

**Coppermine Chapter
PLANNING MEETING
October 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes (3 PM- DST)**

I. Meeting call to order by: Debora Saliego at 12:19 PM

II. Invocation by: Julia Goldtooth

III. Review & Approval of Agenda by: Debora Saliego

A. Debora Saliego requested to amend the agenda to add four (4) resolutions.

B. Debora Saliego scheduled a Planning Meeting for October 12, 2025 at 3:00 PM-DST (official printed agenda) and rescheduled to October 14, 2025, using the same printed agenda.

NOTE by Debbie E. Tsinigine: I was at the Administrative Conference room attending training, which was scheduled a month prior to this Planning Meeting. I was notified at the last minute and I did not confirm the rescheduling of the Planning Meeting. According to her Agenda, it indicates 3:00 PM-DST, therefore I was not late for 30 minutes like she indicated and she unofficially changed the date and time, when she started the meeting.

Motion by: Kee Black

Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine

Vote: 02-00-01

~~IV. Review & Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:~~

NOTE by Debbie E. Tsinigine: Reading of Meeting Minutes is done at Chapter Meeting with Community Voters' approval NOT at Planning Meeting. We all agreed.

IV. Old Business:

A. Prior CLUPC resolution needs officials' signatures -Debbie's action item

NOTE by Debbie E. Tsinigine: this is NOT Debbie's action item. NEEDS to be discussed at Chapter Meeting.

V. New Business:

~~A. Financial Report by Sec/Treas~~

NOTE by Debbie E. Tsinigine: Review & Approval of Monthly Financial Report is done at Chapter Meeting with Community Voters' approval NOT at Planning Meeting. We all agreed.

A. Resolution CO-10-001-25: Approving and Adopting the duties and responsibilities of the Chapter Officials according to Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code and the Coppermine Chapter Five Management System Policies; and, if one of the Official's duties is unmet, then that Official foregoes stipend for that particular meeting. Sponsored by Debora Saliego.

1. The Community members had a long discussion regarding the resolution
2. The community suggested that we need to work together

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3. The president called for a motion three times, no one motioned and it died. NO action due to NO motion.
Motion by: NONE Second by: NONE Vote: 00-02-01
- B. Resolution CO-10-002-25: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 "General Fund, Revenue Fund-Internal" Budget in the amount of \$275,087. Sponsored by Constance Lano, CSC.
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
- C. Resolution CO-10-003-25: Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Coppermine Chapter Carryover Funds in the amount of \$1,093,704.04 for Coppermine Chapter as the Carryover Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Sponsored by Constance Lano, CSC.
Motion by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second by: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01
- D. Resolution CO-10-004-25: Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$250.00 for Jessina Colleen Turquoise utilizing the Housing Discretionary Fund Account 09-6724 for Archeological Clearance. Sponsored by Constance Lano, CSC.
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
- E. Resolution CO-10-005-25: The Coppermine Chapter Supports Recommending the 25th Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Election Administration (Board of Election Supervisors) to work in Unison to Place NN President Dr. Buu Van Nygren on Administration leave without Pay and have NN Vice President Rochelle Montoya as acting NN President; Due to breach of fiduciary Trust to the Navajo People and such leave will serve the best interest of the Navajo People.
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
- F. Resolution CO-10-006-25: The Coppermine Chapter Supporting the 25th Navajo Nation Council Legislation No.0219-25: To restore funding for the Legislative and Judicial Branches in the NN Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget.
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
- G. Resolution CO-10-007-25: The Coppermine Chapter Demands "No Confidence" in Dr. Buu Nygren as NN President and Rochelle Montoya as NN Vice President of the Navajo Nation and requests the 25th NN Council to Remove and/or Place Dr. Buu Nygren and Rochelle Montoya on Administrative Leave for Just and Good Cause; Pursuant to Title II, Subchapter 13 §240 (Removal/Administrative Leave) and Title 2, Chapter 6 §3741 (Ethics in Governmental Law).
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
- H. Resolution CO-10-008-25: The Coppermine Chapter Supports recommends to the 25th NN Council to Place the Navajo Nation President, Dr. Buu Van Nygren, on temporary Administrative Leave pending the completion of the current investigation into Alleged Financial Misconduct and Recent Behavior which is inappropriate of a Navajo leader.

Motion by: Kee Black

Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine

Vote: 02-00-01

VI. Reports:

- A. Council Delegate -Helena Nez-Begay
- B. Chapter President -Debora Saliego
- C. Chapter Vice President -Kee Black
- D. Chapter Grazing Official -Stanford Fowler
- E. Chapter CLUPC President -Laverne Tsosie
- F. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) -Natalie Tsinnijinnie
- G. Page Unified School District JOM/IEC -April Endishee
- H. Coconino County College (CCC) Bond Initiative -Phefelia Nez

VII. Announcement:

- A. 10/13/25 -District Grazing Meeting (Kaibeto) @10:00 AM-DST
- B. 10/14/25 -Planning Meeting @12:00 PM-DST
- C. 10/16-19 -Tuba City Western Agency Fair
- D. 10/21/25 -Agency Grazing Meeting (Kaibeto) @10:00 AM-DST
- E. 10/21/25 -Food Bank @12:30 PM-DST
- F. 10/24/25 -Veterans Meeting @5:00 PM-DST
- G. 10/26/25 -Regular Chapter Meeting @ 3:00 PM-DST
- H. 10/29/25 -TCRHCC Mobile Clinic (Fall Vaccine Drive) @9:00AM-3:00PM -DST
- I. Pick up Firewood Tags (North Rim Kaibab) @Chapter Admin. Office
- J. Fall/Winter Coat Drive (where/when/time)

VIII. Adjournment:

NOTE by Debbie E. Tsinigine:

- A. NO Benediction on the agenda. Closing prayers are not done or skipped.
- B. The meeting was adjourned due to loss of quorum at 3:28 PM.

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