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Coppermine Chapter Planning Meeting

July 06, 2025 @ 3:00 PM DST

MINUTES

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** By Kee Black at 3:10 PM.
- II. **Invocation By:** Lawrence Curtis
- III. **Roll Call By:** Debbie E. Tsinigine, roll call as follow; Council Delegate Helena Nez-Begay (not present), Chapter President Debora Saliego (present), Chapter Vice President Kee Black (present), Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Debbie E. Tsinigine (present), Chapter Grazing Official Stanford Fowler (not present) and Chapter Coordinator (vacant).
- IV. **Review/Adopt Meeting Agenda:** Agenda was read by Kee Black.
 1. Debora Saliego – I want to add one resolution CO-07-047-25 Cynthia Slim’s Business Site.
Motion by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second By: Debora Saliego Vote: 02-00-01
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. Resolution CO-07-044-25: Authorizing the Approval of \$250.00 to the family of the late Raymond Smith utilizing the General Activity Fund Account 01:6722 for funeral expense.
 1. Irene Smith – Introduced herself, she is the daughter of Tsosie Smith Sr. and Raymond Smith is her brother.
Motion by: Debora Seliego Second By: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
 - B. Resolution CO-07-045-25: Authorizing the Approval of Chapter Scholarship General Fund for two (2) full time students in the amount of \$500.00 each utilizing the Scholarship General Fund 13:6721 for scholarship for a total of \$1,000.00.
 1. Laverne Tsosie – I would like to represent my niece Chloe Yellowman, who attends Maricopa Community College full time. I will get more information and can’t attend Chapter Meeting.
 2. Shannon Reid – Introduced herself, is a full-time student at University of Arizona not NAU.
Motion By: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second By: Debora Saliego Vote: 02-00-01
 - C. Resolution CO-07-046-25: Authorizing the Approval of the request to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), BIA Western Roads Department and the Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) to collaborate and honor a Road Safety Audit (RSA) on N20/NR6226 with appropriate egress and ingress plan for the safety of all travelers.

1. Debora Saliego – This resolution is for the turn off to the chapter. We are asking NDOT, ADOT, and BIA Roads Department to help us with the turn off center line turns, signs and pavement.

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

D. Resolution CO-07-047-25: Supporting and Approving a Land Withdrawal designation and Business Site Lease for 1267 Acres for Explore Dibe Ahxehejeehe, LLC dab Running Sheep Camp and Tours 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 Tours, Motel, Restaurant, Café, and Gift Shop Business.

1. Cynthia Slim – Introduced herself in Navajo, her parents are Pete & Daisy Littleman, Maternal Grandmother Grace Talbot, and Paternal Grandmother Rosita Littleman. Would like to have a Pavilion with Art Booth, Café Coffee Shop, Camping area, Elderly Story Teller, etc. Help with Scholarship Funds in honor of my parents, hire local people, all local business will pay tax and Chapter need to ask for Tax Revenue for Window Rock.

2. Debbie E. Tsinigine – Tell us about the process you are working on and the lease.

3. Cynthia Slim – I am working with Tuba City Regional Business Development Office (RBDO) on the Check Lists; Letter of Intent, Location & map for 1267 acres, Chapter Resolution, Lease for 25 years (after that re-new lease), the first three (3) years is free and after that, I start paying for my lease.

I am also working with Coconino County College – process to apply for my State License and Tax ID number. I still have to get clearance in the area with Fish & Wildlife, Archaeological, other assessments and clearance to be done yet.

4. Lula Tsinnijinnie – There are livestock grazing in the area. Make sure you contact all the Grazing Permittees.

5. Cynthia Slim – My parents have permit within the area. Debra Wilson grazing area on the east side and has permit with LeChee Chapter.

6. Anneretta Dove – Not everyone signed and agreed with her Business Site. People in the area are Mary Sands-Tsinnijinnie, Kee & Daisy Sands, the Stevens.

7. Marlynn Sands – My parents Kee & Daisy Sands do have Grazing Permit.

8. Laverne Tsosie – According to Economic Development, someone withdraw that same area years ago and do not know the name of that individual, it is mention in our CLUP book. To our knowledge, there is only one (1) permittee to graze in the area with RDM. We were informed of where all business will be and where it is allowed to grazed. You can see the CLUP book using the QCR Code. The Fowler's have RDM.

9. Debora Saliego – work with RBDO if its Business Development or for something else.

A. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay (not present);

B. Chapter President – Debora Saliego;

1. Debora Saliego - Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) wanted to meet with us tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM, regarding the Chapter turn off.

2. Debora Saliego - I meet with NDOT last month to talk about N20 turn off to the Chapter. Talk about the fifteen (15) miles grading, add on of route# 6200 west of the Chapter and we (NDOT, BIA) toured the area, there is a dispute.

3. Joann Clizzie – NTUA left their electric wire on the ground by road #527-530. A horse got into the wire, tangled in the wire and hang himself in the nearby tree.

4. Laverne Tsosie – the \$45 Tax Revenue Budget needs to be put back on the agenda to be completed. ARPA funds need to be combined, so it can be used for mobile homes. We need to talk about family plot and community cemetery.
 5. Debora Saliege – Delegate Helena Begay is working on passing a legislation and is not ready. She will move the ARPA funds from FRF into Recovery Funds (triple R's).
*Need to Revise old resolutions for each five (5) projects.
- C. Chapter Vice President – Kee Black;
1. Kee Black – People want their own cemetery. Need to revisit the five (5) projects. We attended meeting at Coalmine Chapter, they really look at what goes on in their community and identify their needs, like the windmills and livestock water. Thank you coming and continue to attend all the meetings.
- D. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Debbie E. Tsinigine;
1. I am working with Marlynn Sands and Kristen Charley on the \$45 Tax Revenue. We scheduled a meeting with Kristen Monday morning at 10:00 AM.
- E. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler (not present)
- F. CLUPC President – Laverne Tsosie;
1. Laverne Tsosie - You can look at CLUPC Book by using the QRC Code, its public information.
Lula Tsinnijinnie attended our meeting. CLUPC meeting is scheduled for first (1st) Monday before the Chapter Planning Meeting.
 2. Laverne Tsosie - Cynthia Slim got together with Regional Business Development Office (RBDO) regarding her Business Site.
 3. Laverne Tsosie - As CLUPC members, we are busy working on different projects such as; Calvin Begay & Wilford Lane are working on windmills. Debra Benally is working with Northern Arizona University (NAU) to study/test soil, dust, mud, windmill, etc. Cynthia Slim & I are entering and updating utilizing Computer. We need to work on the resolutions for Road Improvement and Cemetery.
 4. Irene Smith – Which roads? Laverne Tsosie – We need to talk about all the roads, either if its for bus routes or daily community access road. The fifteen (15) miles is graded quarterly.
 5. Kee Black – I think the fifteen (15) miles is for Bus Stop.
 6. Debora Saliege – The fifteen (15) miles graded road is not a bus route, grading is only for public road (heavy traffic) and they can not grade road to resident.
 7. Laverne Tsosie – Veterans Treatment for medical detox, sexual trauma, wholistic, sweat lodge, etc. Birdsprings run two facilities in Montana and San Diego, CA. Spouses are allowed to go with patients to the facilities.
- G. Page Unified School District (JOM/IEC) – April Endishee (not present)
- H. Other community reports;
1. Debora Saliege – Chris Benally's last day of work was this past Thursday. Marlynn, can you request for a part time clerk for Chapter Administration Office, we need a full-time office clerk and Community Service Coordinator.
 2. Debora Saliege – Council requesting to use APRA funds to purchase new computer program.

3. Regina Reid – There are other programs available, just have to check.
4. Jessina Turquoise – I wanted to get on the agenda to submit my assistance application for Land Survey for my Homesite Lease.
5. Debora Saliego – Submit your application to the Administration Office, give it to Marlynn Sands.
6. Debbie E. Tsinigine – Your application is dated 2022, need an updated application and make sure you attach all supporting documents. Chapter has an ongoing list, ask Marlynn to add you to the list.

I. Coppermine Mining – Laverne Tsosie;

1. Lavern Tsosie - Jerrick Perkinson, Consolidation Mining will be here at Chapter Meeting to talk about reopening the copper mining and had started working with Sid Whitehair when he was the Chapter President. They need to meet with CLUPC first. I got the map but haven't shared with CLUPC members.
2. Debora Saliego – He is coming from Colorado and they already talk with Window Rock.
3. Lula Tsinnijinnie – We a bigger map printed with all the roads, identify repair, the mining, etc.
4. Debora Saliego – NDOT wants to invite both ADOT and BIA. Grazing Official said, it is a must.

VII. Announcements: (all on Daylight Savings Time)

- A. Second (2nd) Session of SYTEP: June 30-July 25, 2025 at Coppermine Chapter
- B. CLUPC Meeting: July 01, 2025 @ 5:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- C. INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY: July 04, 2025
- D. PLANNING MEETING: July 06, 2025 @ 3:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- E. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic: July 11, 2025 @ 8:45AM to 3:30PM at Monkey Ridge
- F. St. Mary's Food Bank: July 15, 2025 @ 12:30 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- G. Grazing Meeting: July 18, 2025 @ 10:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter
- H. CHAPTER MEETING: July 20, 2025 @ 3:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- I. Veterans Meeting: July 25, 2025 @ 5:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- J. Conservation Grazing Plan (Transfers/Probates): July 7-8-10, 2025 @ 10:00 AM at Tuba City BIA Conference Room

VIII. Benediction: NONE

IX. Adjournment: By Kee Black at 4:50 PM.

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