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# COPPERMINE CHAPTER

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## COPPERMINE CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

June 08, 2025 at 3:00pm

### MINUTES

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting called to order by Debora Saliego at 3:20 PM.
- I. **Invocation:** By Rose Johnson
- II. **Roll Call:** By Debbie E. Tsinigine as follow; Helena Nez-Begay (not present), Debora Benally (present), Kee Black (present), Debbie E. Tsinigine (present), Stanford Fowler (not present), Chris P. Benally (not present), Laverne Tsosie (present) and April Endishee (present).
- III. **Review/Adopt Meeting Agenda:** Debbie E. Tsinigine read agenda.
  - a. Debora Saliego – review and read the resolutions.
    1. Resolution #041, #042 are on the agenda.
    2. Add #043 -Business Site Lease withdrawal for Cindy Slim.
    3. Amend and add Resolution # CO-11-008-23.
    5. Adopt and approval of agenda as follow;Motion: Kee Black Second: Debora Saliego Vote: 02-00-01
- IV. **New Business:**
  - a. Resolution CO-06-041-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Revenue Fund Budget in the amount of \$45,058.
    1. Debora Saliego – This is the Fiscal Year 2025, yearly Chapter allocation of Tax Revenue Funds.
      1. Joann Clizzie – I applied for Housing materials I still want my application to go through and still need help with the materials.
      2. Rose Johnson – What does SYTEP work on?
      3. Debora Saliego – The work outside, they back inside when it gets hot.
      4. Rose Johnson – I have a shed full of stuff, that need to be taken out, belonged to my late son.
      5. Debora Saliego – They can not go travel in a vehicle. Years ago, at another Chapter a teen fell out of a truck bed during working hours and that is why it's not allowed.
      6. Rose Johnson – What is their age?
      7. Debora Saliego – They are sixteen (16) years old.\*Approving Resolution #CO-06-041-25 and will be forwarded to Regular Meeting;  
Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- b. Resolution CO-06-042-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for two (2) full time Students in the amount of \$500.00 Utilizing the Scholarship General Fund Account 01-6721.

1. Hailei Joe – Introduced herself in Navajo, her parents are Jennifer Joe & Elroy Benally of Gap and grandparents John & Edith Cling of Coppermine. Doing Social Work Internship in Flagstaff, Arizona. A full-time student at Northern Arizona University.
2. Kimball Begay – Introduced himself in Navajo, his parents are Shandiin & Justin Begay and grandparents are Late John C. Begay & Ilene Begay of Coppermine. Now doing Electrical Engineering Internship at SRP in Phoenix, Arizona. A full-time student at Brigham Young University.

\*Approving Resolution #CO-06-042-25 and will be forwarded to Regular Meeting;

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

- c. Resolution CO-06-043-25: Supporting and Approving a Land Withdrawal Designation and Business Site Lease for 1267 Acres for Explore Dibe Ahxehejeehe, LLC on Land located in Coppermine, Arizona to Operate a Guided Hiking Trails on Echo Cliffs, Rim of Colorado River and Waterhole Canyon, Dry Camping, Guided Tour, Hotel, Restaurant, Café, and Gift Shop Business.

1. Cynthia Slim – Introduced herself in Navajo and read her resolution. Will start with Dry Camping and Touring.
2. Debora Saliego – How will this be finance?
3. Cynthia Slim – Myself, will start with touring and its marked on the map.
4. Mary Stevens – Is there a boundary line within the Waterhole Canyon? Back in 1965, LeChee used the White Rock as their boundary line.
5. Daisy Littleman-Sands – My mom used to live there, it is unsafe for touring. There are coyotes, wolves, bobcats in that area & unsafe. It is safe along the highway, camping area should be near the highway. Provide the map to the people.
6. Debora Saliego – She will pass map around for view.
7. Daisy Littleman-Sands – This is a good idea to withdraw a land in the area for future development. I would like to help by working there, community would have interest too.

\*Approving Resolution #CO-06-043-25 and will be forwarded to Regular Meeting;

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

## V. Reports:

- a. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay (not present)
- b. Chapter President – Debora Saliego;
  1. Need to Amend Resolution CO-11-008-23 – Approving the Revised Coppermine Chapter American Rescue Plan Act Projects and Budget in Accordance with Delegate Paul Begay Jr.'s Regional Equal Distribution of \$1,760,468.00 per Chapter, within District #1 and #3.

1.	New Cemetery	120,000.00	
2.	Heavy Duty Dump Truck & Trailer	160,000.00	
3.	Chapter Warehouse	1,400,000.00	
4.	Solid Waste Management	36,000.00	
5.	PPE Supplies	44,468.00	Total: \$1,760,468.00

2. Allocation of 1.7 million and only spend 38,000.00 for PPE Supplies, six (6) thousand left for PPE Supplies and balance is \$1,722,468.00 total.
3. Our Council Delegate Begay said, lot of people are asking for home, two (2) or three (3) bedroom mobile home, depends on their family size. She also wants a letter from us.
4. Debra Benally – It is good that they are getting mobile home for their family but it is very difficult to deliver mobile homes to residents due to bad road conditions. Due to disputes on Grazing, NDOT do not want to leave their equipment at residents.
5. Zena Williams – Family needs to move back, it is very expensive to live in Page or other cities. Those mobile homes are very much needed for our younger generations. Can CLUPC withdraw land for those mobile home, for those in need?
6. Debora Saliege – Those mobile homes has to be delivered to their Homesite area.
7. Marcinda Shepherd – It is good to get a mobile home it will take money to get prepared and hard work too.
8. Debora Benally – It is costly, hard work and we will run into lots of problems with delivery.
9. Laverne Tsosie – We are all jumping ahead of ourselves. How much will it cost for one (1) bedroom, two (2) bedroom, three (3) bedroom, any cost quotes with different companies. What elderly with medical problems, and handicapped accessibility.
10. Sallie Tsingine – I have been applying and always got denied, because of my income.
11. Debora Saliege – It is Federal Funds and is based on income. Elderly with disability can be eligible and do not need to use their income.
12. Rose Johnson – Select people who lives near the highway with good roads.
13. Debora Saliege – We have a software tool (COBO) that can help us prioritize needs, gives scores to each answer. The software has Google map. Regina Reid can tell us the process she is getting a mobile home.
14. Regina Reid – The application is about 6 to 7 pages long. They come out to do their assessments, take photos and you have to be home.
15. Debora Saliege – Council Delegate Begay said, Clinton Homes will do set up and skirting. Can get discount if we purchase more mobile homes.
16. Laverne Tsosie – Who does not have a Homesite Lease, you can get one. Get OEH with the water line and water storage tank.
17. Zena Williams – LeChee Chapter had to do leveling and preparation of the ground. NTUA will not come in to work on waterlines or electric hookups, unless everything is ready. Request for donations or for grants.
18. Debora Saliege – We do have homeless in our community. We have to get prepared to get funds for our people.
19. Lee Clizzie – Can the Chapter buy land somewhere off the reservation?
20. Debora Saliege – These funds are given to the Chapter and has to be used within the Chapter.
21. Lee Clizzie – Trump does not abide by the law.
22. Debora Saliege – Title 26 has to be used.
23. April Endischee – Can we withdraw land for trailer park?
24. Debbie Tsinigine – LeChee has withdrawal land for people who need a homesite.
25. Debora Saliege – Coppermine did not want clustered homes, using Bittersprings housing they are having lots of problems.
26. Laverne Tsosie – Land Withdrawal for clustered homes or mobile homes but no agreement are 1. Southeast corner of 1<sup>st</sup> windmill, 2. West of 4<sup>th</sup> windmill and 3. Towards Whitecone.

27. Debora Saliego – What Debbie is talking about at LeChee is for people with no Homesite Lease.
  28. Laverne Tsosie – It will cost more with the waterline and electric lines.
2. According to Administration office, I should write a resolution and which I will be working on, when its done and will be added to June Chapter Meeting.
- This is to enforce our duties in Title 26, to be accountable, do our jobs, cannot be late.
  - All resolutions & agenda has to be ready. Title 26 says, Debbie Tsinigine has to do resolutions and get the number from Chris Benally.
  - Meeting minutes are due within 10 days. Debbie got a new laptop.
  - It is also Debbie's job to make copies of the resolutions, give out to the people, and they are supposed to read the full resolutions.
1. Cynthia Slim – We need a printer/copier in the Chapter House, so we can print whenever it is needed like today. We cannot rely on the administration office.
  2. Debra Benally – We need clarification of all the meetings. You are all new here, even Chapter office staff. The last staff and officials did not leave anything to go on or where to start, what was worked on last, accounting/bank statements, etc. It takes time to know where everything is at and trying to figure things out.
  3. Debora Saliego – We need to get involve, attend CLUPC meeting. I text my officers to attend CLUPC, I am having issues with that, they don't text back, email or call, it is frustrating to me.  
I'm going to write two resolutions for the next meeting, get accountable for it and get moving.
  4. Lee Clizzie – Post a banner at Highway 89 turn off for all the meetings, where we can see it.
  5. Rose Johnson – We are use to having meetings on Tuesday afternoon. We go to church on Sunday morning to noon. Sunday at 3:00pm sounds good. We need to set 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month.
  6. Debora Saliego – Ok, we are going back to first Sunday and third Sunday. Debbie Tsinigine will make a meeting calendar and give it out to everyone.
  7. Marcinda Shepherd – Post it at Page Post Office.
  8. Debora Saliego - I took a one (1) trip to Casa Grande and caught a ride with Bodaway Chapter staff to view and tour a multi-Propose Building. View cost on the building, supplies, furniture spend other than the 1.7 million funds. The soil testing, landscape, flooding area, etc. Delegate Begay wants to look into purchasing solar panels instead.
  9. Debora Saliego – Delegate Begay is going to check into getting a Senior Citizen Aging Home. Check into funding, do resolution, go approval with TCRHCC, and Window Rock Council. Tuba City Health Care can match funds, once we get everything in place.
  10. Debora Saliego – ARPA Funds, I do not want to put hope into people. But Delegate Begay said the funds went back into General Funds (FRF). That will give Sarah Slim opportunity to get homes for our chapter. Tomorrow, we get training on the Budget here at the chapter.
- c. Chapter Vice-President – Kee Black;
1. Kaibeto has an Elderly Home across their Rodeo Ground, they are not using it instead renting it out to Homeless.

2. Debora Saliego – If resolution pass for Cynthia Slim, she said she will start slowly. If one person gets over a thousand acres, it will be for local employment, other interested in business.
  3. Cynthia Slim – At the start I was requesting for four (4) acres and later changed it.
  4. Laverne Tsosie – We've been asking about location, mapping, grazing areas, GLAD, if GLAD was approved. Linda Long's daughter has a business going and she is not in the CLUPC book nor on the map.
  5. Daisy Littleman-Sands – LeChee Grazing Permittees have a lot of cattle grazing in the area.
  6. Debora Saliego – Stanford Fowler has not been attending meetings for awhile now. I was told, if he misses three (3) meetings, I can write a letter to Agricultural Department.
  7. Lee Clizzie – Year ago, everything was not made public and deal was done under the table. Due to that there is a lot of complaining.
  8. Debora Saliego – We are going to move Cynthia Slim's resolution to the Chapter Meeting.
  9. Debora Saliego – Grading the road to Marcinda Shepherd for her mobile home is still in the process. One person said, she has a Grazing Permit and has grazing in that area. Told her she has to show proof by June 6<sup>th</sup> and I have not heard from her as of today.
  10. Lee Clizzie – Make sure you do everything right, by law (proper protocol) and people can pass it without dispute.
  11. Kee Black – Awhile back we went to Marcinda's area to grade road for school bus. It is already graded, just clear the sides for the trailer. The road that comes from Calvin Begay's resident is too rocky and bad.
  12. Kee Black – As we all know that First (1<sup>st</sup>) windmill gets really muddy during rain seasons, it clay sand. The Addakai family and my other relatives are complaining about muddy road. Sometimes they cannot drive back to their home or they cannot get out to the highway. New Mexico Highway Department has free gravel, haul some back and put it on the roads.
  13. Debora Saliego – Let them know, they need to come to the Chapter Meeting.
  14. Lee Clizzie – I take my grandkids to the Bus Stop, our cattle guard is too narrow and needs fixing, west of #530.
- d. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie E. Tsinigine;
1. Just attending trainings, meetings and working with OEH regarding the house plumbing, sewer, underground water storage. I am sure elderly in our community questions too.
- e. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler (not present)
- f. Community Service Coordinator (Chapter Projects) – Chris P. Benally (not present)
- g. CLUPC President – Laverne Tsosie;
1. Laverne Tsosie - On June 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, we have a CLUPC training here at the Chapter.
  2. Debora Saliego – We have announcements.
  3. Laverne Tsosie – I want meeting minutes days ahead of time and follow through. Add - previous meeting minutes.
  4. Debora Saliego – DOJ said something about not having Previous Meeting Minutes on our agenda, I will ask again.
  5. Laverne Tsosie – Make sure it is in the minutes.

- h. Page Unified School District (JOM/IEC) – April Endischiee;
  - 1. April Endischiee – I told Page School District about the bus stops and bus routes. One June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM is IEC meeting. On June 24-25 is JOM training in Flagstaff. There were two (2) meetings for contract negotiation.
  - 2. Debora Saliego – I need to look at the Budget, need to use for graduation dinner for the community. From Pre-school to High School.

**VI. Announcements:**

- a. Planning Meeting: June 08, 2025 @ 3:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- b. Chapter Meeting: June 22, 2025 @ 3:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- c. First (1<sup>st</sup>) Session of SYTEP begins: June 03, 2025 @ 8:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter
- d. CLUPC Meeting: June 05, 2025 @ 5:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- e. CLUPC Training: June 10, 2025 @ 9:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter
- f. District 1 Chapter Officials Meeting: June 11, 2025 @ 9:00 AM at Tonalea Chapter
- g. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic: June 13, 2025 @ 8:45AM to 3:30PM at Coppermine Chapter
- h. Western Agency Council Meeting: June 14, 2025 @ 9:00 AM at LeChee Chapter
- i. FATHER'S DAY HOLIDAY: June 15, 2025, **Office will be CLOSED**
- j. St. Mary's Food Bank: June 17, 2025 @ 12:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- k. Page Unified School District IEC Meeting: June 18, 2025 @ 5:30 PM at School Cultural Center
- l. JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY (Federal Holiday): June 19, 2025, **Office will be CLOSED**
- m. Veteran's Meeting: June 20, 2025 @ 5:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- n. Just Move It: June 24, 2025 @ 3:30PM for Staff - **6:00PM** for Public at Coppermine Chapter
- o. Page Unified School District (JOM Training): June 24-25, 2025, in Flagstaff, AZ.
- p. Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Session of SYTEP begins: June 30, 2025 @ 8:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter

**VII. Benediction:** none

**VII. Adjournment:** 6:08 PM

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