

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
Planning/Report Meeting **MINUTES**
February 08, 2026 @ 2:00 PM DST

- I. **Meeting called to order:** By Debora Saliego at 1:56 PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** Evelyn Tsinnijinnie
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:** Agenda was reviewed by Debora Saliego. Amendment request by Debora Saliego to add four (4) resolutions, she will work on it, will be available at Chapter Meeting and add Joann Picho, under VII Presentations.
Motion by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second by: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01
- IV. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Jan. 2026) to be posted at Administration Building:** Debbie E. Tsinigine, Sec/Treas., will read the last meeting minutes (January 2026) at the Regular Chapter Meeting.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** NONE
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Financial Report (January 2026) by Debbie E. Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer:
Will report at the Regular Chapter Meeting.
 - B. **RESOLUTION CO-02-019-26**
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GENEREAL FUND FOR ONE (1) STUDENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 UTILIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 13:6721.
Sponsored by Constance Lano
Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
-Motion for approval with changes from two students to one, and \$1,000 to \$500.00.
 - C. **RESOLUTION CO-02-020-26**
COPPERMINE CHAPTER SUPPORTS AND APPROVES THE NAVAJO NATION, NAVAJO HOPI LAND COMMISSION (NHLC) TO USE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE ESCROW FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$211,126.05 TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS THAT FOSTER A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. SPECIFICALLY, THIRTY (30) RESIDENTS THAT LIVE WITHIN THE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE AREA WILL RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UP TO \$7,000.00 PER HOUSEHOLD.
Sponsored by Floyd Stevens
Motion by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second by: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01
 - D. **RESOLUTION CO-02-021-26**
APPOINTING LAVERNE TSOSIE TO THE COPPERMINE COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLUPC), ALIGNING THE TERM OF OFFICE CONCURRENTLY WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE COMPENSATION.
Sponsored by Laverne Tsosie

Motion by: Kee Black Second by: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01
-Laverne Tsosie request for correction from Appointing to Reappointing.

E. RESOLUTION CO-02-022-26

RECONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLUPC) TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM CONCURRENT WITH THE CURRENT ELECTED CHAPTER OFFICIALS.

Sponsored by Laverne Tsosie

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

F. RESOLUTION CO-02-023-26

IDENTIFYING AND APPROVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITY PROJECTS;

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| 1. FBFA Housing Needs | 4. Housing-power/water/access road |
| 2. Multipurpose Building | 5. Warehouse -tractor/flatbed/truck |
| 3. Echo Cliff Development | 6. N20 -culverts/gravel for turnoff |

Sponsored by Chapter Officials

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

G. RESOLUTION CO-02-024-26

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF \$250.00 TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ALONZO BROWN, UTILIZING THE GENERAL ACTIVITY FUND ACCOUNT 01:6722 FOR FUNERAL EXPENSE

Sponsored by Constance Lano

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

-Motion to approve add-on resolution amendments & forwarded to Chapter Meeting.

VII. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. JoAnn Pichoe -Kids Reading Books
- B. Marissa McCabe, NAU -Under Arizona water for all and water quality testing.
- C. Leila McCabe, TCRHCC Coppermine Board Member -update
- D. Alfred Long, Veterans Organization Commander -update

VIII. COUNCIL DELEGATE/CHAPTER OFFICIALS/CSC/CLUPC/FBFA

- A. Council Delegate - Honorable Helena Nez-Begay; Absent
- B. Chapter President - Debora Saliego;
 - 1. Meeting with Sarah Slim, Executive Director with Navajo Hopi Land Commission on January 22, 2026 in Tuba City on Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA).
 - 2. We have \$211,000.00 since 2008 or 2009 and that need to be used.
 - 3. We (Kee Black, Laverne Tsosie, and myself) did Home Assessment for Bennett Freeze. Two residents refused assistance with Home Repairs or Mobile Home.
 - 4. Some do not have Homesite Lease (HSL), Sarah said HSL is not need.
 - 5. FBFA house materials for \$7,000.00 per household repairs.

6. Allocation of \$10 million, \$3.5 million loan to Twin Arrows (paying back the loan with interests is now at 12 million in the account).
- C. Chapter Vice President - Kee Black;
1. Helena Nez-Begay request Roads Department for assistance to grade the dirt road to Mercinda Shepard's resident to move her Mobile Home, it's been parked at Gap Chapter compound for a month now. Just hoping they move it by this week because the company do not want to be responsible for damage.
 2. We donated money for Calvin Begay last month, I visited him and gave him the money. Thank you for helping him.
 3. Today is Super Bowl, we want to make the meeting short so you can travel home safe before it gets dark and enjoy the game. Take care and be safe on the road.
- D. Chapter Grazing Official - Stanford Fowler;
1. Will do report at Chapter Meeting
- E. Community Service Coordinator (CSC) -Constance Lano; Absent
- F. Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) -Laverne Tsosie;
1. Need correction on Resolution #021- from Appointing to Reappointing as a member and Resolution #022 is for all five (5) members.
 2. We need update from Officials with CIP list, Cemetery, need to review Court Order and update map for Borderline with fencing.
 3. Need to invite Minerals Department for work session, community have questions and need a resolution.
 4. We plan to have our first CLUPC Hearing in March, after that Latasha James will review the book for any changes.
- G. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) -Natalie Tsinnijinnie;
1. It's been years working with Bennett Freeze residents, pushing for them to receive the allocations for repairs or to get new homes.
 2. On December 19, 2025 we met with Sarah Slim, Executive Director for Navajo Hopi Land Commission and I want to continue working directly with Sarah Slim.
 3. Finally, now that Sarah Slim and Otto Tso are aware of our needs and this is number one priority to help our people in the Bennett Freeze. I really want this to go through the process, that all residents in Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) get assisted and I'm so happy, we have been waiting for years, thank you.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Feb. 08 - Planning Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- B. Feb. 11 - Fun Run/Walk Club @ 12:00 PM at Coppermine Chapter
- C. Feb. 11 - TCRHCC Mobile Clinic @ 8:45 AM- 3:30 PM at Monkey Ridge
- D. Feb. 13 - Veteran Meeting @ 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- E. Feb. 15 - Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM (will be discuss)

- F. Feb. 16 - President's Day (Admin. Office is CLOSED)
- G. Feb. 17 - St. Mary Food Bank @ 12:30 PM
- H. Feb. 20 - Traditional Healthy Way Food Preparation Workshop @ 10:00 AM
- I. Feb. 20 - Veteran's Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- J. Feb. 24 - Community Garden Workshop

IX. Benediction: NONE

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Debora Saliego at 2:42 PM.

Prepared by D. Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer