

Coppermine Chapter Planning Meeting
September 21, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by:** Debora Saliego at 3:00 PM
- II. Invocation by:** Rochelle Curley
- III. Approval of agenda by:** Read agenda by Debora Saliego.
 1. Debora Saliego - Recommend to add couple of items to the agenda as follow;
 - a). Stacy Claw of TCRHCC under letter J. Reports
 - b). Resolution for Tom Franklin, Jr as LDA for Delegate Begay under letter D. Business
 - c). Letter from Rochelle Curley to change due date on Scholarships, does not met school deadlines and school all start in August. We are excluding Technical and Vocational Students, who attends school year-round. I will do a resolution to lift the due date and add to October meeting. Ok Debbie, it's your.....
 2. Laverne Tsosie -I still need the resolution for CLUPC that has all five members. If the resolution has not been found, need to re-create another one, so we can get it into our books. We do need that, I know Debbie Tsinigine has the format.
 - Debbie Tsinigine -Do you have that (resolution)?
 - Laverne Tsosie -I send that to you and it has all the members on there. I know you guys were trying to find it.
 - Debbie Tsinigine -There is no resolution with five (5) members. Your resolution was from last year, you still have to keep that because that's the day you were enter as a CLUPC member. The new one has four (4) members and we have to keep those resolution number.
 - Laverne Tsosie -So what happen was when I was in and new members came in, we added them to a resolution. After that resolution was approved and we said, ok these five (5) are it for the next term. That's the one we need and put it in the book.
 - Debbie Tsinigine -There is none, there is no resolution.
 - Laverne Tsosie -If there is none, we need a new resolution with all five members. We need that and it's needed. Also, you said Natalie Tsinnijinnie will be here next week right, ok we will leave it.
 - Debora Saliego -We will find that, we will figure that out, I remember doing the votes for all five of you.
 - Laverne Tsosie -I remember submitting to Debbie Tsinigine awhile back and I haven't gotten anything back yet.
 - Debora Saliego -We haven't gotten anything back yet, so we do need the resolution.
 - Laverne Tsosie -You want me to resent to you?
 - Debbie Tsinigine -I never got it, I went through my email and there is none. We even look through the resolution, none.
 - Laverne Tsosie -Remember you said, how does it look so we dug it out & gave it to you. So, you can work on it.
 - Debbie Tsinigine -We don't have a copy at the administrative office.
 - Debora Saliego -What she means is she had the hard copy and she handed to you.

-Debbie Tsinigine -Anything I get, I don't keep it. All the resolutions, I take it back to the administration office in the folder.

-Laverne Tsosie -I know I send it to you all and I cc almost everyone, I know everyone has it. But we do need another one.

-Debora Saliego -That's an action item.

3. Debora Saliego -Ok, any other amendments. We will add Page School District, Carlos Begay under H. Reports.

-Debbie Tsinigine -The Bond Initiative, there is already an H and I, it would be J.

-Debora Saliego – I motion to approve this agenda.

Approval of Agenda with amendment:

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

4. Debbie Tsinigine -Wait, I don't do financial report for Planning Meeting, has to go to Chapter Meeting for approval.
5. Debora Saliego -It has to go on here, we approve it and goes onto the agenda for the meeting for next week, you can say it's for the next meeting.
6. Debbie Tsinigine -Because people have to vote on it.
7. Debora Saliego -Debbie is not doing the financial report today, but she'll do it at the regular meetings.
8. Debbie Tsinigine -Financial Report are done at Regular Meeting because people have to vote on it. Not us, we can't vote today.
9. Laverne Tsosie -Is that from
10. Debbie Tsinigine -That's the carryover
11. Debora Saliego -No, the carryover is on the resolution.
12. Debbie Tsinigine -That will be August ending balance, it's on there.
13. Debora Saliego -This is ending August and it's in MIP. This is for the year & this is for the month, that's what I want.
14. Laverne Tsosie -Debora, since I'm sending this out. Can I put this on the regular Chapter Meeting? I want it approve, this was a long time ago.
15. Debora Saliego -So that will be letter E., we are going to assign the same resolution#. It's already been voted on Laverne, you just need your copy. So, we don't need to put it on here (agenda). It's just going to be an action item for Debbie.
16. Laverne Tsosie -I will resent it, you guys put it out and sign it.
17. Debora Saliego -I motion on the agenda, who seconds and vote on it. I'm abstaining.
18. Debora Saliego -For the meeting minutes, Debbie said, she's not going to do it until Regular Meeting. It's just on here, this is the agenda we are creating for next week's meeting.

IV. Review and approval of last meeting minutes: forward to Chapter Meeting

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

V. Old Business: none

VI. New Business:

- A. **Financial Report** by Secretary/Treasurer: forward to Chapter Meeting
Motion by: Debora Saliego Second by: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01
- B. **Resolution CO-09-052-25:** Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for the following six (6) students and utilizing the Scholarship Fund Account 13:6721.
1. Tehya Black – Full Time at Northern Arizona University - \$500.00
Ron Black- He introduced himself and father of Tehya. She is not here because she is at school today. Price is high for the room, food, school supplies. Anything helps, even if it's small amount. During covid online school for 1 year, and stayed at the dorm for 2 years now. This will be her 3rd year. Going to school for Housing building/construction management & inspector.
 2. Shawn Curley – Full Time at Mountain land Technical College - \$500.00
Roger Curley – Introduce himself and father of Shawn. He is attending Technical College in Utah for Welding Inspector & QC. I worked as a welder too. Prices are still going up and he needs money for food, this is first year. We want our kids to continue with their school.
 3. Kaylin Stevens – Full Time at Northern Arizona University - \$500.00 (No show)
NOTE: No one here to for her.
 4. Rochelle Curley – Part Time at Northern Arizona University - \$250.00
Rochelle Curley -Introduce herself & have two kids. I'm currently at NAU for two years now, finishing up Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education. Work as a Teacher with Page School District for eight (8) years. I applied for Chapter Scholarship, the money is there and it really helps. There is a lot of things that goes into your education, it also goes down to the core of your mental health. Anything that can uplift you, gives you the courage is meaningful and to continue with school is really helpful.
 5. Hunter Martin – Part Time at Arizona State University - \$250.00
Debora Saliego -Hunter is my son, his going to ASU and going into Environmental Study. He said, he will be graduating in December. He wants to go on to Law School and his studying for his ELSA.
 6. Star Yazzie – Part Time at Arizona State University - \$250.00
Star Yazzie -Introduce herself, Rochelle Curley is her mom and grandparents are Rosita & Roger Curley. I'm going to school at Page High School and taking online classes with ASU to get my Associate Degree and I play sports.
Debora Saliego -She's in the Honor's Program at the High School here in Page.
Motion by: Debora Saliego Second by: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

1. Laverne Tsosie – Debora, Can I ask to amend the agenda again. I need a supporting resolution, that I forgot. Request to add resolution for NAU Water Testing.
2. Debora Saliego -Yes, we can add to the agenda under letter E. Reports.
3. Debbie Tsinigine -Add to agenda and talk about it during your reports.
4. Debora Saliego -So, we will do a substitute motion and to approve the agenda, to add Laverne Tsosie's request for NAU Water Testing.

Motion by: Debbie Tsinigine

Second by: Kee Black

Vote: 02-00-01

- C. **Resolution CO-09-053-25:** Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Coppermine Chapter Carryover Funds in the amount of \$993,709.86 for Coppermine Chapter as the Carryover Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026.

1. Debora Saliego -Coppermine Chapter right now, we will be carrying over \$993,709.86 this would be for Fiscal Year 2026 and we do have a resolution here.

Motion by: Debbie Tsinigine

Second by: Debora Saliego

Vote: 02-00-01

- D. **Resolution CO-09-054-25:** Authorizing the Support of Tom Franklin Jr. as Legislative District Assistant for Delegate Helena Begaye.

1. Debora Saliego -President Nygren did away with positions of Legislative District Assistant to Delegate Begaye. Tom Franklin sent us a letter asking to be put on the agenda, it's an agenda in support of his position so we are going to move that forward to the meeting, so we are voting on that now.

Motion by: Kee Black

Second by: Debbie Tsinigine

Vote: 02-00-01

- E. **Resolution CO-09-055-25:** Coppermine approves a study by Northern Arizona University students to investigate Environmental Exposures related to Abandoned Mine toxicants within Coppermine Chapter Area.

1. Laverne Tsosie -Hello, my name is Laverne Tsosie and behalf the CLUPC. We had NAU Biologist to Coppermine about two weeks ago to do the study on our fourteen (14) windmills. Three of them are not working but tested all of them, including the one in Gap where people always go to and arsenic was found in that water. This is the best way to tell our community how our water is in our community, so we can keep managing and as people review the CLUPC book every five (5) years. So, they know the statistic of it and how bad it's getting, so that way the committee knows about it. She did the resolution and including the water. She also going to do the dust, air quality, sheep, grazing, dirt, and plants. She's going to do all these testing and combine all this information for our CLUPC book. That gives us the opportunity of where we are with our testing and it was not in our previous information. I will have more information during the meeting. Thank you.

Motion to move all New Business forward to Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Debora Saliego

Second by: Debbie Tsinigine

Vote: 02-00-01

VII. Reports:

- A. Council Delegate, Helena Nez-Begay; (Absent) attend meeting at Kaibeto.

B. Chapter President, Debora Saliego;

1. Aug. 27 - We went to Echo Cliff Groundbreaking Ceremony for apartments.
2. Sept. 02 – CLUPC meeting, NAU tested all our windmills for arsenic, it should be between zero to ten parts per billion. Some windmills are getting close to six (6) parts per billion, which is not safe. A water filter, will filter out (nine different elements) the heavy metals, lead, etc. We are thinking about purchasing filters and justify as health emergency.
3. Sept. 10 -We had our District 1 meeting. One action item, Kaibeto wanted a resolution to pave the road from Kaibeto to First (1st) windmill on N20. The clinic is almost done, that's why they want that paved and that's what they ask for. He supposed to send me the template, did not get it and we will probably do that in October.
4. Sept. 10 -We had an audit, will more of an assessment. NN Auditor General Office came and did an assessment of our records. We had findings, they went back five (5) years and there were documents missing, some important papers weren't signed so Coppermine has not been audited over twenty (20) years. It's a good chance, we will get audit in FY2026, so just know that but we are prepping for that audit, now we know what's missing. So, they went back five years so they audit us for the past eight (8) months. Past administration for four (4) years, they look at their paper work, there's some signatures & some resolutions missing so were going to have to figure that out.
5. Sept. 13 -We had the Western Agency Council meeting, that one I will do a comprehensive report at the next meeting. Directors came to give us update.
6. Sept. 14 -We had Bennett Freeze meeting, we talked about update a new list of families that are in need. We already have a resolution with names but they've already been assisted, so we got a directive from Sarah Slim and she ask us to create a new list. So, I will let Kee Black talk about what we did this week and forward with that project.
7. Sept. 15-16 -This past week, we had our Budget Training so this resolution we went through all our budgeting, fund codes, we talked about how & we moved some money around but we had to do that because our ASC they got a letter from IRS and it turns out 2014, 2015, and 2016 the Chapter did not pay their taxes so we got fee and penalties, they quoted her between 10 to 15 thousand so we had to move money out of the Emergency Funds and Housing Capital so that was the only way we could pay back, we have to pay back and I'm not going to jail guys.
8. Sept. 15 -We also talk about the, we had a meeting with Delegate Begay and Tom Franklin we talked about moving the ARPA funds to purchasing mobile homes instead so we are working on that project. Its not definite, but we are working on writing a letter to Lisa Jymm, so we are sending her a letter explaining that we want to transfer the money. It looks like right now it's one (1) point seven (7) million (1.7 million).
9. Sept. 17 -We did home assessments, first (1st) phase of KOKO 1 which is Former Bennett Freeze Area. I will have Kee Black talk about that.

10. Sept. 19 -We had a meeting with Tom Franklin in Page, we talked about, we were having issues with our meeting minutes. So, we talked about and we decided, we are trying to decide what we can do to move forward so that you guys don't wait too long for meeting minutes and that's what we discuss on Friday. Then when we had our Western Agency Council meeting, Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC) they gave Debbie Tsinigine twenty-five (25) Coal Cards, so Rohvena Black has those right now so if you want a Coal Card, they have it, so just inquire about it at the Chapter Administration building.

C. Chapter Vice President, Kee Black;

1. Good afternoon, thank you for coming to the Planning Meeting.
2. On Wednesday, we all got together at First (1st) Windmill and left to do home assessment, visited twenty (20) homes and some people are in desperate need of help. KOKO 1 project is for water hookup to resident.
3. We looked at homes, took pictures, Laverne Tsosie did GPS.
4. Some do not have electric and water. Some roads are terrible so maybe we can help them out, maybe I can take my tractor out there to help them and some need sand refill around the home.
5. There are handicaps who needs rails, ramps, and restrooms. It makes you think and how can you help these people. Maybe I can make outhouses for them.
6. On Wednesday, we are going to do Eastside of First 1st Windmill, probably go to the west side, and continue moving towards the Chapter. Regular Chapter meeting is next week on Sunday.
7. Roger Curley – It is true people need help. We have been submitting our application for assistance. It is true what you're taking about, it's very sad to see how people live. We lived in Bennett Freeze so many years, we need help with water, electric, repairs, renovation, new house, etc. We don't know what happen to our Bennett Freeze money, we haven't got help and we got chase out from this Chapter. We need our Chapter certified, Lechee Chapter gives out wood to anyone and Coppermine request for application.
8. Debora Saliego -Kee is telling the truth and its very humble. There is a gentleman who lives in his grandma's house but it looks like a 50-year-old studio. His leg is amputated, in a wheel chair but he has an outhouse, that he pushes himself to the outhouse and there is a slope but I don't know how he comes back up. He lives along, you see people like that and its humbling. I got to see where John Morgan lives.

D. Chapter Grazing Official, Stanford Fowler; (Absent)

E. Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) President, Laverne Tsosie;

1. We really need to get our meeting minutes, the last one I got was August 10, 2025.
2. We did go through the book and part of the CLUPC is good. We added projects, maps but we have to do a lot of revision again.

3. Like I was talking about earlier, plant testing, air testing, soil testing, they need to be in this book. We also are going to add NHA homes, previous years CLUPC is on Facebook so you are able to view it and get to see what's in your area.
4. If you disagree, come to CLUPC meeting to address it and we can remove it.
5. Business Resolution needs to be in the book also. If you have Business and don't have a resolution that means it did not go through the proper channel and we will remove it from the book. This is your book we are working on and it has to be in conjunction with the Chapter to get certified.
6. If this pass through RDC, Chapter has to get audit, have full staff and there is a lot of things that comes with this book. Go through first & second public hearings, Chapter Delegate has to do her resolution and has five-day comment period.
7. We have a Rural Addressing training in Tonalea Chapter. Couple years ago, when Valerie Fowler was here, we got a large map with housing, name of road and we can't find the map. Rural Address meeting on September 30, 2025 and another CLUPC meeting on September 26, 2025.

F. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) – Natalie Tsinnijinnie; (Absent)

1. Debora Saliego -Natalie Tsinnijinnie is not here for our Bennett Freeze update.
2. Laverne Tsosie -Can I do a brief report? Former Bennett Freeze, I'm the secretary for them with our committee over there.
 -Me, Debora and Kee, we made a home assessment on Wednesday and we found a lot of how individuals live and need help. We took pictures of roof falling apart, damage floor, they worst of the worst. I did not even know, some of them like you cannot even live in there and they are living in these conditions. So, these are the people who are suppose to be priority, that should be our priority and some of the things are like men, like I have a better outhouse then them so they are in need and if we able to past the resolution for ARPA money, they need to get a new home.
 -There is an individual name Jon Grey that I contact, she works with Navajo Nation. Jon Gray and Rena Dodson, to ask how we can process these Homesite Lease(HSL) that have been in Probate forever and some don't know how to go through the process. The office will just throw it back to them, they don't know what to do next and that does not go anywhere, HSL is a big issue not being process.
 -That's another thing that Helena Nez-Begay brought up, said people who have lived on FBFA for years without HSL, can get water hookup. For other services, you need your HSL.
3. Debora Saliego -People applied for HSL that lived in Bennett Freeze for over 50 years were put on hold. They applied again after the freeze, were not going through and they are frustrated.

G. Page School District JOM/IEC -April Endischiee;

1. Last report was in June 2025, do not have much to report
2. Coppermine got two new buses with AC this August 2025
3. IEC meeting; August 24, 2025 at Page School District Hogan Office

H. Coconino Community College (CCC) Bond Initiative – Phefelia Nez;

1. Coconino Community College is placing a \$100 million capital construction bond on the November 4, 2025 ballot. This is the first capital bond request by the college in 25 years.
2. Why is CCC asking for a bond now?
 - a). We're out of space and that limits our ability to grow. Without more room, we can't expand programs or meet the urgent workforce needs of our community, new facilities are essential to train students for the jobs local employers need filled.
 - b). New investment is needed to upgrade classrooms, labs, and training spaces so students can learn with the tools & technologies required in today's job market.
3. The bond will support projects in Flagstaff, Page, and Williams all aimed at expanding access, updating facilities & meeting critical workforce needs.
4. Projects:
 - a). Complete reconstruction of the Fourth Street Campus
 - b). New Allied Health Building on the Lone Tree Campus
 - c). CTE lab space at Williams High School for dual enrollment
 - d). Student housing and program growth at the Page Campus
 - e). Potential Boys & Girls Club space and East Side Library partnership at Fourth St.
*Estimated Average Cost to Homeowners; Flagstaff: \$6-7 per month, Page & Williams: \$2-3 per month.
5. What projects will the bond fund?
 - a). Rebuilding the 55-year-old Strip Mall serving as CCC's Fourth Street Campus, which was never intended to serve as a college campus.
 - b). A new Allied Health building to support growing demands for healthcare professionals.
 - c). New Career and Technical Education Labs in Williams
 - d). Affordable student housing at Page Campus to serve rural & Tribal communities.
6. Programs to be offered in the new facilities
 - a). Flagstaff – Nursing, EMS, surgical tech, radiologic tech, fire science, law enforcement, construction trades, and more
 - b). Williams – New Career and Technical Education Labs
 - c). Page – RV/Marine Maintenance, space for new Workforce Training Programs.

I. Tuba City Regional Health Care Cooperation – Stacy Claw;

1. TCRHCC Public Health Department received a grant from the National Association for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to develop a ***Syphilis Reduction Plan*** to address the syphilis epidemic.
2. Over 100 community members participated in community discussions during the grant period (October 2023 to July 2024) and their input shaped the Syphilis Plan.
3. Community Priorities: a). Normalize and De-stigmatize Sexual Health, b). Compassionate Care, c). Trusted Support, d). Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, e). Community Campaigns, and f). Health Program Presence in the Community.

4. For more information, contact: Jamie Wilson, DrPH, MPH, Epidemiologist/Evaluator at TCRHCC Public Health Department (Jamie.Wilson@tchealth.org).

J. Page School District JOM/IEC – Carlos Begay:

Carlos Begay - Introduce himself in Navajo, work with Federal Funds for American Indian Students for programs under Johnson O'Malley (JOM), Indian Education Committee (IEC), American Indian Education Programs (AIEP), Title VI & Indian Parent Committee (IPC), Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education (DODE)/Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

1. American Indian Education Programs (AIEP):

- a). Johnson O'Malley (JOM) and Indian Education Committee (IEC) – JOM & IEC is embodied by parent representatives from each Navajo Chapters and JOM meetings are held monthly.
- b). Title VI – Indian Parent Committee (IPC): Title VI & IPC is embodied by JOM/IEC members, teachers, and students. Title VI meeting are held quarterly.

2. Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program and Services:

- a). American Indian Education Program (AIEP) and Johnson O'Malley (JOM) operate under funds allocated by the Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education (DODE) which is appropriated through the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).
- b). Funding is utilized for Navajo Language, Culture, Government & History Classes, furthermore instructional needs, program, implementation, cultural programs, activities, and guest speakers.
- c). Parental costs can be used to help with student expenses related to their educational needs.

Eligibility: -Registered student: age 03 through grade 12

-CIB: 25% or more federally recognized Tribal American Indian Blood
(Eligible students may apply for IEC approval)

3. Title VI (Indian Educational Formula Grants):

- a). American Indian Education Program (AIEP) and TITLE VI strive “to meet the unique cultural, language, and educationally related academic needs of American Indian (AI) & Alaskan Native (AN) students.”
 - Funding is granted based on annual AI/AN Student count.
 - 95% of the budget is allocated to fund salaries for teachers, liaisons, instructional aides, and cultural resource specialists.
 - 05% of the budget is allocated for supplement instructional costs, cultural programs, events and to provide supplies.

4. Responsibilities for our students:

- a). Indian Education Program (IEP), Indian Education Committee (IEC), and Indian Parent Committee (IPC) work together to support our American Indian Students from all 15 Indigenous Nations represented at Page USD. Collectively, decisions are made about how to best provide services and use program funds to accomplish our mission, vision, objectives, and goals.

- b). We address the needs of our American Indian students and their families who are our first priority.
- c). We help plan and integrate curriculum, services, programs, events, and all other activities that involves our students to ensure they are meeting the needs of our American Indian Students.
- 5. Chapters covered by Impact Aid:
 - a). LeChee (Lichi'ii)-227 students
 - b). Kaibeto (K'ai'bi'to)-277 students
 - c). Shonto (Shaa'tohi)-23 students
 - d). Bodaway/Gap (Tsinaabaas Habitiin)-112 students
 - e). Tonalea (To'nehelihi)-41 students
 - f). Coppermine (Beesh Haageed)- 88
 - g). Inscription House (Ts'ah Bii'Kin)- 105
- 6. Overall, who do we serve:
 - a). 2,370 overall Page USD students & 1,911 Page USD American Indian Student
 - b). Johnson O'Malley; 259 non-certified students & 1,652 certified students
Total Count: 1,911 American Indian Students
 - c). Title VI Formula Grant; 1,839 students
Total Count: 1,839 American Indian Student

J. Business Site Lease Process w/ Regional Business Development Office – Leona John:

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| 1. Applicant shall submit | 6. Approval Process |
| 2. Division of Economic Development | 7. Execution of Lease |
| 3. Negotiate Lease Terms and Conditions | 8. Distribution of Lease |
| 4. Lease Package | 9. Lease & Permits Transaction & Administrative Fees |
| 5. Executive Review Process | |

PURPOSE: The Navajo Nation, through its Small Business Regional Business Development Offices (RBDO), provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners by providing a wide variety of information and guidance through seven locations.

CONTACT Information: Tuba City office: (928) 283-3010

Website: <http://www.navajoeconomy.org> or Facebook: WesternRBDO

VIII. Announcements:

- A. 09-21-25 Planning Meeting at 3:00 PM
- B. 09-26-25 Veterans Meeting at 5:00 PM
- C. 09-28-25 Chapter Meeting at 3:00 PM
- D. 10-06-25 CLUPC Meeting at 1:00 PM
- E. 10-08-25 Korean Kulture at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- F. 10-14-25 Election Poll Workers Training at 9:00AM to 12PM – Coppermine Chapter
- G. 10-14-25 St. Mary's Food Bank at 12:30 PM
- H. 10-29-25 TCRHCC Mobile Clinic at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Debora Saliego at 5:34 PM.

Prepared by: Debbie E. Tsinigine, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer -DebbieETsinigine