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Coppermine Chapter Planning Meeting April 10, 2025 @ 4:00 PM DST **MINUTES**

- ١. Meeting Called to Order: By Debora Saliego at 4:06pm.
- Invocation By: Kee Black II.
- Roll Call: By Debbie E. Tsinigine-present, Helena Nez-Begay-absent, Debora Saliego-present, Kee Black-present, Stanford Fowler-absent, Chris P. Benally-present.
- IV. Review/Adopt Meeting Agenda: By Debora Saliego, to add all resolutions onto the agenda.
- **New Business:**
 - a. Resolution CO-04-019-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$250.00 for Diddie Sands Sr. utilizing General Activity Fund Account 01-6722 for Funeral Expense.
 - 1. Debora Saliego Funeral Expense for Diddie Sands Sr., in the amount of \$500.00 using General Funds.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- b. Resolution CO-04-020-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$500.00 for Brianna Black a full-time student at Northern Arizona University utilizing the Scholarship General Fund Account 13-6721 for Scholarship.
 - Debora Saliego We have one full-time student Brianna Black, applied for Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 using General Funds.

Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

- c. Resolution CO-04-021-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$250.00 for Connie Ruby Smith utilizing the Housing Discretionary Fund Account 09-6721 for Archeological Clearance.
 - 1. Debora Saliego Connie Ruby Smith applied for Financial Assistance for Archeological Clearance, in the amount of \$250.00.

Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

d. Resolution CO-04-022-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$250.00 for Henrietta Yazzie utilizing the General Activity Fund Account 01-6720 for Youth Enrichment.

1. Debora Saliego – Henrietta Yazzie applied for \$250.00 Financial Assistance for Youth Enrichment.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- e. **Resolution CO-04-023-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Infrastructure Septic Tank Cleaning in the amount of \$500.00 each for the following applicants utilizing the Chapter Projects Fund Account 28-6808 for a total amount of \$4,000.00. Name of Applicants: 1. Ellie Tsinnijinnie, 2. Wynnette Hammond, 3. Henry Yazzie, 4. Frank Spencer, 5. Cora J. Yazzie, 6. Faith Mooney, 7. Herbert Bigman, 8. Betty Mae Slim.
 - Debora Saliego We have eight applications for Septic Tank Cleaning, in the amount of \$500.00 each. All these applicants will be combined under one resolution; Ellie Tsinnijinnie, Wynnette Hammond, Henry Yazzie, Frank Spencer, Cora J. Yazzie, Faith Mooney, Herbert Bigman and Betty Mae Slim.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- f. **Resolution CO-04-024-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Roberta Hicks utilizing the Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance Fund Account 09-6724 for Housing Materials.
- g. **Resolution CO-04-025-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Alice Hudson utilizing the Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance Fund Account 09-6724 for Housing Materials.
- h. **Resolution CO-04-026-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Joann J. Clizzie utilizing the Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance Fund Account 09-6724 for Housing Materials.
- Resolution CO-04-027-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Jaimmie Daniels utilizing the Housing Discretionary Financial Assistance Fund Account 09-6724 for Housing Materials.
- j. **Resolution CO-04-028-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Infrastructure Bathroom/Kitchen Addition in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Colleen Mountain utilizing the Chapter Projects Fund Account 28-6808 for Bathroom and Kitchen Addition.
 - Debora Saliego We have four applicants; #024-Roberta Hicks, #025-Alice Hudson, #026-Joann J. Clizzie, and #027-Jaimmie Daniels requesting for Housing Materials, \$1,500.00 each under Financial Assistance. We have one applicant; Resolution #028-Colleen Mountain for Bathroom/Kitchen Addition, \$5,000.00 under Chapter Projects.
 - 2. Chris Benally Explain Financial Assistance, the Housing Materials and Arch Clearance are under Housing Discretionary Funds. They have different amounts and each Budget has policy, the policy will explain how and what that is used for.
 - 3. Laverne Tsosie Jaimmie Daniels already has a house.
 - 4. Debra Benally When were these applications submitted? They might still need assistance; we cannot remove anyone from the list because funds are available. I am ok with these people to receive assistance.
 - 5. Wilford Lane Our Community Service Coordinator (CSC) is responsible for home assessment. He needs to gather information, take photos, floor plans, measurements, material listing/estimate, three price quotes from vendors and keep track of every penny. I worked as a Construction Supervisor for eighteen chapters under Navajo Nation.

- 6. Chris Benally These funds were allocated for repairs, renovations and Bathroom Additions. Need to be used, otherwise it's going to show that we do not need that fund. There are also other funds available, like ESCROW and CHID.
- 7. Debora Saliego Maybe we should combine all the names on one (1) resolution like we did with the Septic Tank cleaning.
- 7. Tina Tsingine At the last Chapter Meeting, we talked with Renee Tsosie. She came over to our house, she took photos of our bathroom, and said will help us with bathroom renovation. If she can do that in one (1) day, why is our chapter not providing services.
- 8. Wynnette Hammond NACA with Intec can also help too.
- 9. Loretta Tsinigine-Seweingyawma You cannot combine all applicants on one resolution, especially for housing materials in a large amount & for accountability and especially for audit. Your Chapter Vice President is responsible for Chapter Projects, Chapter Officials & Staff go through the priority list, Chapter Staff do home visit to collect data and go back to 2019, get all your projects for review. Get Housing Committee together. The amount of \$1,500.00 will go directly to Lumber Store & funds has to be accounted for. There are three (3) Housing companies who can help & check with other Chapter's Voter registration list. Review your Policies & use your CLUPC for information. WIND SYSTEM is public information, read it.
- 10. Wilford Lane We need to do separate resolution for each applicant.
- 11. Loretta Tsinigine-Seweingyawma Debbie, ask Kristen for purchasing.
- 12. Phillip Tsinigine What about Labor? Do we have funds for labor?
- 13. Chris Benally All policies are online, go to housing & read them on your own. They (applicants) can hire their own labor and get their three (3) price quotes. Redfeather said, they can do labor.
- 14. Laverne Tsosie Fund Code #9 has three (3) different funds, see resolution for more information. WIND SYSTEM has funds available for Archeological Clearance in the amount of \$250, \$500, and \$1500.00.
- 15. Debora Saliego Approving Resolution #024, #025, #026, #027 and #028.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- k. **Resolution CO-04-029-25:** Supporting the Issuance of a Tribal Access Authorization Agreement (TAA), from the Navajo Nation to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to attach, operate, and maintain an existing distribution line with Fiber Optic Cable within the Coppermine Chapter to Dorothy Trujillo.
 - 1. Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Powerline Extension- Christine Wallace;
 - Introduced herself and working as a Right Of Way Agent with NTUA. The Powerline Extension is paid by ARPA Funds.
 - This project is to assist Dorothy Trujillo and will also serve Mae Betoney to extend powerline to their resident. Powerline will start from Cynthia Slim's parents' resident and out to LeChee area.
 - According to Land Department, our powerline goes into Coppermine Chapter area and we collected all signatures in the area for their approval. Received LeChee Chapter resolution and we are requesting for Coppermine Chapter resolution.
 - This powerline was put on hold for couple of years and restart the project in 2008.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- I. **Resolution CO-04-030-25:** Amending and Updating the Coppermine Chapter Plan of Operation and Community Based Land Use Planning Committee for Coppermine Chapter.
 - Debora Saliego Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) had their first meeting recently; they review and updated their "Plan of Operation" to be used by the new committee members.
 - 2. Laverne Tsosie We had our first meeting on April 07th Monday, all five members were present and two Chapter Officials attended. We reviewed our Plan of Operation, made a couple of deleting and inserts. Revised CLUPC Plan of Operation will go through the process for approval. We have five (5) members; Laverne Tsosie-President, Debra Benally-Vice President, Cynthia Slim-Secretary, Wilfred Lane-member and Calvin Begay-member.

Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- m. **Resolution CO-04-031-25:** Supporting and Approving a Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease for four (4) acres for Explore Dibe Ahxehejeeje, LLC on land located in Coppermine, Arizona to operate a Guided Hiking Trails, Dry Camping and Guided Tour Business.
 - 1. Cynthia Slim- Sole Business Owner;
 - I draft and submitted a resolution in 2021, my resolution was never passed and it is taking me this long to start my sole own business "Dibe Ahxehejeeje" or "Running Sheep" Camp & Tours.
 - Business is located near my parents' resident. Near Echo Cliff (where sheep goes around) between the cliff & river. Nez Business is part of Marble Canyon Tours.
 - Name is registered with the state, I have Business Plan and have Tax ID number.
 - I will probably start with the Dry Camping first; there will be no running water, no electricity, and use Starlink for internet.
 - I need to revise the resolution and still need to go through five (5) other departments.
 - 2. Loretta Tsinigine-Seweingyawma;
 - CLUPC was implemented for a reason, they write recommendation, moves it to Chapter, review all proper procedures and they have to pass all Business Site Leases. At the next Chapter Meeting, Cynthia must recuse herself from the meeting.
 - 3. Floyd Stevens Did you talked with Tuba City Regional Business office, Fish & Wildlife Department, Tribal Historical Preservation, Federal Regulations, and there is a Red Zone Area around Echo Cliff.
 - 4. Chris Benally Too many Red Tape with Navajo Tribe for new Business Owners. We support your resolution and go with it, keep working.
 - 5. Lola Smith Withdraw this resolution and bring in the updated amendment.
 - 6. Cynthia Slim I still need to contact other office for the proper process, and need to amend the name change to "Running Sheep Camp & Tours," Running Sheep is the Navajo name for that area. I will present the amended resolution at the next CLUPC meeting in May 2025. Request to Table Resolution for May.

VI. Reports:

- a. Council Delegate Helena Nez-Begay (Not Present)
- b. Chapter President Debora Saliego;

- I attended District 1 Official Meeting at Kaibeto Chapter on April 08, 2025 at 2:00pm. All Chapters did their presentations and talked about our Bathroom Additions.
- We have a new Office Clerk his name is Trevor and our new AMS Marilyn is coming aboard soon.
- CLUPC has full staff, five (5) members and had their 1st. meeting.
- District 1 Chapter Official first meeting officers were selected as follow; President-Tom Franklin, Vice President- Irene Whitekiller and Secretary-_____
- c. Chapter Vice-President Kee Black;
 - Chris Benally asked me to bring my Forklift to unload NAPI food delivery today. This morning, I inspect the tractor, took the bucket off and put on the Forklift, then drove 1-hour & half to the Chapter. Took the tractor home and came back for the meeting. Thank you to Loretta Tsinigine for being here with us today, you have lots of need information and thank you to all of you for attending the Planning Meeting.
- d. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Debbie E. Tsinigine;
 - I did not attend the District 1 Meeting in Kaibeto, because that is new to me. The only time you hear District 1 is when Grazing Officials are conducting their meetings. It did not say District 1 Chapter Official Meeting.
 - Thank you to everyone and visitors for attending our Chapter Planning Meeting. We all must pray for each other, help each other, stand by each other to make things happen.
- e. Chapter Grazing Official Stanford Fowler (Not Present)
- f. Community Service Coordinator Chris P. Benally; I already talked about everything.
- g. Page Unified School District IEC April Endischee (Not Present)
- h. Leonard Palmer Sr., Navajo Mine & Four Corners Power Plant of Fruitland, NM;
 - Introduced himself in Navajo. His late grandfather Walter Collins, had a Land Use area before it becomes NAPI, he builds NAPI farming. We had to move to a different location twice. I am very happy, you all received food from NAPI today.
 - I have worked for INTEC for years, retired and came back to help the company.
 - Our twenty-two Council Delegate approved for us to take care of APS.
 - Four Corners Power Plant plans to run transmission line for electricity hook up to the Old Page Power Plant, the main electric power system has been left in the ground, transmission line can be connected to provide electricity to people who are in need.
 - I left Farmington at 8:00am this morning, it is an all-day travel & I other meetings to attend. Please put me up front, so I do not need to wait all day, and thank you for putting me on your agenda.
- VII. Announcements: (all on Daylight Savings Time)
 - a. Chapter Planning Meeting: April 10, 2025 @ 4:00pm
 - b. Regular Chapter Meeting: April 17, 2025 @ 4:00pm
 - c. CLUPC Meeting: April 07, 2025 @ 1:00pm at Coppermine Chapter
 - d. District 1 Meeting: April 08, 2025 @ 2:00pm at Kaibeto Chapter
 - e. Western Agency Council Mtg: April 12, 2025 @ 9:00am at Bodaway/Gap Chapter
 - f. St. Mary's Food Bank: April 15, 2025 @ 12:00pm at Coppermine Chapter

- g. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic: April 17, 2025 @ 8:45am-3:30pm at Coppermine Chapter
- h. Parker Project (dog/cat vaccine): April 18,19,20, 2025 @ 9:00am-5:00pm at Coppermine Chapter
- i. Veteran's Meeting: April 25, 2025 @ 9:00am-5:00pm at Coppermine Chapter

VIII. Benediction: By Wilford Lane IX. Adjournment: at 6:30pm