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Coppermine Planning Meeting

MAY 08, 2025

MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order by: Kee Black at 4:31 PM.
- II. Invocation by: Laverne Tsosie
- III. Review and adopt agenda by: Debora Saliego
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Resolution CO-05-032-25: Utilize ARPA Funds for mobile homes or equivalent;
 1. Debora- APRA funds 1.6 million available for projects and 1.5 million without the community cemetery.
 2. Rose Johnson- I bought a small trailer in 1970's, park and live in LeChee for years. Retired and moved back to Coppermine. My disable son lives in that trailer with his family of four (4). The trailer is very old; the whole trailer is about to fell apart and floor is not safe. He needs complete housing assistance.
 3. Jennifer Yazzie -Do you have to be registered voter and have a Homesite Lease?
 4. Debora Saliego - Yes
 5. Laverne Tsosie – Must reside in the area, cannot used voter registration to disqualified an applicant.
 - Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

*Notes: Do not have resolution available at this meeting. If not available at Regular Meeting will be tabled for June meeting.

- b. Resolution CO-05-033-25: Renovate Bennett Freeze Homes with Escrow Funds for FBFA in collaboration with Yee Ha'olnii Doo d.b.a. Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund- Interim Executive Director, Mary Francis.
 1. Debora Saliego -Escrow Funds has not been used for renovation within Bennett Freeze area. Mary Francis has a list of people who need renovations. They received allocation from the State of Arizona and have their own contractors. Need to do assessments.
 2. Laverne Tsosie -In 2017, a resolution was passed for FBFA renovation and included list of names. The list has individuals whom got assistance, some family members are deceased and other family members are now living at those residents. Need to amend the

resolution after assessment is completed, maybe start this month. Mary Francis has labors and we do not need to spend money.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

c. Resolution CO-05-034-25: Resolution of Coppermine Chapter Accepting and Approving the Community Land Use Planning Committee's Plan of Operation;

1. Laverne Tsosie -Department of Justice (DOJ) has template that we use for our resolution and every chapter has the template. CLUPC resolution has been reviewed and approved by DOJ. Stipend from the old Plan of Operation was \$75.00 per member, per month and we changed the stipend to \$125.00 per month. CLUPC meeting will be scheduled before Planning Meeting.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

1. Laverne Tsosie -Debbie, are you going to do financial report today?
2. Debbie Tsinigine -I have not received the full budget report, should have the information for Regular Chapter Meeting.
3. Laverne Tsosie -Can you put budget amount on the board for us, whatever information you have and it has been three months. We have been spoiled by Valerie Fowler, she gave us the budget every month. According to Title 26, it is your responsibility to take care of the resolution and budget.
4. Debora Saliego – Yes, according to Title 26 you are responsible for the resolutions and the budget. All resolutions must be sent to Debbie and everything will go through you.
5. Phillip Tsinigine -Where is the Budget?
5. Debbie Tsinigine -Chapter Administration Office is the main base for the community. All resolutions and contacts should go through the office, that is why we have an office with full time staff. Anything & everything should be recorded and documented with chapter office, also for audit purpose. I do not have an office and I am not a full-time employee.

d. Resolution CO-05-035-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 "General Fund, Special Rev Fund-Internal" Budget in the amount of \$292,663.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

e. Resolution CO-05-036-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 "Special Rev Fund-External" Budget in the amount of \$3,458.28.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

f. Resolution CO-05-037-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 "Unhealthy Food Tax" Budget in the amount of \$28,247.

Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

g. Resolution CO-05-038-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 "General Fund" budget in the amount of 645.75.

1. Chris P. Benally -We completed four (4) resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 Funds.
 - Housing Discretionary Funds was tabled, has no policy and I am working on Housing Policy. Look at Chapter website.
 - For housing materials is in our Chapter budget.
 - WIND budget says \$2,500-\$5,000, and Chapter policy says \$1,500.00. Need to pass a resolution (amount must match).
 - Scholarship amendment; Be a registered voter within six (6) months is required. Amendment for first time applicant, not required to be a registered voter. Grade must be 2.0 or better.
 - Youth Enrichment resolutions were passed, were not paid out because it has no policy and it is \$250.00 per family.
 2. Laverne Tsosie -Wynnette Hammond's mom was on Bennett Freeze (BF)list, Wynnette will stay on BF list.
 3. Wynnette Hammond -We got hit twice by lightening. The electrician said, the house was not grounded, need electric shut off to work on the wires. I spend \$5,000.00 out of pocket.
 4. Debora Saliego -It will be a waiting period either way (Chapter assistance or BF list).
 5. Chris Benally – Policy must be pass by the Chapter and its base on points system. Need to have two (2) public hearings on all policies.
 6. Debra Benally – Mary Francis should have an electrician and plumber. Can not do renovation without an electrician and plumber.
 7. Debora Saliego -We will ask Mary Francis to attend the Chapter Meeting.
 8. Chris Benally – I will post all the information on the website. I also sent email to get more training on resolution and budget.
- Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

h. Resolution CO-05-039-25: The Coppermine Chapter hereby supports and recognizes the Land Withdrawal on Coppermine Chapter Compound, which will be used for Coppermine Chapter Multipurpose Building.

1. Chris Benally -According to Window Rock Land Department, we do not need to withdraw land for Multipurpose building if it is within Chapter compound. Chapter already has ten(10) acres land withdrawal.
- Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

i. Resolution CO-05-040-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 "General Fund" Budget in the amount of 646.

- *Debora Saliego -needs further discussion and will continue with the resolution.
- Motion: Debora Saliego Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

V. Reports:

- a. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay; not present
- b. Chapter President – Debora Saliego;
 1. We had a Budget Training and discuss WIND funds.

2. Sarah Slim, Navajo Land Commission – They want to hire Red Feather for Bennett Freeze Projects. Allocation for labor is 11 thousand and 1 thousand for renovations. Mary Francis said she has a resolution for the state funds.
 3. We were told that Chapter Officials can not get involve with Administration operation, just monitor and finalize resolutions and agenda.
 4. Kee Black helps Chris Benally and Marlynn Sands with projects. I ask him to run the meeting today.
 5. I attended CLUPC meeting, I will let Laverne talk about that.
- c. Chapter Vice President – Kee Black;
1. I helped Lechee Chapter unload Food Bank pallets and they have food left for pickup as of yesterday.
 2. Debora asked Debbie Tsinigine and I to do home assessment within Bennett Freeze. We have not start, need to review the assessment forms.
- d. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer -Debbie E. Tsinigine;
1. I have been out of town for a week, taking care of personal business and appointments. I was asked to apply for Medicare, has penalties. Due to these I did not attend any meetings or trainings.
 2. I received a text message from Stanford Fowler this morning, his attending WNA Grazing Meeting all day and will not attend Planning Meeting today.
- e. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler; not present today, attending WNA Grazing Meeting at Leupp Chapter all day. Unable to attend by phone text to Debbie Tsinigine.
- f. Community Service Coordinator -Chris P. Benally, Chapter Projects;
1. Chris Benally -Budget is public information, look on Chapter website.
 -Junk Food Tax can be used for the community needs.
 -We collect \$200.00 weekly for water, it is 1¢ per gallon and they want us to increase the cost per gallon.
 -Food Bank boxes have been reduced to sixty (60) boxes per month. Other Chapters stopped receiving Food Bank. A family in Cameron are now operating the Food Bank for their community but still use the Chapter building.
 -We ordered office supplies, needed necessities and computers/laptops.
 -Someone has extra keys to Chapter building, Office building and gate keys.
 -We got our Post Office key back and we can the check mail.
 2. Laverne Tsosie -What is the status of Septic Tank cleaning?
 3. Chris Benally – That was tabled because we do not have a policy. We will use the Housing Discretion Fund policy and do public hearing. In the policy, it indicates assessment needs to be completed.
 4. Wynnette Hammond -Are you going to schedule a day to do visit?
 5. Chris Benally -I will contact applicants and schedule. All resolutions for Septic Tank cleaning (Housing Discretionary Funds), Financial Assistance and Youth Enrichment were approved but was denied to receive funds because they do not have a policy.

- g. Page School District (IEC) -April Endischiee; not present

VI. Announcements:

- a. Planning Meeting: May 08, 2025 @ 4:30pm at Coppermine Chapter
- b. Chapter Meeting: May 15, 2025 @ 4:30pm at Coppermine Chapter
- c. CLUPC Meeting: May 05, 2025 @ 1:00pm at Coppermine Chapter
- d. WNA Grazing Meeting: May 08, 2025 @ 10:00am at Leupp Chapter
- e. Chapter Roads Meeting: May 14, 2025 @ 9:00am at Coppermine Chapter
- f. St. Mary's Food Bank: May 20, 2025 @ 12:00 noon at Coppermine Chapter
- g. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic: May 22, 2025 @ 8:45am-3:30pm at Monkey Stadium
- h. Veterans Meeting: May 23, 2025 @ 5:00pm at Coppermine Chapter
- i. MEMORIAL DAY – Office is CLOSED on May 26, 2025
- j. District 1 Grazing Meeting: May 30, 2025 @ 10:00am at Tonalea Chapter
- k. District 1 Council Meeting: June 11, 2025

VII. Benediction: none

- VIII. Adjournment: Motion: adjourn by Debora Saliego at 6:31pm, Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine, Vote: 02-00-01