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85	-		58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	(2,864.30)	-		(2,864.30)
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	218,250.52	(2,645.31)		215,605.21
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	946,798.88	(11,773.52)	-	935,025.36

Bank Statement for December 31, 2024	
Beginning Balance	969,925.61
Deposit - 12/10/24	216.97
Deposit - 12/10/24	106.63
Deposit - 12/10/24	78.00
Deposit - 12/17/24	224.27
Deposit - 12/24/24	232.28
Checks Processed (21)	9,990.06
Ending Balance	960,793.70

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Debora Saliego Vote: 22 / 00 / 04

- b. **Resolution CO-01-008-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for Two (2) Full-time students in the amount of \$500.00 each utilizing the Scholarship General Fund account 13:6721.

<u>Name of Students:</u>	<u>Name of School:</u>
Tehya Black	Coconino Community College
Hailei Joe	Northern Arizona University

Allen – read the chapter resolution to the community. Hailei and Tehya provided their introduction and fund request at yesterday planning meeting.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Linda Long Vote: 24 / 00 / 02

- c. **Resolution CO-01-009-25:** Reaffirming, Authorizing and Supporting the Coppermine Chapter and the District 1 (One) Grazing Committee Member to Implement an Indefinite Feral Horse, Stray, and Unclaimed Livestock Removal Program in Efforts to Improve the Ecological Health and Productivity of the Navajo Rangelands for Present and Future Generations of the Navajo People.

Allen – read the chapter resolution to the community.
Stanford – already provide information
Allen – any questions
Debra – how many events will you have
Stanford – when water is down, in July, need help to have the event, will contact NDA and BIA for assistance, NDA and BIA request for the chapter resolution at the beginning of the year.
Floyd – typo in the chapter resolution to change the following “Implement and Indefinite” to change to the following “implement an indefinite”.

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Al Long Vote: 22 / 00 /07

- d. **Resolution CO-01-010-25:** Approving the Names of Newly-Elected Chapter Officials 2025-2028 and Community Service Coordinator to be updated to the National Bank of Arizona Signature Card: Chapter President, Debora Saliego; Chapter Vice-President, Kee Black; Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Tsingine; and Community Service Coordinator, Chris Paul Benally.

Allen – read the chapter resolution to the community

Floyd – is Debbie still on board, I heard she isn't on board
Allen – will know next month and new officials can do new resolution to take her off

Motion: Hailei Joe Second: Al Long Vote: 25 / 00 / 04

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- a. Floyd – there was request for Al Long for removal from peacemaking. I think Al Long can voluntarily resign from peacemaking.
Allen – they didn't find the resolution
Floyd – chapter just need to declare vacancy.
Allen – will give time to Al during my time to resign announcement

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate Report:

- a. Community Service Coordinator – Chris P. Benally – introduce to community, ARPA project is handle by Helena Begay, community cemetery there is none with coppermine, private cemetery is available and will provide presentation, funds available for dump truck, ppe supplies are available for pickup, economic impact \$36,000, warehouse no response from Helena, waiting for multipurpose building from Helena, still on 90 day probation, mobile clinic I have ask why they don't visit coppermine and have requested, they will be coming, there is computer available to use at the chapter, need help with housing, need housing committee, hiring carpenter is all on me with home visit, can submit letter for interest as housing committee member, clup c also so need our children to be here, veterans minutes and clup c minutes need documentation, transparency, FBFA have their own funding and assistance, I am only one here running around to do projects, I am trying to organize, cemetery, housing is on the website, private cemetery application on the website, we don't have community cemetery so can have private cemetery, septic cleaning is on the website as well and form is on the website, coal is available at the chapter which can pickup but don't resale, wood is available for pickup and took 3 day course, come to chapter house to apply for it, if you don't have running water then can distribute blue water jug to you, star link is available at the chapter and can be used by community, AMS position is available and there is retirement, AMS is needed here and tell your children, this position is posted on the chapter website, still working on chapter flag for repair, community hoop house is here, high speed scanner which im trying to get, need scan old minutes and post on website, trying to get metal storage where is storage of documents and good against weather and insects, bathroom/shower need maintenance, they way our government works is that for plumber need to obtain proposals and registered with the Navajo nation, I tell the vendors we are from coppermine and they leave, we are trying to justify the high cost, youth employment will be posted as well, if I do home visit its going to take time and longer to complete but if you visit the website for information,

Floyd – ARPA project for your information, the truck and trailer is for usage for backhoe, there is specification, heavy duty,

Chris – I'll talk to the ARPA staff, ppe supplies they sent dispenser for sanitizer, furniture will be coming, I will post on chapter website,

Debra – you said you need members for the FBFA and we do have members,

Chris – need to bring them back to chapter, I had my background investigation, social security, there are protected information, we are working on 5 management system, gap got help from window rock,

Allen – committee your talking about need to have chapter resolution,

Chris – the committee has died, its up to the people, its not up to the csc, its up to the people, so we can ask window rock, if we hide at chapter then it will come up at window rock, window rock ask questions, I want swimming pool for our children, I want multipurpose building for our community

- b. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – she provide report yesterday planning meeting.
- c. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – give my time to al long for peacemaking.
Al Long – introduction to the community, I was given task to be peacemaking, have done my job as peacemaker, have learn as peacemaking, I want to continue my job but health wise I need to resign as peacemaker, give the task back to the chapter, what they need is a person with cultural experience, how to speak to people, do and don't, got to have that experience, court don't want to touch it so give to the peacemaker, peacemaker will find solution, been peacemaker you have Ke, saying thank you. On Friday, the program coordinator in tuba city, I have notify of resigning. This is for the records.
Floyd – whats your official title
Al – Peacemaker Mr. Long
- d. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – thank the community, learn on the job, traveled many miles for the chapter, have seen projects, hope to see the multipurpose building in the future and other ARPA projects, have work with Valerie and Floyd, hopefully chapter certification comes as well,
- e. Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – thank the outgoing chapter officials, we have done four years together and takes a lot of work, take care of your livestock, the first 2 years we delt with the panademic seems like we didn't do much but still did work with zoom meeting, ive visit all permit holders and seen how they live and show ke, grazing meeting at gap for district 3 which I attended, hary goldtooth sr has alot knowledge, our elders are leaving us, people are 60 and 70 is now our teachers, don't forget your language, past elders say when you forgot your language then something will happen, its our identity our language, its teaching, learn your language, we are all related, 6 of my uncles went to war and 2 didn't return, I have children in the navy, etc. take care of your livestock. I hate to get calls. Thank you very much. Thank chapter officials and for the upcoming new officials. Im doing it alone and travel time for livestock inspection.

Floyd – speak of this house, house of planning, we are now planning and so is our children, how to move it toward our children, our little children use to run around at meetings at the chapter but don't see it, the incoming of new chapter officials and the outgoing of former chapter officials, respect the leadership, respect the people, respect with ke, respect brings joy to meetings, I have learned as elected official, we have past leaders that are gone and have help in ways even though they don't have education, I found paper of past leadership had names on there, we strong leadership to 1868, its our history, its our sovereignty, say thank you the chapter officials, thank allen and have gotten

your feet wet and learned from it, thank lola have left with the horse and has provide great help for coppermine, she provided meals for us, eating during meetings is good atmosphere, thank Valerie and she brings what she can, she is longest serving secretary/treasurer, she has received chapter scholarship and in return help our community, she has knowledge on computer and secretarial skills, she provided information on financial report to the community, people trust the figure she gives to the community, we are going to miss her, thank you for your effort/contribution/assistance. The last chapter meeting for our last chapter officials.

IX. Announcements:

- a. Next Planning Meeting – TBA
Debora – first week of February is the chapter official orientation so will know after the orientation of the dates for planning and chapter meeting. Check the website for information.
- b. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – TBA
- c. Western Agency Grazing Meeting – January 7 2025 @ 9am @ TC BIA
- d. KOREAN CULTURE – January 14, 2025 @ 9am to 4pm *everyone welcome*
- e. People 2nd State of Union – January 14, 2025 @ Greyhill HS @ 8am
- f. CLOSED – Monday, January 20, 2024 for MLK Day
- g. Next St. Mary's Food Bank: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 1pm
- h. TCRHCC Mobile clinic – January 9 & January 29 @ 845am to 330pm @ chapter house

Allen – thank the community for the 4 years, protect the sovereignty

Debora – want Debbie to tell of plan

Debbie – chapter secretary/treasurer is what I was elected for, introduce self to the community, thank the community, I have children and grandchildren, this aint my first time, 1980 I was chapter secretary for bodaway gap chapter, was apart of committees, apart of peacemaking, work for the Navajo tribe as well, I came back years ago to take care of my mother, I reside at my mother home and have homesite there, I am cleaning up the location, this flu is not good, inauguration was told us and im preparing for it, I am not working at this time, working at home and time flies.

X. Adjournment at 5:29pm. Motion Debora Saliego. Second Ella Tsinnijinnie. Vote: 30/00/03



Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer