

# COPPERMINE CHAPTER

Regular Chapter Meeting

March 13, 2017

6:00pm

## MINUTES

- I. Welcome & Call to order by Sid Whitehair at 625pm.
- II. Invocation by Ilene Begay.
- III. Recognizing Guests & Visiting Officials:
- IV. Review & Adopting the Agenda:  
Motion: Paul Begay      Second: Robert Yellowman      Vote: 38 / 00 / 08
- V. Reading and approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building: February 10, 2017  
Motion: Alice T      Second: Edith Cling      Vote: 41 / 00 / 05
- VI. Old Business:

- A. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer – Attach is the Fund Balance. Valerie provide financial information to the community and Sid presented the information in Navajo.

Beginning Balance	\$ 786,079.30
Expenses	\$ 30,282.80
Bank Interest	\$17.95
Outstanding Checks	\$ 7,980.24
Ending Balance	\$ 755,440.02

- VII. New Business / Resolution:

- A. Financial Assistance: Delbert & Natalie Tsinnijinnie. Delbert introduced himself. Request financial assistance from the Chapter. We have requested assistance but always got denied. So we had purchased our own materials to build our home and now there is waterline coming and need to finish the bathroom and kitchen addition. My wife had assisted the Former Bennett Freeze Area with data gathering and we are in needed of financial assistance with Bathroom/Kitchen Addition.  
Natalie – we have apply at the chapter many times but never received assistance. OEH are planning project for waterline in the area of FBFA. We have purchased some materials with my husband is working on building the home. We still have an outhouse. My grand-daughter visits us and gets cold for her. We don't want IHS to tell us that they are going to skip us.  
Provided the 3 quotes.

Lola – I had called OEH and the waterline is coming from Kaibeto. The waterline project is unsure stated from OEH. Its going to be in Phases. Phase I is purchase the tanks, waterline in miles until reaches south Coppermine. OEH stated its just an imaginary plan. The funds have not been allocated. President Trump is his decision of more funding for OEH. Yes there is need for Bathroom Addition. My parents have home and has bathroom addition and just haul water.

Price Quote from Home Depot (\$6700), Page Lumber (\$6700 but didn't some materials), True Value TC (\$8000)

The lowest price quote is Home Depot.

Frank – Veterans gets 10% discount

Robert – give us the itemized information of why its so high

Lola – gave the information to the community.

Comment – is there a floor plan

Comment – what is the size of the addition

Valerie – they are building their own home and just need assistance with materials. Coppermine is without CSC and the job of CSC would be the floor plans, price quotes for materials, contractor or PEP workers, etc. But Delbert is building his own home and has his own floor plan, and has obtain price quotes so is requesting for financial assistance with materials.

**CO-03-019-17: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DELBERT TSINNIJINNIE FAMILY WITH BATHROOM/KITCHEN ADDITION MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6748.30 UTLIZING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS FUND 28-6720 QUOTED BY HOME DEPOT.**

Motion: Carol Manson

Second: Edith Cling

Vote: 57 / 00 / 03



- B. CLUPC: Mary Francis, Secretary request update software for Windows 10 Version 1607 and anti-virus McAfee. The CLUP Secretary is requesting for update software and anti-virus. Chapter Secretary will purchase operating supplies for CLUP.
- C. The Navajo Special Diabetes Project- Edbert Little
- D. Betty Yellowman – Bathroom Addition Joe Littleman. I am requesting for bathroom addition for my parents. This is my first step. There is request for floor plan and cost estimates. I obtain doctor signature for referrals for both my parents. My dad has doctor in Tuba City and my mom has doctor in Page and both have medical problems.

VIII. Reports:

- A. NGS – Paul Begay: gave report while Valerie Fowler Chapter S/T was putting the financial information on the whiteboard. Paul Begay provide update information regarding NGS.  
 Paul B – Funds from NGS to Navajo Nation for general fund to Chapters, general fund to Navajo Nation Programs, general fund to Navajo Scholarship, College Scholarship for Page High School, Navajo Youth Achievement Fund, Golf Tournament to raise funds for the youth, etc. NGS gives 85% of Hopi General Fund. Please talk to your Council Delegate T. Slim and for him to be in favor for the Navajo People. Give them 3 years to prepare themselves to work elsewhere instead of ending the NGS this year. Employees aren't eating or sleeping since the constantly thinking of their job. NGS is good for the economy. A NO VOTE is only good for the OWNERS. A YES VOTE is good for the Navajo PEOPLE. A YES Vote is good economy. Please talk to the Council Delegates and you have relatives and families working at the NGS. I can retire but I am concern about the younger workers.  
 Comment: I have worked in plants and we were just let go without notices and the plant is old. Send your kids to college.  
 Paul – the overhaul is needed to keep it running. Russell said it's the Cadillac of all plants. The running of the plant is good.  
 Comment – I work for the school/education. I use to work for the Page Unified School District and now work at different school and I see that children living pass the plant have difficult with their education. How much of the plant is coming down on the ground, on the livestock, on the people, etc.  
 Regina – we have environmental staff that monitors the plants. The NGS has to be in compliance with US EPA. We have 6 chemists on staff.  
 Robert Yellowman – the discussion on NGS, in order for the NGS to live is from the water and coal, 3500 acre feet is needed for living, 9000 acre feet is lacking, we have livestock and we get our water from Page when water runs out in Coppermine, we need to have resolution to keep the water the 9000 acre feet since its already the Navajo Nation, the major reason for canceling NGS is the cost of plant operation, would be great to get waterline for Coppermine.  
 Paul – pump is already set with barrels, purification system, the Navajo Nation can say yes which 9000 acre feet does belong to the Navajo Nation but needs to pump, but if the Council Delegates vote no then it would be belong to the Navajo Nation.  
 Edith Cling – I have work for behavioral health which NGS have helped Behavioral Health with people having problems with liquor and drugs and were kick out of their home so have requested funds from NGS to purchase clothing for clients of Behavioral Health which some lasted 6 months to year. I appreciated the help I had received from NGS. My grandchild just started working at the NGS and now how will support their child if don't have a job.  
 Regina – there are two ways to obtain the water rights is that through Court of Law or Act of Congress. The NGS are neither the court or congress. The only thing that NGS wants is to get to 2019. The owners are willing to get to 2019 then will decommission so it gives time for employees to plan for their future. Youth Achievement Fund to hold Golf Tournament which fund 10 students for enrichment fund. So when I got hired that was my task to accomplish. When the NGS goes then this endowment will remain in Page. This year we had funded 3<sup>rd</sup> grader youth from Coppermine, Lula Tsinnijinnie's granddaughter to attend STEM conference in Denver CO.  
 Lola – thank you for your report. When does Council vote on this? If the coal should be subsidizing then what will SRP consider?  
 Paul – Date is May 1 to agree on something with NGS and NN. The actual deadline is July 1 2017. 16 of the 23 Council Delegates have to vote for time extension for NGS. May 1 need to get some agreement. So might be Spring Session in April.  
 Regina – subsidizing, NN have direct line with the Washington so they have some confidence for the Trump Administration. Even though have subsidize, gas prices are so low so would be hard to compete with, need to have customer base to operate.  
 Frank – do you speak in Navajo  
 Stanley Fowler – have been working for 40 years at NGS. Yes it has help me out a lot and help my children. Working at NGS didn't get assistance from Chapter. For the last 40 years I have been working and some people have retired like Robert. I help my family and relatives. Some say health issues but me I don't got heath issues. There is safety program at NGS. Today we don't herd sheep but herd sheep with vehicles so we have become lazy but its up to us. There are a lot of younger employees and these employees are thinking on where to get another job and they have just purchased a home and have family to support. My brothers and sisters do work in varies plants so they travel a lot.  
 Sid – we use NTUA for our electric and NGS's customer is NTUA so what will happen with when plant closes.  
 Zena – spoke of support of the NGS plant and the benefits that her family has received when her father started working at the plant. Her husband was one of the group to be taught welding. The Navajo Nation receives \$50 million. The Hopi Tribe 85%

B. Chapter Officials



- C. CLUP President – Linda Long – Community Land Use Plan Book for Coppermine which CLUP members have look into and revision. Provided update on Assessment for the Coppermine Chapter. Visit the Chapter Administration in filling out the Housing Assessment forms. The Former Bennett Freeze Area have completed some of the Housing Assessment. Provide update on next CLUP meeting have Soil Waste presentation. Provide update on Burial location.  
John Cling – money for Elderly Living and our relatives are living in other towns. I am 76 years old so would be great to plan for Elderly Living near community instead of moving out of town.  
Linda – its in the CLUP manual as one of the listing but no plans of where to build the Elderly Living like land withdrawal.  
Delbert – what about the family plots?  
Linda – the family plots says its okay by BIA but doesn't approve NEW family plots. Suggestion among the CLUP for land withdrawal for the Family Plots. There are over 100 burials in Coppermine. Land Department came to Chapter House this past Wednesday. If you get it certified then can keep adding to family plot.  
Natalie – Next FBFA meeting on March 27, 2017 at 6pm.  
Sid – need to have meeting at Chapter Meeting. Here there is light and bathroom.
- D. Special Diabetes – Edbert Little – provided update on Special Diabetes.
- E. Health Board Representative – Millie Brockie – provided update report to the community on Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation.

Delbert Tsinnijinnie – wanted to say Thank You for your approval of our Financial Assistance Request.

Sid – gave information on NGS staff attending varies upcoming Chapter Meeting.

IX. Announcements:

- A. Sunday, March 12, 2017 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- B. Spring Begins March 20, 2017
- C. Next Chapter Planning/Report Meeting April 04, 2017 @ 3PM
- D. Grazing Permittee Meeting April 05, 2017 @ 9AM
- E. District 1 Grazing Committee Meeting @ Kaibeto 9AM
- F. Next Regular Chapter Meeting April 11, 2017 @ 6PM
- G. FBFA Community Meeting: March 27, 2017 @ 6pm @ Harry Begay Church

- X. Adjournment at 10:01pm. Motion Alice Talakte. Second Edith Cling.

*Valerie Fowler*

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler, Secretary/Treasurer

*Have a Safe Journey Home  
T'aa anol'tso Diyin bebee ajooba' yee niki' I j I dlil doo T'aa a' K'ot'eedoo*