

COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
Regular Chapter Meeting  
September 5, 2017  
6:00PM  
MINUTES

- I. **Welcome & Call to Order: BY SID WHITEHAIR at 6:05PM**
- II. **Invocation BY KATIE SPENCER.**
- III. **Recognizing Guests & Visiting Officials:**
- IV. **Review & Adopting the Agenda: READ BY SID WHITEHAIR**  
**MOTION: LENA TSINGINE                      SECOND: KATIE SPENCER**  
**VOTE: 28 / 00 / 09**
- V. **Reading and approval of last meeting minutes to be POSTED at Administration Building:**  
**MOTION: ALICE TALAKTE                      SECOND: JAY TSINNIJINNIE**  
**VOTE: 31 / 00 / 09**

VI. **Old Business:**

- a. Financial Report by Chapter Secretary.  
August 2017 Fund Balance is attached to behind the Agenda.

Beginning Balance	691,724.24
Expenditures	41,938.44
Revenue	17.13
Outstanding Checks	3,823.57
Ending Balance	649,802.93

VII. **New Business:**

- A. Financial Assistance – NTUA Powerline Extension for Etta Black – is requesting for Powerline Extension Assistance and have submitted the documents to the Chapter Administration.
- B. Indian Education Committee Representatives (IEC) – Mary Francis & Margarita Colorado. They will be representatives for the Indian Education Committee Representative for Coppermine.
- C. Housing Policy = Linda Long – Floyd had located Coppermine Housing Discretionary Policy that was pass years back and was approved with Resolution. Will combine the Housing Policy with the Housing Discretionary and make one Policy for Coppermine and will have Housing Policy Committee.  
Linda – Cemetery which have tried to get location suggestion from community but no luck. Area near the Trading Post to have an Industrial Area like selling hay, etc which AML will do more Assessments for the area.  
Linda – Housing Policy combination which we were going to combine but had computer problems. So going to meet on Monday at 9am to finish the Housing Policy combination of Police and Discretionary.  
Linda – Sept 12 – Public Hearing on CLUP Manual. Invite the Community.  
Linda – Sept 21-22 – Geo Design with ASU at Twin Arrows. Invite the Community.  
Alice T – Time on Sept 21-22 = in the morning 9am or so  
Alice T – AML site so was the land given back to Coppermine. Trading Post is still own but other land around is not Trust Land.  
Question – Housing Policy? Going to use NHA Housing Policy as a Guide for Coppermine.  
Question – if there is homesite lease then another homesite in the same area.  
Linda – a homesite lease can be nearby each other.

- D. Viola Fowler – I have requested in past for Bus Turnout at First Windmill. Two buses from Page and Three Buses from Tuba City use that Bus Turnout. Duane will look into the School Districts, BIA Roads, and NDOT.  
Pauline – Add the Bus Turnout for Road 6210 to have the Bus turn around at the Chapter House

### VIII. Reports:

- a. Duane Tsingine, CSC = it took an hour to explain the resolutions. Thank you for the correct information to the people. Spent the weekend in hospital because of my mother. I think human being is more important than a job. Thank you for communicating to the officials. If I am not at work then you finish my work for me and I trust you.
- i. CLUP have been working on the Revising the CLUP Manual.
  - ii. Second Public Hearing next week. There will be 5 locations for cemetery. There are 47 family grave yards.
  - iii. Special Meeting on FY2018 Allocation Budget on Sept 20 2017
  - iv. Public Hearing CLUP Manual on Sept 12 2017
  - v. Powerline Assistance for Etta Black – get funds from Vendors in Page; or Navajo Nation President FBFA funds; and if nothing then will use Chapter Funds.
  - vi. Coppermine Housing Policy
  - vii. Lola mention we have provided funds to FBFA. When the FBFA was frozen then funds given to the Chapter were given to the Community of Non-FBFA. So thank you for providing funds to the FBFA.
  - viii. Road 6210 – using 40 gallons of water. I will be going to Window Rock to see how far they are on the resolution.
  - ix. Weatherization for 5 homes in the area of Monkey Stadium area.
  - x. Road N21 have started the Assessments, Clearances, etc. if a lot of traffic then will pave light for light traffic.
  - xi. Attending TCBS School Board, Page School Board meeting, TC Unified School Board, Greyhills School Board, and Headstart regarding the Bus Turn-out Lane at First Windmill. Need a support for pavement of the turn out lane.
  - xii. Comment – add to Resolution for bus at 430pm to turn around at Chapter House because it gets stuck at the small area where it turns around at.
  - xiii. Lola – what about Katie
  - xiv. Duane – come to Budget meeting
  - xv. Comment – what about the road 6210 – need rock crusher, wear tear on vehicle,
  - xvi. Sid – NDOT already look at road and knows what do about the road.

### IX. Resolutions:

#### A. Resolution CO-09-046-17 - Scholarship

1. Valeria Fowler – Northern Arizona University = Mother Viola Fowler, represented her daughter to request for Chapter Scholarship.
2. Allen Fowler III – Central Arizona College = Father Allen Fowler, represented his son to request for Chapter Scholarship.
3. Jacob Smallcanyon – Fort Lewis College = Were present at the Last Chapter Meeting in Requesting for Chapter Scholarship.
4. Tate Tsingine – Northern Arizona University = Were present at the Last Chapter Meeting in Requesting for Chapter Scholarship.
5. Nicole Whitehair – Northern Arizona University = She spoke for herself in requesting for Chapter Scholarship.

#### B. Resolution CO-09-045-17- Powerline Extension for Etta Black

#### C. Resolution CO-09-047-17- Accepting Mary Francis and Margerita Colorado as Coppermine Representatives for Page School District.

**COMBINE RESOLUTION - A, B, C**

**Motion: LENA TSNIGINE      Second: LULA TSINNIJINNIE**

**Vote: 33 / 00 / 14**



- D. Resolution CO-09-048-17- Request for Chapter PEP workers by Katie Spencer for addition to her existing home.  
Sid – have you talked to Duane.  
Katie – have not talked to Duane but just wait till I talk to him.  
Will Wait on Resolution to next Chapter Meeting after get feed back from Duane and Funds Availability.
- E. Resolution CO-09-049-17- Requesting Support Resolution for Mission Site Lease for Asta Bitoh Southern Baptist Church. NO REPRESENTATIVE.
- F. **Resolution CO-09-050-17-** Support Resolution, Contract for Roylentina Begay for Temporary Office Specialist Position at Wage Rate of \$11.60 (\$24,128.00) plus Temporary Fringe Benefits 9.95% utilizing the Coppermine Chapter FY 2018 Allocated Funds for One-Year Contract from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.  
Sponsor: Linda Long = she provides a lot of assistance to CLUP members and during CLUP meeting she is always at meeting and provides assistance to CLUP and Chapter. Sid Whitehair = she provides assistance to Chapter Staff, completed FBFA Assessments and is now working on rest of Coppermine community. Natalie Tsingine = she provided a lot of assistance to FBFA.  
**Motion: NATALIE TSINNIJINNIE      Second: LENA TSINGINE**  
**Vote: 40 / 00 / 15**
- G. **Resolution CO-09-051-17** Budget Transfer of Funds within the Chapter Fund Account 12.5M Sub-Account 8715 (PEP-Fencing Project) in the Amount of \$1500.00 to be transferred into Sub-Account 8715 (Roylentina Begay as Office Assistant). Request to transfer funds is to cover 3 Checks that were paid to Rhonldalyn John plus 194 taxes for estimate amount of \$1,500 to be replenish the Office Assistant Funds within the 12.5M.  
**Motion: ARLENE SMITH      Second: ALICE TALAKTE**  
**Vote: 40 / 00 / 15**
- H. Resolution CO-09-052-17 Supporting and Endorsing Uranium Mine tailings remediation and transporting Uranium Tailings to White Mesa Hill. Omer Begay – was attending meeting in Coalmine. Do nothing and leave the tailings in the area and let it blow around. Another option is dig up where it came from and put back into ground and cover it up. Another option is dig elsewhere and put the tailings in a new place. Need to take the tailings elsewhere and think of the community health living near the dangerous area.  
Lola – where is your resolution  
Begay – use road 160. Got approval from Ojlato. Visit Coalmine, etc.  
Lola – I would advise to have the Resolution before we vote on it. This pertains to the community health, livestock, etc.  
Begay – that can be done. Just remember if you pass or don't pass the resolution that it will happen no matter what. The clean up will take place. Land consents are taking place in Oljato. Mexican Hat have sign says Do Not Enter that its Radioactive. I can come back next month.  
Begay – I am asking the Chapter to Identify and Clean up the Sites and move to sites (Blanding or Salt Lake City) Route to use is Route 160. Issue is people are breathing it in.  
Comment – how are you going to transport it  
Comment – what are you asking from the chapter  
Begay – going to have scientist to dig the tailings until it read Zero to 3%. Then if higher then will use Pistol then use Capsule to draw up by water.  
Begay – Freeport is one handling the transport  
Begay – I want the Navajo Trucking Company to get the business to transport  
Comment – Blanding have river and can contaminate it  
Begay – we are bidding for the site. Its federal regulated. What is feasible or not feasible.  
Begay – there are 500 sites.  
Katie – weather is changing  
Begay – White Mesa Mill. Clean dirt. It's a processing place not storage place.  
Linda – thank for the info. What should we be working about? Its up to you to protect yourself.  
Valerie – provide update on AML working with USEPA on Uranium issues.



Begay – Tronox funding, if I get the Bid then I'll be cautious.

Dennis – transportation on Highway 160 right? What I hear is transportation on Navajo Route N20.

Begay – That is the intent for Highway 160. I didn't know of Road N20. I took the route from Highway 89. There is Hot Uranium from Grand Canyon which was Voted Down. So they are leaving that Grand Canyon alone. This is the fourth time for the cleanup.

Sid – Identify the Areas and transport route. Next Planning Meeting is Oct 3 and Chapter Meeting is Oct 10.

Lola – this is a Supporting Resolution. Will this go through Council Delegate.

Begay – this doesn't go through Council Delegate. This is handle by USEPA and monitoring by NEPA. They can dig and put the uranium back into the same area. NEPA will just monitor. Look at Starlight Mine which it got into the mine and sheep drank it and born lambs with extra arms. Its costly for me to come out.

Sid – yes its costly traveling which I had done for two year extension for NGS.

Dennis Tsosie – talked about Voting No for the Resolution on Transporting Uranium Tailings. Its radioactive the materials and dangerous to the community.

- I. **Resolution CO-09-053-17** Budget Transfer of Funds within the Chapter Fund Account 01 Sub-Account 6301 (Postage, Stamps) in the Amount of \$185.00 into Sub-Account 6670 (Registration Fees) to Cover Negative Balance of \$185.00.

**Motion: ARLENE SMITH      Second: ALICE TALAKTE**

**Vote: 40 / 00 / 15**

- J. **Resolution CO-09-054-17** Budget Transfer of Funds within the Chapter Fund Account 12 Sub-Account 6202 (Travel Expense) in the Amount of \$850.00 to be transferred into 12-6605 (Contractual Service) for the following breakdown: 1 Special Meeting @ \$300 each x 2 Chapter Officials = \$600.00 and 1 District One Meeting @ \$125.00 each x 2 Chapter Officials = \$250.00 for overall total of \$850.00.

Valerie – Special Meeting on Sept 20, 2017 and District Meeting on Sept 16, 2017.

**Motion: KATIE SPENCER      Second: ROYLENTIA BEGAY**

**Vote: 32 / 00 / 15**

- K. **Resolution CO-09-055-17 Housing Policy Combine with Housing Discretionary Policy**

Daisy – need to clarify the Housing Policy to the community

Comment – how long does it take for Elders to get housing assistance

Comment – you are explaining the resolution to the community

Lola – read the Resolution to the community

Sid – this is explained at Planning Meeting. We are asked if Coppermine Chapter have Housing Policy and Housing Committee when requesting for Funds. NHA gave over Billion Dollars to Navajo Nation to build homes.

Comment – is the home you have to pay monthly, or no pay.

Sid – you have to qualify with the Housing Policy

Roylentia – I work on the Assessment. I had requested for documents to be submitted back to Chapter.

Submitted 5 names and 2 names were returned back. They look at homesite lease and arch clearance. Had given 5 more names to the President. Now the President said now its time for the Chapter to work with NHA for priority listing for home assistance.

Valerie – there are funds in Coppermine for Housing Materials that need Housing Policy to prioritize for housing renovation assistance.

Etta Black – this is not fair. I had to request for home for my mom because the chapter would not assist which had to request elsewhere. The Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) funds needs to stay with FBFA.

Natalie – need to have the Housing Policy. I have the originals names for the FBFA and along the way it has changed the names.

**Motion: LULA TSINNIJINNOE**

**Second: NATALIE TSINNIJINNIE**

**Vote: 31 / 00 / 16**

#### **Announcements:**

- A. Labor Day, September 4, 2017 Coppermine Administration Office CLOSED 8AM-5PM.  
B. Community Fun/Run Walk, September 5, 2017 5:00PM @Coppermine Chapter House.

- C. CLUPC Meeting, September 5, 2017 1:00PM @Coppermine Chapter House.
- D. Regular Chapter Meeting, September 5, 2017 6:00PM @Coppermine Chapter House.
- E. Permittee Meeting, September 6, 2017 9:00AM @Coppermine Chapter House.
- F. Coppermine Veteran's Meeting, September 6, 2017 @6:00PM(MST) @Coppermine Chapter House.
- G. CLUPC Public Hearing, September 12, 2017 @1PM(DST) @Coppermine Chapter House
- H. Coppermine Chapter Special Meeting September 20, 2017 @5PM (DST) @Coppermine Chapter House.
- I. ASU Geodesign Workshop with Chapter Official, Chapter Staff, CLUPC Members and Community Members, September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 - Time and Location to be Announced
- J. Register to Vote @ Coppermine Chapter Administration Office, see Royletia Begay or Loretta Begay.
- K. Voter Registration CLOSES September 25, 2017.

Adjournment at 9:05pm. Motion: Lou Spencer. Second: Alice Tataltke

*Valerie Fowler*

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler  
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer

Have a Safe Journey Home

