

Planning/Report Meeting
March 09, 2025 @ 3:45 PM DST
MINUTES

- I. Meeting Called to Order: At 3:49pm
II. Invocation By: Katie Spencer
III. Roll Call: Debora Saliego, Kee Black, Debbie E. Tsinigine
IV. Review/Adopt Meeting Agenda: Read by Debora Saliego.
A. Add to Agenda:
1. Debora Saliego - Veteran Meeting on 03/21/25 at 4:00pm DST.
2. Chris Benally, Community Service Coordinator;
-Need road fix from N20 paved road to 2nd windmill, too sandy according to Laverne Tsosie. People have been rescued from the area and water haulers need to use the windmill. Need grading, gravel, and pavement.
Department of Natural Resources had to remove a berm at another windmill site. Allocated funds was used for 15 miles and this fiscal year funds have been used.
-Need members for CLUPC, Bennett Freeze, 2-Peacemakers.
-Ivan Begay requested for a need of patrols on N20 highway.
-Rose Johnson -need grader to mow shrubs along the road. Rodents are under cattle guards.
-Need a roundabout at the Chapter turnoff.
-Full Gospel Church is very dangerous, blind spots from both directions.
-Second Windmill bus turn off is too sandy and needs to be improved. Should install speed bumps to slow down traffic.
-Need insurance for Chapter tractor.
Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black
Vote: 03/00/00

- V. New Business:
A. **Resolution CO-03-015-25:** Accepting and Approving the Selection of Wilford Lane as a member of the Community Land Use Planning Committee to Represent the Northern Area of Coppermine Chapter. I attended CLUPC work

session this past Wednesday.

1. Wilford Lane – I was asked to attend CLUPC Work Session this past Wednesday. I have accepted the CLUPC position for Northern Coppermine. I know what CLUPC is about and I am willing to help our community.
2. Chris Benally – Explained CLUPC; purpose of survey, restricted use areas, road easements, powerlines, waterlines, wildlife, housing, warehouse, schools, and other needed structures. Wilford Lane has a vision and we need CLUPC members.
3. Debora Saliego – Laverne Tsosie is the only CLUPC member for 2nd and 3rd windmill, Wilford Lane for the North side, and need West side member. A CLUPC booklet was made but parts are missing. Kee Black and Debbie Tsinigine will visit every home, to collect data for CLUPC. We need house measurements for repairs or if you need a new house.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debora Saliego Vote:
03/00/00

B. Resolution CO-03-016-25: Authorizing the Approval in the amount of \$250.00 for Justin Franklin utilizing the Chapter Activity Fund 01:6720 for Youth Enrichment.

1. Viola Fowler – my grandson will be attending Uranium Mining Training for one (1) week.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine
Vote: 03/00/00

C. Resolution CO-03-017-25: Authorizing the Approval in the amount of \$250.00 for Rochelle Curley utilizing the Chapter Activity Fund 01:6720 for Youth Enrichment.

1. Rochelle Curley – She attends NAU and a Reading Teacher at Desert View Page School District. I would really appreciate this and financial support is a huge help. Daily expenses have increase, especially gas.
2. Debbie Tsinigine – Youth Enrichment budget is used only for Elementary, Junior High, and High School students for orientation, training, etc., because they do not work and gets Chapter assistance. Need a letter from school. We need to revisit and review 01 budget's Policy and Procedure.
3. Debora Saliego – Will that be for all students, even college and university students?

4. Chris Benally – Look online for information and \$250.00 per household. This might be the last for financial assistance due to new administration.
5. Laverne Tsosie – This is the first I heard of this. Are there guidelines to follow if so, that needs to be shared.
6. Natalie Tsinnijinnie – How much money is available?
7. Chis Benally – Website information is in progress to provide more information. Review website regarding what is available (housing, employment, planner, student jobs, etc.).
8. Wilford Lane – What does the regulation say regarding the age of recipients? Review it.
9. Chris Benally – There are policies for everything under the chapter.
10. Natalie Tsinnijinnie – I have been paying out of pocket for my granddaughter trips.
11. Rochelle Curley – What about for sport?
12. Debora Saliego – Anything to enrich a student.

D. Resolution CO-03-018-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Former Bennett Freeze Committee, Natalie Tsinnijinnie -President and Laverne Tsosie - Secretary/Treasurer for the Coppermine Chapter.
Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Kee Black Vote:
03/00/00

VII. Reports:

- A. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay; not present
- B. Chapter President – Debora Saliego;
 1. Chris Benally is supervised by Milford Maloney; Tuba City ASC office oversee five (5) chapters. He requests to be supervised by a Chapter Official.
 2. Chris Benally – I requested for a local supervision, but Kee Black did not agree with my request. We ask for funds to pay for our bills, its not paid for, our phones & electric gets turned off because the bill is \$500.00 unpaid. We also request to have our Post Office key return to the chapter.
 3. Wilford Lane – Chris Benally was here with us at CLUPC work session. Need list of all equipment.
 4. Chris Benally – Our chapter might get audit soon. Fill

out application online or pickup one from the office for septic tank clean-out & funds are available for sixty (60) homes.

5. Laverne Tsosie – I know your running for School Board. How can I vote for you and the qualification says “an AA degree & two years of experience.”
6. Debbie Tsinigine – That is up to you, if you want to vote for me. The school already has full staff. Board members met once a month for planning/discussion/review of budget.
7. Debora Saliego - Brian Cole wanted to help us with the new Gas Station, Laundromat, Store, etc., at Echo Cliff Clinic.
8. Laverne Tsosie – Explain the Echo Cliff Development and we have the map. Navajo Nation Land Department suppose to write a letter to Coppermine Chapter. We ask for 100 acres, but was told to add more acres for other future development. Coppermine Chapter voters have 1st priority to start business.
9. Chris Benally – Brian Cole is Anglo, he runs a non-profit organization, watch out for him.
10. Floyd Stevens – I do not trust him. Ask Navajo Land Commission and my advice is to contact Sarah Slim, she worked with Brain Cole when he submitted his documents to work on projects within Navajo Nation and he does work with a lot of other private companies. He worked for Gap Chapter on CLUP and did not submit documents.
11. Debora Saliego – Raymond Maxx work with Building Community, Tolani Lake Enterprise, and others. Brian works with Raymond, he uses Raymond’s information to bid, collects and profit more from Navajo Nation projects.
12. Laverne Tsosie – Is LeChee Clinic going to closed, when the Echo Cliff opens?
13. Debora Saliego – We will have to ask TCRHCC for clarification.
14. Debora Saliego – Did RDC passed the 15 quorums for Chapter Meetings? I heard it change in 2016 from 25 quorum to 15 quorum. Where is the resolution?

C. Chapter Vice President – Kee Black;

1. We were asked to do home assessments; I will do the west side of N20 and Debbie Tsinigine will do east side

of N20.

2. My aunt applied with Urban Development for repairs (roof, windows, doors, interior painting) and they require Homesite Lease. They bought the materials from Home Depot and hired their own carpenters. The balance goes to the carpenters. Anyone can apply for repairs.
3. Ella Tsinnijinnie – My sister applied for repairs too, and got her supplies. Susie Shorthair & her husband ask to do her repairs. Her house is incomplete, especially her bedroom, they just sprayed the old taping and now it is coming off. Interior painting is incomplete. Susie gave papers to my sister to sign and was not explain to her. She received letters, was told to pay back and that she agreed to pay back by signing the documents.
4. Natalie Tsinnijinnie – In 2013, Tashoney Slim asked the Chapter for Waterline Project data and none was available. We had stakes install and now its gone. Who's on the list?
5. Rochelle Curley – Keep me on the list for waterline.
6. Wilford Lane – It is up to Tuba I.H.S., OEH department to come up with the list. We still need three(3) vendors quotes for the project. Bennett Freeze had received large amount of money. Depending on the balance to hire carpenters, labors, planner to do assessments.
7. Roger Curley – Kaibeto Chapter ran waterline to the westside at my relative's location, they all have running water now. Why is it taking longer for us to get waterline?
8. Chris Benally – WIND information is public and is online for view, forms, and links. October 2024, requested for a new office scanner and have not received one as of today. Navajo Nation wide total of 370 housing applications were received, 36 applications within Western Agency and only 4 applications from Coppermine. I am doing my best to help my community and I do not plan to stay here forever. I might get another job with high pay and leave my CSC position.
9. Laverne Tsosie – When are you planning to leave? Soon, one year or two years; we like to know.
10. Chris Benally – I want to help you guys, but I have people that say things to me, get mad at me or listen to rumors about me. That is not good and would like to help as much as I can.

11. Floyd Stevens – Natalie Tsinnijinnie has list demographics chart/sheet for Navajo Rehabilitation Funds and ESCROW funds. We use to have Housing Committee and work with NHA but Former NN President Russell Begay, eliminated our committee. Rehabilitation Trust Fund still has two thousand available for Chapter Labor and Supervision. Fundings that are not used by Navajo/Hopi Land Commission goes back into General Funds. We are not the only Chapter who was affected by Bennett Freeze and only have one (1) staff in Window Rock to cover all those chapters. Community Development used 15 thousand of the ESCROW funds. We still need to hire a planner and continue to work on CLUP (Comprehensive Land Use Planning).

- D. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler; not present
- E. TCRHCC Health Program – Clarissa Begay; not present

VIII. Announcements:

- A. Regular Chapter Meeting: March 16, 2025 @ 1:00pm DST
- B. Next Planning/Report Meeting: April 10, 2025 @ 4:00pm DST
- C. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: April 17, 2025 @ 4:00pm DST
- D. SPECIAL NN ELECTION: March 11, 2025 @ 6:00am to 7:00pm DST
- E. Ethics & Rule Presentation: March 12, 2025 @ 9:30am DST
- F. NN Defensive Driving Class (CDL) @ 8:00am-noon DST at LeChee Chapter (\$25.00 fee)
- G. St. Mary's Food Bank: March 18, 2025 @ 1:00pm DST
- H. CHID Housing Application Drive: March 18, 2025 @ 9:00am to 5:00pm
- I. Local Project: outside Gardening by Carmille B. @ 10:00am-noon at Coppermine Chapter
- J. Veterans Meeting: March 21, 2025 @ 4:00pm
- K. District 1 Grazing Meeting: March 20, 2025 @ 10:00am at Coppermine Chapter
- L. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic: March 27, 2025 @ 9:45am to 3:00pm @ Coppermine Chapter
- M. Local Project: Tutoring/Blanket by Carmille B. @ noon-

2pm at Coppermine Chapter

IX. Benediction: Faith Mooney

X. Adjournment: 6:33 pm DST

Debbie E Tsinigine

Written/Prepared by Debbie E. Tsinigine

Chapter Secretary/Treasurer