

COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
Regular Chapter Meeting  
August 20, 2019 @ 6:00 pm (DST)  
MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Meeting called to order by Sid Whitehair at 618pm
- II. Invocation By Alice Talatke
- III. Recognizing Guest and Visiting Officials:
- IV. Review and Adopting the Agenda:  
Motion: Linda Long                      Second: Brian Cling                      Vote: 32 / 00 / 10
- V. Reading and Approval of meeting minutes to be posted at Chapter Admin Building.  
Motion: Edith Cling                      Second: Susie Russell                      Vote: 34 / 00 / 08
- VI. Old Business:
- a. Financial – Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler read the Fund Balance for July 31, 2019 to the community. Attached is the Fund Balance that was prepared by the Chapter Office Specialist.  
Motion: Brian Cling                      Second: Edith Cling                      Vote: 25 / 00 / 17
- VII. New business/Resolutions:
- a. Resolution CO-08-057-19: Requesting The Navajo Hopi Land Commission and the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office to Reallocate Funds In The Amount of \$100,000.00 From Business Unit# N01321 The Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund 2008 Allocation to Coppermine Chapter For Construction of Five Homes for Five Residents In The Bennett Freeze Area to Reallocate Towards And Implement The Total Amount to Personnel Expense to Build Additions and Renovate Twenty Homes. Wilford – read and explain the resolution to the community.  
Motion: Brian Cling                      Second: Gregory Joe                      Vote: 31 / 00 / 11
- b. Resolution CO-08-058-19: Supporting and Approving The Coppermine Chapter Scholarship and Financial Student Assistance To The Following (5) Four Full Time Students In The Amount of \$400 Each And (2) Two Part Time Students In The Amount of \$200 Each Utilizing The Scholarship General Fund 13-6721 The Total Amount of \$2400 Will Be Utilized For Chapter Scholarship Assistance.  
1. Adriano Tsingine – NAU  
2. Shanice Smallcanyon – ASU Read Letter at PR  
3. Breanna Tsingine – UofA Read Letter at PR  
4. Rholandolyn John – CCC Presented at PR  
5. Gregory Joe – CCC - Part Time Presented at PR  
6. Candice Madman – Mesa Community College - Part Time Present at PR – Brian Cling read letter that Candice wrote to request for scholarship.  
7. Valeria Fowler – Northern Arizona University – Full Time – Mother Spoke on behalf of her daughter to request for chapter scholarship.  
Motion: Edith Cling                      Second: Brian Cling                      Vote: 36 / 00 / 08
- c. Resolution CO-08-059-19: Requesting The Office of Tom O'Halleran, U.S. House of Representatives, Representing Arizona's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District to Approve Funds in the Amount of \$350,128 For Kitchen/Bathroom Additions and Labor Cost in the Former Bennett Freeze Area. Wilford – read and explain the resolution to the community.  
Motion: Brian Cling                      Second: Susie Russell                      Vote: 40 / 00 / 06
- d. Zonnie Gamble – Requesting Assistance.  
Sid – Wilford did you check with Zonnie Gamble  
Wilford – requesting for electrical. We are compiling names. They need to submit application. Will be using Housing Discretionary Funds and its separate from the FBFA funds. Some people are requesting financial assistance from the chapter with their house and it varies. Assistance with solar batteries which is the list that I am working on it. We are separating the electrical assistance. We have 8 names and zonnie is apart of the names. We are trying find if anyone else needs electrical so we can contract it out. The FBFA need an electrician also.  
Floyd – which funds are you using. You stated Housing Discretionary then stated FBFA funds.  
Wilford – Housing Discretionary Funds  
Sid – if you need electrical work come to the office. Solar panel batteries assistance come to  
Bessie – zonnie already has electrical.  
Wilford – she is building an addition to her house.  
Bessie – there are funds set-aside for FBFA. what happened to the funds.  
Linda – this isn't complete package. This is one person and additional 8 person.



Floyd – its requesting assistance.

Wilford – the funds are Escrow Funds for the \$100,000

Bessie – for 2 years the FBFA has used the Navajo Nation Sales Tax so there should be funds

Sid – people need to attend planning meeting to be update on chapter financial and expenses.

Valerie – the fund balance states end balance for Navajo nation sales tax of \$43,852.82. the summary budget to actual for the Navajo nation sales tax has an \$97,627.95. the expenses for the bathroom addition is \$5017.15. I can't really report because the financial aren't totally out.

e. Judge Roberts – NOT PRESENT

f. Kyle Nitschke – Eva Putzova's Campign Manger – Congressional District 1 in AZ. Kyle is running for Congressional District 1 and has introduced herself and purpose of running for the congressional district.

g. Lena Tsinigine – Requesting Assistance. Wilford – Lena was requesting for solar battery so she will see Chapter Staff to submit application to request for financial assistance.

h. Minnette Manson- Roundstone : Business Site Approval – NOT PRESENT

i. Lena Judy – Coconino County College – Presentation – NOT PRESENT

j. Brian Cling- Grazing Official Information and Land Proposal Information to the Community. Brian – Information only. CLUP is discussing the community cemetery a proposed 10-Acre Site for the cemetery. Discussed the following: drainage flowing in either direction where drainage paths feeds other areas; high sensitivity by fish and wildlife; traditional prayer sites; herb gathering; ceremonial offering sites; these are things to consider for the community to know in making decision to approve or disapprove the community cemetery.

Sid – visit the site and we need to work together and no harsh words. If we as community can't decide on this site then will remove site and move on.

Floyd – visit the site and there are several burials present. First burial was Allen Fowler Sr's grandchild which was in 1970 and look into the burial plot. Gave the history of the cemetery. Katie Spencer had gave approval for their cemetery which can be used by the community but its very sandy. July 23 had CLUP meeting and low turnout which did presentation on the cemetery. Currently the cemetery has GPS on the current burials. Why are people against it? Water usage. This is given to CLUP if community can't agree on an site then CLUP can state No Burials in Coppermine. Community then can bury in Page and pay the price of over \$1000. In your letter you state you don't want to drive by the cemetery site every day when there is massacre site near your homestead so its that okay. Water usage. Can scale back to 5 acres from 10.

Benny Fowler – spoke on his view on the cemetery and has family buried there. Family and I are in infavor for the cemetery. Comment – infavor of the cemetery. Who has money for burial sites for Page or Flagstaff. The massacre is there and real and I have seen it.

Lula Tsinnijinnie – was told by another that there is another burial at cemetery. Then there was another burial again. As community we need to communicate. Went to tuba city to get information on family plot. Need to decrease the acres then later on can add it on. I think 3 acres is enough.

Brian – suggest to have community cemetery at the Coppermine Site which is fenced off

Lola – there are comments. We need to change this mentality. We need start planning our community.

Calvin – there are 58 sites ranging from ½ acre to 1 acre with over 200 burials. There are currently 17 burials at the proposed community cemetery. Another site near harry begay's homesite and other sites for total of 5 sites. People need to listen since people are talking among each other. CLUP manual need to have community cemetery.

Linda L – people against cemetery. Have been working on CLUP manual for years. If people are against the community cemetery you are not going to get the CLUP manual approved by Navajo Nation which will lock out of funds and assistance for the chapter and community like projects, etc.

#### VIII. Reports:

- a. Community Service Coordinator – Wilford – its simple. Our children would just pick the site. Page has 1 block which hasn't been filled yet. I am sure there are decease people among us. This would be stronger if it was in resolution. I have fulfill my 90 days probation. I know my job and community surroundings. I like working on home construction, renovation, drawing homes, etc which is what I went to school for. For the FBFA there is need for home renovation. Attend FBFA meeting today in Cameron. Working with MIP and still getting the hang on it with assistance from others. Cooling system for Chapter House and Admin Bldg.
- b. Chapter Officials – Sid – provide an update. At FBFA, Coppermine has been spending funds but chapter isn't certified. We need to talk right to each other and no harsh words. We have different religion.
- Lola – provide an update. How many haul water. 35 total. There is no rain which we need to all think about it. Window rock is discussing emergency drought for livestock water. how many windmills and how many working and how many have water in the windmills. Where are the horse owners for horses at first windmill. We need to plan it out. I will open it out. We need to think about decreasing livestock if your overgrazing. We want to hear from you.



Bessie – my sisters and I which we sold 17 cattle this year. Need to note that of people reducing the stock by how much.  
Brian – attend branding and seen bulls and cost more for steer from 7-8 months. Some people don't know how to remove balls.  
Grazing permit bylaws state if you purchase bull from outside is best to breed.  
Lola – haul water to first windmill, pay water fees for chapter, etc. we need your input  
Lola – people that haul everyday we got expense from tires, etc. we do need help.  
Linda – what we need which needs to be stated on paper and submit. For Coppermine, how many livestock, were do they drink water and eat, they want information, need information from the community, do you haul hay, take picture of no grass in the area, this report give to Lola or Calvin or Chapter Administration. This is needed. How many springs and how have water.  
Lola – what type of assistance is needed  
Viola – purchase hay. Distribute the hay to permit holders. There was grass but its going gone. Need for pump at first windmill and there are lot of stock there. We have 2 trucks to haul water. If no hay then  
Comment – cannel for the water at first windmill. Put up another tank at first windmill.  
Comment – we haul water so need gas money and oil money  
Comment – they use to take water from page to lechee which road was bad and semi would have busted tires. I haul water every two days and was told by grazing to decrease on stock. Build dams to fill water.  
Sid – livestock which need to learn to management. I haul water and I enjoy it. We need to management. Now days they look at their phones and other electronic so you dams no longer there which in past we  
Lola – how many have permit that is 60 years old – 10 people. Maybe provide assistance to the elders.  
Comment – have sister that has permit and doesn't take care of stocks  
Comment – climate change.  
Lola – who wants assistance. Counted 16

- c. Grazing Official – Calvin – yesterday in Cameron and in tuba city. RDC has meeting. Council Delegates made directive on water issue to Water Resource Dept. Herman Daniels to have Water Resources to work on the water issues. branding tally is almost complete and still need to do 20. 150 is usually the total. The horse issue will tackle next month and need funding to address the horse issue.  
Sid – thought you were meeting with RDC on this  
Calvin – grazing permit, homesite lease, etc is what is discussed
- d. CLUPC – Linda – already discussed issue
- e. Council Delegate – NOT PRESENT
- f. FBFA – NOT PRESENT
- g. Housing Committee – NOT PRESENT

IX. Announcements:

- a. Regular Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 2019 @ 6pm (dst)
- b. Housing Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 4pm (dst)
- c. Tuba City Mobile Clinic – Tuesday, August 27, 2019 @ 9:30am to 3:30pm (dst) @ Coppermine Chapter
- d. LABOR DAY – HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED – Monday, Sept 2, 2019
- e. Next Planning Meeting - Tuesday, September 3, 2019 @ 3pm (dst)
- f. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 6pm (dst)

X. Adjournment:

Motion: Alice Talakte

Second: Lou Spencer

Have A Wonderful Evening and Safe Travels.