

**Coppermine Chapter**  
**Regular Chapter Meeting**  
October 26, 2025 @ 3:00 PM  
MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Meeting call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Debora Saliego at 3:13PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** Leila McCabe

III. **Reading/Approval of Agenda:** Reading of Agenda by Debora Saliego.

Add on: Under Report (H) -TCRHCC, Leila McCabe

- 1. Laverne Tsosie – I’m finding errors on Meeting Minutes for October 14, Agenda for Planning meeting and today’s meeting Agenda. It does not coincide, the resolution numbers are different and does it matter.
- 2. Debora Saliego – Let me come down and look at your screen (laptop).
- 3. Laverne Tsosie -Resolution number should be correct before posting on the website. What if we get audit, what if someone gets a hold of it and use it against us and needs to be corrected.
- 4. Debora Saliego -Thank you Laverne, they should be all correct. The number should be all the same to avoid the confusion. So, we are adding Leila McCabe to the agenda. It appears, the agenda we have today is correct with the year 26 on the resolution.

Motion by: Alex Whitehair                      Second by: Lewis Nez                      Vote: 26/00/15

IV. **Reading/Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** I, Debbie E. Tsinigine read September 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval.

Motion by: Cindy DeJolie                      Second by: Alex Whitehair                      Vote: 28/00/19

V. **Presentation/Reports:**

A. Coconino Community College (CCC) Bond Initiative -Phefelina Nez;

- 1. Debora Saliego -Phefelina Nez text me and said they are on their way.
- 2. Eric Eikenberry -As you all know, County Election is on Tuesday. With the Hundred million dollar bond they are going to rebuild the facility, add student housing, they’re increasing the capacity of H-3 scale (highway at demand at high scale).
  - Lone Tree Campus; New Allied Health building to significantly expand healthcare training; in nursing, surgical tech, radiologic tech, respiratory therapy, EMS/paramedicine, fire science, career in technical education, labs, increase of students and staff.
  - Williams High School; Build new CTE labs to keep rural students connected to opportunity, without requiring long-distance travel.
  - Fourth Street Campus; Rebuild the 55 year old campus into a Career & Technical Education hub that will train students for high-demand careers in construction,

- manufacturing, law enforcement, etc. Also, double the size of the current Eastside Library space from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet.
- Page Campus; Construct student housing/dormitory to open doors for more students across the region to attend CCC and complete their training.
3. Debora Saliego -So the taxes are not going to impact the Coppermine community?
4. Jonathan Nez -No. Good afternoon, everyone, it's good to be back in Coppermine. My wife Phefelia is here as well and she hand out fliers to you. Explain everything in Navajo about the purpose of the bond.
- I'm American Indian Study at CCC, we have 95% Native Americans and 90% Navajo from all over the reservations. They are all excited to get new building with new expanded classes in different careers/fields.
  - People say Navajos do not pay property taxes but Navajo Nation do pay property taxes for "Big Boquillas Ranch" the land that was purchase over the years.
  - I encourage everyone to come out and vote yes for the bond.

## VI. New Business:

A. **Resolution CO-10-002-26:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 "General Fund, Revenue Fund-Internal" Budget in the amount of \$275,087. Sponsored by Constance Lano, CSC.

1. Constance "Connie" Lano, explain all dollar amount of the New Fiscal Year 2026 budget, deposit into each fund code and line items.
2. Laverne Tsosie -With Veterans money, does that include four thousand, that has been there for years. If not, we are lacking some dollar amount and we should have 17 thousand.

Motion by: Alex Whitehair

Second by: Houston Fowler

Vote: 35/00/07

B. **Resolution CO-10-003-26:** 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.

1. Constance Lano -I was not part of the budget meeting, I will try my best to review each code and line items of the Carryover budget.
  - If you have any questions, direct them to the officials and if they cannot answer, they can find answers for you. Here is Bank Statement for September 2025 ending balance.
  - This resolution will be twice as long as the Carryover for 2025-2026. Each fund code and amount was shared with officials.
2. Debora Saliego -any questions.
3. Debbie Tsinigine -Do you all understand the budget? I explained the budget in Navajo. Last year ending budget is called the Carryover, that was moved into October to continue the Chapter operation. The new budget allocated for this year starting October and the carryover is on the board. Looking at page 2 under deposit is the new budget, under expense is what was used, and balance at the right-end column.



4. Laverne Tsosie -For a long time this four (4) thousand was here for building materials, when that change to food? In the carryover, not it has a different #6452 is now 4 thousand. I don't have problems, we definitely need food. It's just that do we need resolution or just transfer? Do we need resolution for any kind of changes?
5. Constance Lano -Again, it is better to ask one of the officials, because I was not there for the Budget meeting.
6. Laverne Tsosie -That is a lot of money for just food.
7. Constance Lano -That's what it says in Veterans account. That is separate from Chapter Budget, we do not make changes and you need to track of your Veterans account.
8. Tina Tsingine -What is the difference between General and Claims in Scholarship?
9. Debora Saliego -I have to look at the policy. It is under one account and under one heading, I don't know what the difference is.
10. Tina Tsingine - so we can make our own scholarship?
11. Debora Saliego -Yes, as long as DOJ approves it.
12. Leila McCabe -Why is there a lot of carryovers? Can we move these into a different account and we can make our own policy? Can we transfer more money into our scholarship? It's so low, its none to me and because I went to school, especially now days everything is expensive. Can we help our Coppermine students with more.
13. Debora Saliego -You mean to increase it?
14. Leila McCabe -Yes, change that in the future.
15. Debora Saliego -Definitely we can discuss that, amend the policy and we have to vote on it. We can take it to our Planning Meeting so what do you recommend.
16. Leila McCabe -Like the \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 then that would really benefit the students.
17. Tom Franklin -The General & Claims Fund were set by Navajo Nation and talk about increasing scholarship, you already have in-house policy. You can request for increase through your officials. Revisit the policy, make changes, and pass with a resolution. A resolution was passed in September for budget and now another resolution for carryover and new fiscal year budget.
18. Debora Saliego -Your second question was why is there a large amount of carryover? We did not have a CSC position for a while, they use the budget to pay for things and then the policies were not updated too, DOJ just reviewed the policy.
19. Constance Lano -The policies are still in the process for review in Tuba City. The next we are going to review is the Heavy Equipment, and Housing Discretionary. Work on a few projects at a time and not get anything done.
20. Debora Saliego -I need a motion and a second.

Motion by: Wynette Hammond      Second by: Rita Whitehair      Vote: 35/00/20

- C. **Resolution CO-10-004-26:** 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.



1. Constance Lano -For archeological survey for this year, we were able to help six (6) people in the amount of 250.00 under Housing Discretionary Funds. Some of the documents you need is from Land Department. Once you turn in your application signed by Grazing Official, submit your 20.00 money order, they give you an invoice and as long as you provide that. She provided 20.00 invoice from Fish & Wildlife for Biological Clearance, once that's done and next step is your archeological clearance. Jessina has submitted all of the documents.
2. Laverne Tsosie -Sounds like she already paid for the service and have receipts. This is like reimbursement to her?
3. Constance Lano -No, she took care of other fees, ready for Archeological Clearance.
4. Laverne Tsosie -If she paid, this might not go through.
5. Constance Lano -What do you mean paid? When you go to Land Department you pay 30.00 and go to Window Rock Fish & Wildlife to pay 20.00 for Biological Clearance. Then you are ready for your Archeological Clearance and get 3 price quotes.
6. Rita Whitehair -Is her homesite been approved, what if the Arch Clearance does not go through. Does she get another 250.00 for clearance?
7. Debra Benally -If the Housing Policy has not been approved yet, then why are we approving this.
8. Constance Lano -I'm going off the carryover budget under Housing Discretionary, it is budgeted to help six people. Policy is already in place, just need to update. That's the reason why people that applied for assistance back in April were not approved. Majority of those applications were incomplete, no homesite lease and did not have running water. Last year, Connie Smith did get help and it went through.
9. Tom Franklin -After Grazing officer signs the application then its ready for the process and get the Homesite permit.
10. Debora Saliego -Is she here today, who is she and we got to verified if she is a voter too. Stanford, did you sign off on the application? Stanford Fowler said, he did.
11. Natalie Tsinnijinnie -So we have a budget for only six (6) people. We need more money in that account to help more people, especially in Bennett Freeze Area.
12. Constance Lano -We had a budget meeting two days ago and had to get this together. If you want to transfer more money into that account, work with your officials.
13. Natalie Tsinnijinnie -Within Bennett Freeze area, we had people pay for their own clearance and would be nice to assist them too.
14. Debora Saliego -We did the Carryover meeting in LeChee, we did have the meeting on Thursday and ASC helped us. As officials we can make recommendations. But they look at Connie and said can you handle this project? It's all on you, if it's going to work then you tell us. So, a lot of projects falls on the CSC so I just want to make that verification. I did push for a Chapter vehicle but it did not go through. That's what I mean, but ASC wants to work directly with Connie. To make sure that the projects are doable and to utilize the funding that is allocated for this year.
15. Laverne Tsosie -Is that why we have four (4) thousands?
16. Debora Saliego -To be honest, we did not thoroughly discuss the Veterans fund it was already there. A lot of those, ASC had already ear-marked how they were going to be spend. It was only 1 hundred and 9 thousand that we had to find projects for. So, for

- Veterans it was already in the budget. So, for Jessina resolution who wants to motion to move the resolution forward.
17. Rita Whitehair -I want to make a motion (Anneretta Dove has her hands up too)
  18. Ella Tsinnijinnie -She has not come to the meeting and her parents does not attend. Wait until she comes to give us update and people who applies for assistance should come to tell us why their applying.
  19. Tom Franklin -These two ladies (Rita & Anneretta) had their hands up first with a motion.
  20. Debbie Tsinigine -Those two (Rita & Anneretta) had their hands up, before Ella Tsinnijinnie said anything (I said to Debora Saliego & no respond).  
**\*NOTE:** Rita Whitehair raised her hand and said I want to make a motion. Anneretta Dove had her hands up too before Ella Tsinnijinnie spoke. Afterwards, Rita Whitehair and Anneretta Dove were not giving the floor to speak.
  21. Debora Saliego -There is a motion and second, I need a vote.

Motion by: Ella Tsinnijinnie      Second by: Natalie Tsinnijinnie      Vote: 24/00/21

**NOTE:** Ella Tsinnijinnie motion to table the resolution, but was not passed by majority vote of 25 and over, that means this tabling motion failed and resolution still standing.

**TABLE:** Community Member Ella Tsinnijinnie stated that any person receiving funds from the Chapter needs to be present going forward.

22. Debora Saliego -Yes, I saw your hands and Ella motion to table the resolution. So, with this vote 24/00/21, it has been table.
23. Alex Whitehair -Is she supposed to put a stipulation on the resolution. How long it can be on the table?
24. Debora Saliego -She did, she said until she shows up in person.
25. Debbie Tsinigine -Rita Whitehair has her hands up.
26. Debora Saliego -Ok, now we are going to letter D now.

D. **Resolution CO-10-005-26:** The Coppermine Chapter Supports Recommending the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Sponsor by Chapter Officials.

1. Alex Whitehair -Introduce himself and his clans, was ask to deliver the message regarding the next four (4) resolutions.
  - Some of you might not know how all this started but the five agency and Executive Director Johnny Johnson talked about it. You probably heard this on social media, and news.



- We ask our Delegate, why this is happening and Council need to do something about this. Basically, their hands are tight and they really cannot do anything themselves. That's why, these resolutions are going to the Chapter level.
  - Years ago, when Lawrence Morgan was the speaker on December 09, 2009, first Onset Internet company. Joe Shirley was moving money around, the people told Council Delegate to do something about it. At that time Council Delegate acted and decide to put Joe Shirley on administrative leave.
  - His leave was approved, Joe Shirley appealed it through NN Court, under former Judge Geraldine Benally. She ruled on it, she said "this is null and void" because it started from the top, not from Chapter's Grassroot level and "a leak of due process."
  - At the time Judge Geraldine Benally, overruled it and Joe Shirley came back into the office. Things are happening in Window Rock again today like money, travel card, money missing, etc. To be discuss at grassroots level, make resolution, and move it forward to NN Council. The Agency Council draft four resolutions, talk about it and can be amended or just approve as is.
2. Julius Nez -What's the difference between D, F, G?
  3. Debora Saliego -Ok, D- Remove President Buu Nygren and put Vice President Montoya as Acting NN President. F- Put both of them on administrative leave. G. Put Buu Nygren on temporary administrative leave.
  4. Debbie Tsinigine -Explain in Navajo, Western Agency are always the last to know and no one from Window Rock comes out to tell us. Awhile back our Vice President Montoya filed charges against President Nygren. Montoya said she has not received her report, that investigation might be still going too. Alex Whitehair explains it to you, to ask questions, and talk about it. An attorney, Justin Jones talk about this on YouTube and the Home builder in Page, Az., is missing funds, listen to that.
  5. Debora Saliego -People are walking out and will lose quorum, let's move on.

Motion by: Alex Whitehair                      Second by: Brianna Black                      Vote: 37/00/18

E. **Resolution CO-10-006-26:** The Coppermine Chapter Supporting the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Legislation No.0219-25: To restore funding for the Legislative and Judicial Branches in the NN Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Budget. Sponsor by Chapter Officials.

1. Debora Saliego -This is the funding for LDA, Tom Franklin's position. This is to restore the funding that was not approved.

Motion by: Loren Thomas                      Second by: Wynette Hammond                      Vote: 37/00/18

F. **Resolution CO-10-007-26:** 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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). Sponsor by Chapter Officials.

1. Laverne Tsosie -What happens when both are remove? I know everything will go into a halt and like a lot of projects. Can you explain that.
2. Debora Saliego -When both President and Vice President are removed from office, I think Speaker will step in, Speaker Curley.
3. Rita Whitehair -For sure Speaker Curley will step in if they are both removed.
4. Debora Saliego -Yes, I need a motion and second on this resolution.

*Motion by: Colleen Mountain      Second by: Heidi Black-Herder      Vote: 41/01/13*

G. **Resolution CO-10-008-26:** The Coppermine Chapter Supports/Recommends to the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

1. Debora Saliego -any questions
2. Phillip Tsinigine -Why can't they just remove him?
3. Debora Saliego -I think they have to go through the process and there is an investigation going on too. I need a motion and second.

*Motion by: Alex Whitehair      Second by: Wynette Hammond      Vote: 43/00/12*

4. Debora Saliego -So all the resolutions have been passed, except C was table.
5. Debbie Tsinigine -That did not pass to table and we did not get majority vote. (Letter C: Financial Assistance for Jessina Colleen Turquoise utilizing the Housing Discretionary).
6. Debora Saliego -Ok, now we will go to reports.

## VII. Reports:

A. Council Delegate -Honorable Helena Nez-Begay -Absent

Council Delegate LDA -Tom Frankling;

1. Tom Franklin -Good evening, introduce himself from Kaibeto, I've been attending your meetings for months now, I am also Kaibeto Chapter President and I have a short report.
  - Delegate Nez-Begay was here at 1:00 pm for a while and left, thinking the meeting was at 1:00pm. She has meetings to attend tomorrow morning in Window Rock and I'm meeting with her at noon in WR regarding the ARPA Funds.
  - Last week, Council had their session on projects, Legislations, and other issues. Some were table and approved.
  - October 29 there is a NABE meeting in Window Rock, usually on Thursday.
  - Issues on President and Vice President has been going on for a while. President did not sign our budget at the end of September for our LDA position, Delegates travel expense, gas card, etc. Council Delegates were able to get some funds to cover our expense for one (1) month. October 31<sup>st</sup> is my last day, we work with five (5) chapters and continue to work on projects with the chapters. I told Delegate that I'm going to continue and move forward to work with chapters. Especially, ARPA Funds



has a deadline for December and I don't want the funds to go back to Washington. We have a lot of projects here, I will continue work with you because non-certified chapters do not get their allocations right away due to the process. Certified chapters can get their money quicker and projects are done soon.

- Be very extra careful with your phones, there is a lot of cyber scam or attack on the reservation. Do not answer any unknown phone numbers, do not give out your information to anyone, especially on the phone.
- 2. Natalie Tsinnijinnie -A lot of our people are on SNAP Food Stamps, since there is a government shut-down and are told they will not get Food Stamps for November. What is our Council Delegates plan for our people?
- 3. Tom Franklin -They did a legislation, working on it already and will probably discuss at the session...
- 4. Natalie Tsinnijinnie -Will that be like a check to individuals or to SNAP?
- 5. Tom Franklin -I do not know, it's still being discuss. Delegate and I talked about it and we need to get information to all five (5) chapters.
- 6. Natalie Tsinnijinnie -I was looking over the Budget Report, we have been asking for a budget from the previous Officials and the new Officials. We have never got a detailed budget, this is the first time I'm seeing this and I commend you for a well written budget. Only if Helena Nez-Begay would give us a summary.
- 7. Tom Franklin -A good written report. This chapter usually have a good turn out, you do pot-luck, there is always a lot of food to eat and I gained a lot of weight. That's all and thank you.

**B. Chapter President -Debora Saliego;**

1. Debora Saliego -Thank you everyone, we always have quorum and have good discussion. I'm being told to control my meeting, but I would like to listen to every one's concerns. If it takes four (4) hours, that's what it takes to listen and what everybody has to say is important. So, just know that and I'm not going to cut you off or anything like that.
- OEH is part of Tuba City Indian Health who received allocation for waterline projects, they KOKOA 1 and KOKOA 2 in Former Bennett Freeze Area residents. We visited sixty (60) homes and we are still working on it. Connie said, she has not seen the assessment it's because we are still putting it on spreadsheet and we are using that information to prioritize the next project. Like I said, she wasn't on board when we started this project so we met with OEH and we are going to continue doing it. Eventually, all those assessments are going to Connie Lano.
- Deceased are still on the lease have not been changed. Thank you for the Budget Connie.
- Rural Addressing is Kee Black's project, so give him the name of your road to your house. This was done before but we cannot find the documents.
- Septic Tank cleaning, has to be a group to get a group discount. Once the policy is updated, we will move with the projects. It's been on pause long enough. We need to get moving with these projects.



- ARPA -Tom wrote a letter to FRF Lisa Jim, Director for 1.7 million to buy homes, that's why we are assessing homes to see where the needs are and once, we go through the homes, we will prioritize who are in need of a home. Priority is people who are 1. Homeless, 2. multi-generational home, and 3. If the structure is unsafe.
  - For Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner -Just the side dish, I want to work with Connie Lano to make sure that chapter provides turkey for us next month's Thanksgiving Dinner.
  - Laverne Tsosie brought up a good point about accuracy and issues with the meeting minutes and agenda that's being posted. It's really important to be consistent, like she said we are going to get audit, they look at the detail. On the agenda it shows year 25 but we are in Fiscal Year 26, so we got to make sure that they are all on the same page.
  - The last planning meeting, I ask you guys to keep us in check and apparently Laverne did her homework and let us know if there is a problem.
  - There are some meeting minutes that I looked at and the numbering is off. So, there is 24 of 2, so there is only 22 pages and how can you have 24 pages, so there is inconsistency.
  - We need to look at it and make sure we are on the right page. We need to double check and verify our work.
  - So, I was looking at all of that, I talked to the staff to send me a copy so I can look at it and to make sure its correct, before its posted but they don't send it to me.
  - So, now I send an email and sent a directive, I said I need to see that before they are posted. Because these are legal documents, I got to make sure they are ok and they are correct, that's what we are doing going forward. Hopefully, we can litigate a lot of it, going forward and you guys will get proper information on the agenda and the meeting minutes.
2. Debora Saliego -What's posted on the website, people pull it off the website and that's what she (?) was showing me before the meeting. On the website, it shows the resolutions, the last two digits should say 26 because its Fiscal Year 26. On the agenda, when it was posted it says 25 which is last year so that's what Laverne was showing me. That's why I'm saying its inconsistency and we have to be on the same page.
  3. Debra Benally -On the resolution, is it supposed to be the same number?
  4. Debora Saliego -Yes
  5. Debra Benally -So the Planning Meeting from two weeks ago is different from the Chapter Meeting? Then why are we moving forward with the resolution if that is a problem.
  6. Debora Saliego -Let me give it to the secretary, because she does the numbering and the agenda.
  7. Connie Lano -You did the agenda.
  8. Debora Saliego -For the agenda? For the Planning Meeting, I did. But she saying that for the Planning Meeting it has a different resolution number.

9. Laverne Tsosie -That was my question from the beginning. The resolution is not the same with the resolution we are doing today. So, how do we go with this meeting if nothing is correct from the beginning.
10. Debora Saliego -Well, the agenda should reflect what was approved at the Planning Meeting. If that was what it says at the Planning Meeting and that's what should be forwarded today.
11. Rita Whiterock -That means nothing was passed?
12. Debora Saliego -I think for this meeting, they have a numbering system at the administration building so I am presuming those are the numbers they wrote down and it reflects....  
\*OH, you're smirking Connie, do you want to say something?
13. Loren Thomas -POINT OF ORDER, PROINT OF ORDER. She just started work and did an amazing job on budget, we want to keep her. You are doing your report, putting her on the spot like that is very rude. That's not good, you need to talk to her right and with respect. We as community members treat her and I treat her right. I'm asking you to work with her.
14. Debora Saliego -I appreciate that and I am facilitating the meeting. If I see somebody make a smirking face and I will ask why they are smirking.
15. Ella Tsinnijinnie -That's not what you are there for.
16. Rita Whitehair -The same thing you say about your secretary, being consistent and why are you not been accountable for things, all three of you. If I were there, I'd make sure you are all there.
17. Debora Saliego -I glad you brought that up. Delegate Begay told us to meet with Tom Franklin, to make sure everything is right.
18. Rita Whitehair -You literary did not admit your mistakes for the agenda and try to blame it on someone.
19. Debora Saliego -I did the agenda for the Planning Meeting and I did not change the number for the agenda, that is where the confusing is. The numbering system we had at the Planning Meeting should have moved forward to today's agenda. That's where the confusing is happening. This happens a lot so, you guys.
20. Rita Whitehair -We have read minutes, if there is a mistake, we correct and move on.
21. Debora Saliego -What do you mean move on?
22. Rita Whitehair -You should be able to make correction on here and move on.
23. Debora Saliego -But the numbering of 26 on the agenda is right.
24. Rita Whitehair -We are going by what it says on the agenda today and not by what Laverne Tsosie is saying.
25. Debra Benally -What is wrong with the numbers?
26. Debora Saliego -Beginning of the meeting, Laverne Tsosie showed me the resolution numbers were different and looks like the agenda was revised. It was revise to 26 so, that's where the confusing is happening.
27. Debra Benally -I thought you met the resolution number, it's the last two numbers.
28. Debora Saliego -If you do 25, that would be Fiscal Year 25 not Fiscal Year 26, it looks like it was revised.



29. Laverne Tsosie -My deal is, if you post anything on the website, make sure it's the final approve document and it legalize. Now the two documents, when you open the website and it says Coppermine Chapter meeting agenda. The date says October 12<sup>th</sup> and then you go to the Planning Meeting Minutes the date is October 14<sup>th</sup> and also all the resolution ending is 25 but today's agenda it says 26 again so, they don't match. That was my question from the beginning, what are we actually following and only that. A few days ago, I ask Rohvena Black can you send me the documents for these meetings. The documents she sends me are not the documents that were posted on the website, who double checks to see if they are the correct documents. With the little organization I have, I make sure my secretary checks everything and I have to double check her work too. The one I got from Rohvena was just two pages, but not the same documents.
30. Debora Saliego -Anyone can get documents, as a community member you can ask for any documents.
31. Laverne Tsosie -Also I have questions on the same Planning Meeting. On the meeting agenda there is outline areas, why is section four outline? Or cross-out on financial report by secretary/treasurer? Those are my questions, why are they cross out. When they are cross-out, are we not supposed to talk about it. There are a lot of things that needs correct, you guys are not communicating.
32. Debora Saliego -Delegate Begay told us to meet with Tom Franklin, it was just Kee Black and I that showed up. Yep, just us.
33. Debbie Tsinigine -I have been meeting with Tom Franklin regarding the resolutions, we talked and review the resolutions we have today and we talk over the phone to make sure agenda was done for this Chapter Meeting, I did the agenda for today.
- Debora Saliego did the October 12<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting agenda. We got a called to attend Western Navajo Agency Emergency Meeting in Tonalea. We left, Debora Saliego left and Kee Black was not around. Before we got there, we were told the meeting was over and four resolutions was on their agenda.
  - We did not have a Planning Meeting that was schedule for October 12<sup>th</sup> and was reschedule to October 14<sup>th</sup>. I did not get an email or text for October 14 until Connie called me and told me the meeting was postpone to October 14 at 1:00 PM. It was not confirmed with me because I was over at the Conference Room meeting with the Election Office up to 12:00 by the time we were done, it was 1:00 PM. I came in and the agenda had October 12 at 3:00 PM. There was no updated agenda for October 14 with time (unofficial agenda and Debora said I was 30 minutes late).
  - I was working with Connie, gave her copies of agenda and meeting minutes for October 14 Planning Meeting.
  - The Planning Meeting schedule you are talking about; Meeting was schedule for October 12 but was reschedule to the 14<sup>th</sup> there was no update agenda, had to use the old agenda. We just cross out the date/time and write in the correct information.
  - For the two cross-out on the agenda were removed, that was not discussed. If I was to completely remove them off the agenda, you will ask what happen to those two and why. I left them on there and just cross them out, because it was not discussed.



34. Colleen Mountain -Debora Saliego, it looks like you are not working with your group and that is causing all the confusions. When I went to vote, I saw your photos and I thought each of you have confident enough to do your job. The positions you run for and I thought these people have the confident to fill those positions. And not to hinder one another, because that bingeing and not working together is not going to hurt you guys and it's going to hurt the community. They are here because they elected each and everyone of you, to put you in this position so you can represent them. Oh, I did not do this, not because you are answering calls, when someone is giving you directive to do your job. Just do your job, do it because these people elected you. Stop pointing fingers, just do it because we voted you in. Because if you don't know, reach out and ask for help. I worked in that position before, you are the monkey wrench if you are not willing to do your job, that's the way I see it. It's hard to move forward when someone does not do their job, it's a pain in the neck when the people voted them in and your hands are tied. Because you want to do so much to help the people out there and there is someone who is holding that up. So, stop being the monkey wrench, go with the flow, learn and do your job.
35. Debora Saliego -Thank you Colleen Mountain for your wise words and appreciated it. Going forward, Rohvena Black and Connie Lano now knows that they need to send me the draft before posting.  
**NOTE:** Why is she asking the Administration Staff to send agenda to her before posting, when she made the draft for 10/12/25 and going forward she will draft agenda for the meetings.
36. Connie Lano -I am sorry Chapter Officials cannot interfere with Administration operation and we are under Executive Branch. You're under Legislative Branch. I can help you, collaborate with you but you cannot give me directives.
37. Rita Whitehair -We need to stay with the agenda.
38. Debora Saliego -According to DOJ, we got a respond from DOJ Rogerick Begay said, if there are issues at local level then we can bring it to the community level and as Officials we can do resolutions, we can take actions to make sure we are working out the problems. That's my action to DOJ and they are aware of it and as a Chapter Official, they also do a directive. So, I did that under his guidance, if you have questions contact him. So, going forward, you are right that we need to communicate and work together and we need to continue to work with Tom Franklin, to make sure everything is in order before the meetings. I wrote a note when someone was talking, I wanted to address it. Colleen Mountain is right, it we don't work as team it's hard to get the agenda and anything that you want done, that we need to work on and move forward. Figure a way to work towards a common goal and that's all we can do.  
**NOTE:** Under Title 26, it clearly states; Chapter Officials are prohibited from interfering with Chapter Administration's daily operation.
39. Rita Whitehair -What was your complaint to DOJ?
40. Debora Saliego -It was a complaint by ASC office by Milford Maloney, he sent an email stating that we had a resolution at the Planning Meeting stating that I was asking the community to hold us accountable, all three of us and for you guys to read



Title 26. There are duty and responsibility in the Title 26 on all of us so, I want to honor our due diligence.

- I wrote a resolution, if we don't do any of the action item and we forfeit our stipend for that participle meeting and so Milford Maloney sends that to DOJ and he said, what is going on here. That's when DOJ came back and said, she has every right to do a resolution if there are issues at the local level. So, that's how it came about.
- 41. Laverne Tsosie -That's the resolution that was crossed out, if that was crossed out it should have reason why on your meeting minutes. What she's talking is resolution C0-10-001-25 we talk about this during the Planning Meeting, rather we just say put it under the rug or whatever. It should've been on the Planning Meeting Minutes, it's not on the Planning Meeting Minutes. It should have been on there that it would keep any other community member asking, what was that about and it's not on the Planning Meeting Minutes. If it is crossed out and it should say why it was crossed out.
- 42. Debora Saliego -And at the meeting, the feed back I got was Kee Black needs to step up and Kee needs to do more. We were asked what is he doing, why is he not helping, why is he not stepping up is what you said to me.
- 43. Loren Thomas -Kee, did I say that to you?
- 44. Debora Saliego -I did not say you said that, Loren.
- 45. Loren Thomas -I'm the one, who brought up Kee Black.
- 46. Debora Saliego -There were other people that piggyback off of what you were saying
- 47. Loren Thomas -The only one that said anything was Alex Whitehair. I ask Kee Black, what he was doing besides his job description according to Title 26. But I did not tell Kee to step up and do something.
- 48. Debora Saliego -The feedback I got, what I heard up here is "What is Kee doing." I say ok Kee you need to speak up, his just a quiet hero, you need to run the next meeting and then you know what we do. That came back from DOJ and said "you can't exchange roles" so that was quash.
- 49. Debra Benally -I just a clarification of what happens to the resolutions we voted on today. Before that, the Planning Meeting was all wrong, resolutions for Planning Meeting are different from today's agenda and the confusions. I took my time to come over here and gas money. What is the next step to this? Is this meeting actually valid?
- 50. Debora Saliego -Yes, those numbers now correspond to. Rohvena and Connie, these number correlates to the book you have, right?
- 51. Connie Lano -Yes
- 52. Debora Saliego -They have the log book, that is where the revision happens. It's official, that match what they have.
- 53. Debbie Tsinigine -Tom Franklin, I had a question on the resolutions. When we did the agenda for the Planning Meeting, we did have resolution numbers at the end with year 25 and when I got the resolutions again, it had 26 that was my question. The fiscal year ended September 2025 and the new fiscal year starts October 01, 2026. I asked you that question, I thinking why are we a year ahead. Are our resolutions supposed to continue with 2025? At the Planning Meeting we had 2025 and this

Chapter Meeting it changed to 2026 for new fiscal year, that is what they have documented in their (Administration Office) resolution log. We are doing the right thing using Fiscal Year 2026 for the resolutions, you passed the resolutions and Connie Lano explained to us.

54. Debora Saliego -Looks like Tom Franklin and Debbie Tsinigine worked on it. Kee Black and I were not involved. We did not know they were working on it, that's where we need to work together.
55. Tom Franklin -I will take the blame for it ok, it should be on your report.
56. Laverne Tsosie -I just want to say, even though we did the Planning Meeting with 2025 should be in the minutes that it should be 2026.
57. Tom Franklin -Again, Laverne Tsosie those can be amended at the Planning Meeting next month. Give that recommendation to your secretary today.

**C. Chapter Vice President -Kee Black;**

1. Good evening, talking about the Rural Addressing, just use your name. Who dress up for Halloween, my kids told me to wear orange shirt today and I won the contest.
  - Stanford Fowler talked about his work and told us we just sleep. Being a Vice President, you don't kick back.
  - I took my tractor to Mercinda Spencer's resident to fix her road for three days. She said, her road has to be fix before she gets her trailer and that is a hard work.
  - Yesterday I was out at Valentina Joe's resident fixing her road for three days. She was getting her trailer deliver soon.
  - I was told that we have to use our own money and lot of work to get done. Five hundred stipend we get is what we used. I buy my own vehicle gas and diesel fuel for the tractor.
  - I have a lot of work at home too, thank you for talking about things and we learn things. Everywhere you go, people are in need. I go attend Traditional ceremonies and Peyote ceremonies to help people, I pray for them.
  - I will be out at Valentina's resident again on Monday and Tuesday to work at the gate entrance. Her trailer will be delivering this week.
  - We receive loads of wood, I was there this past Wednesday cleaning the area. Connie said, another load should be delivered soon. Thank you.

**D. Chapter Grazing Official -Stanford Fowler;**

1. Stanford Fowler -Good evening, wake up. It's good that you are talking to your officials and about your concerns. There are a lot of things to learn, like the Policy & Procedures, Title 26, Title 2, Robert Rules of Order, and How to make agenda. We go to training for these too.
  - Permit Holders need to compete your yearly count and branding. If you need it done, I can do that. Just like Kee Black said, we got lots of work to do and I'm always busy.
  - Horse selling is going on now at different location. Time to reduce your livestock, take care of your livestock, water, windmills, and your grazing area.



- Support your Chapter Officials, talk to them and work with them. You will not learn everything in one (1) year, and it takes time. Thank you.
- 2. Phillip Tsinigine -What is the update the money that Permit holders are applying for. I got my information from my son, because he buys insurance for his horses.
- 3. Stanford Fowler -You can apply, that money was allocated through Agricultural Department.
- 4. Phillip Tsinigine -My sister applied for it through Window Rock, later on we found out that they got less, and was not according to the price chart.
- 5. Stanford Fowler -We were told they run out of money back in September and closed their office.
- 6. Julius Nez -Can that be unbranded horse or has to be branded? Do you do round up?
- 7. Stanford Fowler -BIA got shut down, now we are working with Navajo Nation. They have their own schedule. Navajo Nation has their own crew, we Grazing Officials have to help them too. We were supposing to schedule our round-up in August but Navajo Nation told us to hold it and they have their own fundings. We revise our resolution every year in January.
- 8. Julius Nez -The wild horse is not vaccinated and diseases they carry can be passed on. When a horse is in the corral without branding?
- 9. Stanford Fowler -This is why you have to take care of your livestock, get them vaccinated.

**NOTE:** The following individuals did their reports but we loss quorum.

- E. Chapter CLUPC President -Laverne Tsosie
- F. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) -Natalie Tsinnijinnie
- G. Page Unified School District JOM/IEC -April Endishee
- H. TCRHCC Board Member -Leila McCabe
- I. Coconino County Office -Debra Lister

### **VIII. Announcements**

- A. 10/26/25 -Regular Chapter Meeting @ 3:00 PM-DST
- B. 10/29/25 -TCRHCC Mobile Clinic (Fall Vaccine Drive) 9:00AM – 3:00PM
- C. 11/02/25 -Daylight Savings End
- D. 11/03/25 -CLUPC Meeting @ 12:00 PM
- E. 11/04/25 -Coconino Election Day @ 6:00AM – 7:00PM at Coppermine Chapter
- F. 11/09/25 -Planning Report Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- G. 11/11/25 -Coppermine Administration **CLOSED** – Veteran's Day
- H. 11/14/25 -District 1 Grazing Meeting @10:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter
- I. 11/16/25 -Regular Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- J. 11/18/25 -Food Bank @ 12:30 PM
- K. 11/27/25 -Coppermine Administration **CLOSED** – Thanksgiving Day
- L. 11/28/25 -Coppermine Administration **CLOSED** – Navajo Nation Family Day
- J. Pick up FIRE WOOD TAGS (for North Rim Kaibab) at Chapter Admin. Office

**IX. Benediction:** None

**X. Adjournment:** Lost quorum at 5:20 PM, according to Tom Franklin. Meeting was not adjourned with motion, second and vote.

Meeting Minutes comp/subm by Debbie E. Tsingine