

Regular Chapter Meeting **MINUTES**
March 15, 2026 @ 2:00 PM (DST)

- I. **Meeting called to order:** by Debora Saliego at 2:22 PM
- II. **Invocation by:** Jerry Williams
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:** by Kee Black
 - A. Debora Saliego -any amendment or add report to the agenda.
 - B. Laverne Tsosie -on April 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM, CLUPC's First Public Hearing with Latasha James from Window Rock DCD. I mention that during the staff meeting and apparently it did not get on the agenda. Also, on April 17 is Veteran's Meeting at 3:00 PM.
 - C. Katelyn Jones -She introduced herself in Navajo, from Coppermine area. She is the new Executive Assistance for Western Agency. You will see me a lot here and I am very excited to work with you.
 - D. Debora Saliego -Sarah Slim will not be here today because she is not feeling well. She was not at the Western Navajo Agency Council meeting yesterday too.
A quick announcement from Roberta before we start.
 - E. Roberta Lyons -Introduced herself in Navajo, I'm here for Liver Cancer Project which has been going on in LeChee since 2023. I presented a few times at your chapter. We will be doing the Liver scanning on March 25 to 28, 2026. I will be set up over there, you can get pre-screen or get re-screen but you can only get one payment, fill out the forms and you got a little bit of homework to do. If you have any questions, please come ask.
 - F. Debora Saliego -Liver scan for cancer and other problems. So, they get paid for the scan? You can go over there, she has her own testing going. When you say scan, do they go to LeChee, or are you doing preliminary scan?
 - G. Roberta Lyons -I'm doing pre-screening, so in order to be eligible for the research part of, I will give you the background story. In 2023, NAU and UofA came to LeChee, they went to five different chapters and no Chapter wanted to do research at their facilities so LeChee said yes. They scanned 150 community members in Western Agency, out of the 150 community members, 45% with fatty liver disease so, every other person sitting next to you have fatty liver. If you look at everyone here, we come in different shape and sizes. It doesn't matter how big you are, it's just the fat on your liver so 45% came back with fatty liver disease, 38% came back High Blood Pressure. That High Blood Pressure disease is number one cause of death in United States and in women. We are trying to coordinate this study in depth knowledge on your own body, because it's different for every person and 27% came back with diabetes. So NAU & UofA got more fundings to get equipment where it uses sound waves to do measurements of how much fat on your liver and scars on your liver, one you can reduce and one you can't. In 2023, I had fatty liver, was on pills and in 2024 it drops and I'm no longer on fatty liver but my scar increases from 4.4 to 6.1 and why my scar went up. That is why NAU and UofA wants to give study, to see what's in our food, what's in our culture and what we shouldn't eat.

-We are doing screening and scanning on the 25th to 28th, then every other week and until we come out with 100 scans.

-We still can do scan if you want to know what your liver look like, get results and not be a part of the study. I am certified to do the scan, I will be there on Friday and Saturday. I will be there so much as possible in the area, until we come up with 100 people and I will be your main contact.

-I don't know if I can go over to the chapter house to do scans, as part of the research project and I can come set up.

- H. Kee Black -Stanford Fowler called me today, he really wanted to be here but he said, on his way to Phoenix with his family and his grandson is being deployed. March 18, Wednesday at 9:00am Grazing meeting here at Coppermine, March 19 at 9:00am Grazing meeting at Tuba City BIA Bldg., and March 26 at 8:00am District 1 Grazing meeting here at Coppermine. Please attend especially those with Grazing Permit.
- I. Debora Saliego -Now, with the changes, and number 5 with Reports and Presentations:
- A. Mariessa Fowler & Dr. Lucero Radonic & Diana Calvo of NAU, B. Dr. Jani Ingram & NAU students -NAU. Sarah Slim is not coming and Leila McCabe will do update on Echo Cliff's Clinic. Katelyn Jones is our new OPVP Executive Assistant to Dr. Buu Nygren, Rena Dodson step down & Katelyn is now doing that.
1. One other change I want to discuss is what we talk about during the Planning Meeting. For Resolution B -on my notes, Jessina Turquoise's resolution was tabled twice and she was asking for Arch Clearance assistance, we need to listen to the recording and we will pass the resolution with just two (2) names; we said, Betty Bigman and Freddie Black. So, we decided to move the resolution forward with just the two (2) names. So, when I was looking at the resolution this afternoon, it still has Jessina Turquoise name on the resolution.
 2. So that would be up to you and at the last Planning Meeting we ask them to remove Jessina's name until we do our research and listen to the audio recording. But on my meeting notes, it shows that it was tabled twice and that's how you remember it (to Evelyn Tsinnijinnie).
 3. So, I'm wondering, I don't want to table this whole resolution without, I want to keep Betty and Freddie on, I want to make a modification but we already did it and somehow, it's still on here.
 4. Just letting you know that we are moving forward with what we already approved, just the two names. So, when we are voting on that, it will be just the two (2) names. I'm just telling you, any questions.
 5. So those are the changes made to the agenda. Who will make a motion to accept the new changes. Ok, Laverne motions and Ellie seconds. **0:24:20**

Motion by: Laverne Tsosie Second by: Ellie Tsinnijinnie Vote: 22-01-05

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (Feb.2026) to be posted at Administration Building:

- A. February 2026 Meeting Minutes was read by Debbie E. Tsinigine. **0:31:12**
1. Laverne Tsosie -Correction on Delegate Begay, she was here and did her report.
 2. Debora Saliego -She came late

3. Debbie E. Tsinigine -I marked her absent and came later. es she was here.

4. Debora Saliego -We need a motion, second and vote to accept Debbie's report.

Motion by: Hailei Joe

Second by: Cynthia Slim

Vote: 22-00-06

V. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Dr. Jani Ingram & NAU students -NAU Water Testing (windmills/wells);

1. Dr. Jani Ingram -Introduced herself in Navajo, works in Chemistry Department at NAU. We've been here a few times, my student Justin is handing out some results from doing water testing. Mostly on livestock wells in your area and I have another student, Elliot that did not come today and he also look at some arsenic. It is not a good idea to drink directly from the Livestock Wells (windmills), you probably need to use water filters but it is kind of tricky.

a. Tasha Nez -Introduced herself in Navajo, is set up outside and doing a short survey (fill in the blank & short answers), will give you \$10.00 gift card after survey.

Leila McCabe -Can she (Tasha) explain it in Navajo, your purpose and how it is affecting our community. What is your objective of doing this?

b. Justin (student) results; the report contains data on levels of uranium and arsenic from well water collected on 12-16-2025. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is set by the US and Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency. Contaminant levels **must be below MCL for water to be safe to drink**. Levels of contamination are reported in parts-per-billion (ppb). **Uranium MCL: 30 ppb and Arsenic MCL: 10 ppb, Good News - All values are below the MCL.** If Arsenic reading goes over 11.0 (not good).

Site	Name	Uranium (ppb)	Arsenic (ppb)	Safe?
1K-243	1K-243	0.74	0.821	Yes
1T-240C	Red Mesa Windmill	0.617	0.434	Yes
DB House	Debra Benally's House	0.769	7.157	Yes
1T-518	4 th Windmill	0.415	0.706	Yes
1K-215	Valley Windmill	0.221	1.811	Yes
1T-529	Electric Windmill	0.704	5.545	Yes
1K-203	2 nd Windmill	0.71	3.214	Yes
1A-115	1 st Windmill	1.021	1.98	Yes
1A-25	Lower Ram Pasture	7.576	4.495	Yes
1K-202	Upper Ram Pasture	0.833	2.387	Yes
1A-23	Curly Windmill	0.758	1.165	Yes
Gap Well	Gap Well	2.71	3.38	Yes

- c. Elliot's report is in color-code graph and it contains data on levels of **per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)** from well water in the Coppermine, water was collected in Fall and Winter 2025.

The concentrations of PFAS were much higher in the Fall and decreased sharply in the Winter with a few exceptions.

1. **Well #1T518** -had high levels of a variety of PFAS in the Fall and none detected in the Winter
2. **Well #1K-215** -had the most significant increase from Fall to Winter; from 2.1 ppt to 5779 ppt.
3. **Well #1T-529** -is the only well that showed no PFAS contamination in either sampling cycle.
4. PFAS is associated with many sources in water including fire retardants, plastic containing materials, cosmetics, etc. It is difficult to determine sources without a more in-depth study. PFAS can be toxic at very low levels (part per trillion).

Any questions, contact Jani C. Ingram, PhD at (928)523-7877 or jani.ingram@nau.edu
There were questions, concerns and discussing regarding Dr. Ingram's and her student's report. Flyer of their report was given out.

B. Mariessa Fowler & Dr. Diana Calvo -NAU Water Testing (residents);

1. Mariessa Fowler -Introduce herself in Navajo, originally from west side of Coppermine. I did presentation last month with Dr. Lucero Radonic and today I came with Dr. Diana Calvo. I attended NAU and graduated with Environmental Science. We are doing water testing, I'm bringing my knowledge and education back to this community.
2. Dr. Diana Calvo -Introduce herself, from South America, a Professor at NAU (Environmental Engineer) and we gave out hand-outs. My purpose here is to help Mariessa and the community to make better quality of the water in the nation. We are doing this to have a better understanding of what goes on with household water, because sometimes the quality of water can change. We focus on micro, what do you want to know about your water, we are here trying to make a difference and we can measure for metal. If you have concerns about your water, like change of color and different taste please call us.
3. Debora Saliego -If you want your water test at home, there is a sign-up sheet going around and anymore questions.
4. Hailei Joe -Can you test the water at Maverick Station in Page, major of us haul our water from there.
5. Roberta Lyons -I'm from LeChee, can you test from a well?
6. Dr. Diana Calvo -Yes, we can.
7. Debora Saliego -Thank you Dr. Ingram, this is the first time we got the results, its good thank you and we appreciate it. Oh, they're doing surveys outside and 10.00 gift card to Walmart. Also, sign up for liver scanning and get 25.00 at the end.

WHO WE ARE:

1. Arizona Water for All -is a statewide initiative working to improve water security from many angles, including access, quality, and community knowledge.
2. Our team at Northern Arizona University -specializes in collaborating with the communities to understand water perspectives and co-create water practices and solutions. We do low-cost, community-centered drinking water characterization using physical, chemical, and biological indicators.
3. One of our aims is to support students that want to make a difference in the community. They are guided by Faculty, including Professors Jani Ingram, Lucero Radonic, and Diana Calvo.
4. Last year, we collected samples from livestock and water wells in the Chapter. Building on this work, we are returning to deepen our partnership with the community, not to impose a study, but to **listen, learn, and help**. We are here to do what the community feels is needed.

WHAT WE ARE DOING:

Goal 1: Understand the Community -We would like to learn about how households in the Coppermine Chapter perceive water: its quality, taste, safety, and availability. Your insights and concerns will guide every step of our work.

Goal 2: Assess Water Quality at the Household -Because many families use hauled water, quality can change during transport and storage. We propose a one-point water quality check from household storage units to identify any concerns in that process.

WHAT WILL BE TESTED:

1. General Chemistry -pH, Conductivity, Total Dissolved Solids, Alkalinity, Hardness.
2. Microbial Safety -Total Coliforms, E. coli (rapid R-Card screening)
3. Nutrients -Nitrates (NO₃), Nitrites (NO₂), Sulfates (SO₄²⁻)
4. Metals (if needed) -Arsenic, Lead, Iron (based on community concerns)

WHAT WE ASK OF HOUSEHOLDS:

Participation is 100% voluntary and will take only a short time. We ask for:

1. A brief conversation about your water experience and concerns
2. Permission to collect one small water sample from your storage unit (tank, barrel, or container)
3. No cost, no commitment -just your willingness to participate
Results will be shared back with each participating household and with the Chapter.

STEPS FOR INVOLVEMENT:

1. **Community Presentation (now -March 2026):** We present the project, answer questions, and hear your priorities.
2. **Household Sign-Up (March -April 2026):** Interested households let us know they want to participate (through Chapter or directly with Mariessa Fowler).
3. **Home Visit & Sampling (April -May 2026):** Our team visits each household, listens to concerns, and collects one water sample.
4. **Lab Analysis (April -June 2026):** Samples are analyzed at NAU labs for all agreed-upon parameters.
5. **Results Shared Back (July 2026):** Findings are shared with each household and the Chapter, with plain- language explanations and recommended next steps.

This is a proposal: We are open to testing what matters most to our community. If you have specific concerns or questions about your water, please share them with us.

C. Sarah Slim, Navajo Hopi Land Commission -Absent

Debora Saliego -Sarah is not feeling well and not coming today.

D. Leila McCabe, TCRHCC Board Member;

1. Leila McCabe -It's good to have other department coming in to help us and tell us in English but they need to bring in their interpreters to explain in Navajo too. For our elderly to fully understand what's going on.

- a. They do study but usually no results. I recommend you bring in interpreter to explain in Navajo and half of these people do not understand English. You can come back and help us with water, because water is life. We look forward for you coming out and helping us out with our water.
- b. Also, the lady over here and talking about health. It is very important that they are willing to help us too.
- c. We have a Navajo woman as TCRHCC CEO, we voted for her to continue as our CEO. She gets grants for our needs and knows what our needs are.
- d. Her number one priority is built a new clinic, include Elderly Home Care, Cancer Treatment Center.
- e. To finish Echo Cliff Clinic in September 2026 and will open for treatment.
- f. We are inviting Chapter Officials to meet with us on April 03, 2026.
- g. We recently had a meeting regarding funds to be use for people that has Dementia and Alzheimer. I want to request for a presenter to come here to explain the cause and the programs.
- h. My position as a Board Member will be expiring soon and I'm not reapplying. If anyone is interested, you can apply at Tuba City Hospital HR Department. You have to travel for meetings, trainings, and involve lot of work.
- i. Evelyn Tsinnijinnie -Will Echo Cliff have a facility for Dementia, Alzheimer, Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center. When we were first told about the clinic, I asked for those Treatment Center or facilities.
- j. Leila McCabe -You need to ask for it.
- k. Evelyn Tsinnijinnie -We already request for those. We even need Elderly Home.
- l. Laverne Tsosie -The open date is October 5th or September 5th? LeChee will close after Echo Cliff open?
- m. Leila McCabe -It's September 04, 2026 and closing LeChee Clinic has not been decided yet.
- n. Evelyn Tsinnijinnie -It takes 1 hour & 45 mins to Tuba City for appointments or visit at the hospital. The closest one we can get to is LeChee Clinic and pharmacy, the gas price are going up so that needs to stay open.
- o. Leila McCabe -That been in discussing and there is a resolution.
- p. Laverne Tsosie -Who is the CEO that you guys re-elected?
- q. Leila McCabe -Joetta Walters of Cameron, AZ.
- r. Debora Saliego -How much do they pay you?

- s. Leila McCabe -They are all different because we attend different meetings. It's good pay.
- t. Debora Saliego -What's the pay, I think they like to know.
- u. Leila McCabe -It's good pay, If a meeting was called to make a quick decision and get 275.00 stipend. If it's a conference or something, it's 300.00 but it varies.
- v. Laverne Tso -Do you met once a month or work every day?
- w. Leila McCabe -We attend lots of meeting, seems like every other day.
- x. Roberta Lyons -Can you rely the messages, we tried to contact Dr. Garcia and tell Joetta that we are trying to offer this project to Tuba City.

E. Katelyn Jones, OPVP Executive Assistant for Western Agency;

1. Katelyn Jones -She introduced herself in Navajo, original of West Coppermine, she is the new OPVP Executive Assistant for Buu Nygren and represent Western Agency. I am new to this job, Rena Dodson use to be in this position. I will be around here lot and attending the Western Agency's Chapter meetings (LeChee, Coppermine, Bodaway/Gap, Coalmine, Tuba City, Tolani Lake, Birdsprings, Leupp, etc.) If you see me around just say Hi and don't be scared. If you have any questions, I will try my best to answer and thank you.
2. Debora Saliego -We were supposed to meet with President Nygren and Rena Dodson has been working on that since November of last year. She's new to her position, transition, just learning and will ask questions. We will see if we can get a date with the President.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Individual Community Improvement Program (ICIP) -Update;
1. Debora Saliego -Yesterday, I asked about the Multi-purpose building at Navajo Mountain WNA Council and met with 19 chapters. Multipurpose building for Kaibeto got approve, still talking about Senior Center and Multipurpose building for Coppermine. We put that as one of the top three (3) projects, so we keep pushing it and working with the Delegate. So, we get some kind of assistance for a new building. Do you have anything to add to that Tom Franklin.
 2. Tom Franklin -You guys got the Multipurpose building and Senior Center approved but only getting the Senior Center.
 3. Debora Saliego - We can ask Delegate when she comes for the next meeting and the budget should be approved.
 4. Tom Franklin -We did give the proposal to NN President and he did not sign the proposal.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Financial Report (Feb.2026) by Secretary/Treasurer:
1. Debbie E. Tsinigine -I did not receive the ending balance of February 2026 from ASC office and have nothing to report. I will report both ending balance for February and March 2026 at April Chapter meeting.

2. Debora Saliego -When she gets it from Tuba, will post it on the board and write it down on the white board. We will make sure you guys get the information.
3. Laverne Tsosie -Can I request for the itemized budget for each fund so that way we know which is used and get hold of the policy, so that way we forward some of these resolutions that come up.
4. Debora Saliego -Yes, we will request for that and they do have them at the Administration building. The break down, the itemized budget. But at the next meeting, we will ask them to make copies.
5. Debbie E. Tsinigine -That's what we put on that board over there, the print out goes on that board.
6. Laverne Tsosie -Where is it at?
7. Debbie E. Tsinigine -We did not get it.
8. Debora Saliego -We did not get it from ASC for the month of February and so we will follow up on that.

B. RESOLUTION CO-03-025-26

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 FOR THREE INDIVIDUALS UTILIZING THE HOUSING DISCRETIONARY FUND 09-6721 FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL CLEARANCE.

1. Debora Saliego -Authorizing the Approval of the Financial Assistance in the amount of \$500.00 for Two individuals utilizing the Housing Discretionary Fund 09-6721 for Archeological Clearance.
The two (2) individuals that we will be voting for today are Betty Bigman and Freddie Black for their Arch Clearance at \$250.00 each. Betty, you want to say anything.
2. Laverne Tsosie -Can you clarify the amount again and total.
3. Debora Saliego -It's going to say \$250.00 each, the financial assistance will be \$500.00 for Betty Bigman and Freddie Black.
4. Laverne Tsosie -So, it's \$250.00 and it should say \$750.00 not \$500.00?
5. Debora Saliego -No, remember at the beginning Jessina Turquoise's name was added in and that was questionable.
6. Laverne Tsosie -So, on the resolution it will change.
7. Debora Saliego -Yes, it should have been changed.
8. Laverne Tsosie -Remember what we talked about from the beginning.
9. Betty Bigman -Introduced herself in Navajo, I live here in the area need Arch Clearance for that house. I applied years ago, my papers were lost during Pandemic, now it is going through for approval and thank you for your votes.
10. Freddie Black -I'm building my own house now, need assistance too, I have been asking for a new house but was told cannot built a house in the Bennett Freeze and haven't got a house. I'm here to get assistance and thank you.
11. Debora Saliego -Who wants to make a motion to move this forward for Freddie Black and Betty Bigman.
12. Debora Saliego -Any questions, Debbie Tsinigine said you don't understand.
13. Debbie E. Tsinigine -They did not hear what you said

14. Debora Saliego -Archeological Clearance assistance for Betty Bigman and Freddie Black. Did the voting just now and do you understand.
Motion by: Laverne Tsosie Second by: Anneretta Dove Vote: 28-00-11

C. RESOLUTION CO-03-026-26

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 "HEALTHY DINE NATION ACT" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,725.00.

1. Debora Saliego -Read the resolution, they call this "Unhealthy Food Tax" this is the tax you pay when you go shopping and is collected. Goes to Window Rock and distributed to all 110 chapters. Our chapter got \$25,725.00 and approve that today, so it can get deposit and any questions.
2. Floyd Stevens -It this allocation or is it budgeted.
3. Debora Saliego -It's budgeted and a budget has been created. I will give it to Debbie Tsinigine to explain the finance, finance is her area.
4. Debbie E. Tsinigine -This was brought to our attention months ago and list of how it will be used. Healthy Way butchering class for youth and instructor, Healthy Way community Gardening (4 sessions) 1 session "seeding" was done recently, Four sessions for Sheep Shearing class, Healthy Way food preparation (traditional food) for three sessions, purchase Exercise equipment for Exercise Class, purchase Gardening tools, Healthy Way Walk/Run Club (purchase healthy snacks & drinks), Healthy Way Emergency Preparedness and Training. On the 28th is trash pick-up day (purchase T-Shirts, drinks, food, food utensils, tools, trash bags, gloves, etc.). We will join "Page Attacks" to pick up trash. Instructors will be paid, one might be busy when that day comes and if that happens, community members can help teach. Go to the Administration building to apply.
5. Debora Saliego -Thank you Debbie and any questions.
6. Laverne Tsosie -I think there needs to be a correction, the heading says "Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Healthy Dine Nation Act budget in the amount of \$25,725.00." In order for this resolution to pass, it should say "Authorizing and Adopting, put something to expand it" wording to receive and spend.
7. Debbie E. Tsinigine -We are approving the budget for 2026 and the amount, we are not requesting for funds. The list of how it will be used is already attached (cost).
8. Laverne Tsosie -Oh, the expenditures are attached.
9. Debora Saliego -It's on the second page is the itemized proposed spending.
10. Debbie E. Tsinigine -That is added to our budget, on the print out.
11. Debora Saliego -Debbie said, it's already on the print out but really who looks at that page by page, nobody does so we will need to get copies for the next meeting and you guys need to see it.
12. Laverne Tsosie -We need the break down
13. Tom Franklin -Use your projector
14. Debbie E. Tsinigine -That's too many copies, need to use the projector.
15. Debora Saliego -We can use the screen at our next meeting and we will have Debbie go over it on the screen. Now we vote and move forward.

Motion by: Cynthia Slim Second by: Wynette Hammond Vote: 22-00-17

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

- A. Council Delegate -Honorable Helena Nez-Begay-Absent /Tom Franklin, LDA;
1. Tom Franklin, LDA -I left Kaibeto at 2:00 because no one showed up for our meeting. Delegate Begay has a busy schedule and told me, she's unable to come to the meeting. I cannot be here at every meeting because we have our meetings on Sunday too at Kaibeto.
 - a. Multipurpose building -We made a packet for Coppermine, Kaibeto, and Gap, gave it to President Nygren and did not sign them. Your resolution was attached with the packet along with expenditure plan.
 - b. Senior Center -Delegate called me, a legislation has been passed. Ask me to put a packet together with a dollar sign and sent it to me, which I did for Bodaway, Coppermine, Kaibeto and Tonalea. All had plans, designs, construction was attached. LeChee just needs renovation. Coppermine Center will be in the Chapter compound, which already has water, sewer, and power "it's in pre-construction phase." For Coppermine, online vital meeting on the 17th with Chapter Coordinator to go over the plan and update.
 - c. Delegates will be going into a Special meeting for budget, Delegate will get 84 million for roads and our Delegate will get 3.5 million for roads improvement (N21 to Kaibeto). Still need President's signature.
 - d. CHID Homes -were delivered to resident, giving house keys to home owners, we had a hard time moving one and took us weeks.
 - e. Veterans -We three Veterans to receive homes too, one has real soft sand roads that needs attention. We will continue to work with them.
 - f. Two weeks ago, Delegate Begay took a trip to Phoenix to testify regarding the Water-Rights. Delegate and I had a very busy month meeting with people regarding the water.
 - g. Tomorrow we will attend CDBG meeting in Window Rock, Gaming meeting, Special Council Session on Thursday and other last minute meetings.
 2. Laverne Tsosie -What type of homes are Veterans getting?
 3. Tom Franklin -I think it's the nice trailers Veterans are getting.
 4. Debora Saliego -For Multipurpose homes, President Buu did not sign the papers for all chapters?
 5. Tom Franklin -Hopefully, he signs it if I take him again.
 6. Debora Saliego -Should that go to the floor at the Legislation? Or an Executive Order?
 7. Tom Franklin -President signs it, there are allocation available.
- B. Chapter President -Debora Saliego;
1. Debora Saliego -We had a meeting yesterday at Navajo Mountain. The Navajo Tribe ARPA funds received about 2 billion in 2022, and 3 hundred & 50 million is how much is left to be spend. No plans of how it will be used yet. They wanted to use it for Hardship. Shondiin Parrish said, they look into it and find out it cannot be spent for Hardship. Will look into of how it can be spent.

- a. Navajo Nation wide wage is 10.24 p/h, Tuba City motel is at 9.00 p/h and maids at 7.00 p/h, lot of them are single moms. They want to increase minimum wage to 14.25, legislation will go to the floor with the Delegates.
 - b. If you go to Navajo Nation Job website, have lots and lots of opening. Minimum wage is too low and people do not want to apply. Increase wage due to cost of gas. Increase Child Support payments, did not much information and still being discuss with the attorneys.
 - c. Waterline Project; Late Harry Begay's house to First Windmill (has money), from First windmill to the clinic (has money). From First Windmill out to third windmill, they are still talking about the money.
 - d. If you haven't gotten help with Septic Tank, Connie Lano (CSC) said to come in to apply and fill out application. Kee Black will talk about Rural Addressing.
 - e. Wilford Lane resigned from CLUPC. Looking for IEC Liaison for Page school -they want a parent or grandparent. Two Peacemakers resigned too.
2. Debbie E. Tsinigine- one Traditional & one Faith Base.
 3. Debora Saliego -It should be whoever is interest. I don't think religion is a preference, Debbie said one Traditional and one Faith Base, said this would be good and I think as long as you're interested.
 - f. About (14) Uranium Mine transportation was stopped due to low tires and bad brakes. They are going to review the safety measure, not to haul after 5:00 PM.
 - g. We had our community meeting at Kaibeto on Wednesday, new Data Center wants to use our water, we disagreed and passed a resolution. Thursday, we had a meeting with Water Treatment at LeChee and will happen in two years. City of Page Mayor said no to Water Treatment. I told them there is only Page water and Navajo Nation water. They told us to look into NN water but we need to make sure they don't use our water.
 - h. The 1.7 million for trailers, Connie and Rohvena finish home assessments and will get resolution ready for approval with names soon. We got to move on it before October.
 - i. Bodaway/Gap will be in District 4 with Tuba City, Cameron after the election, now they are in District 1.
 - j. Emmanuel Charley of Natural Resource, wants to talk about Biological clearance, Archeological clearance, weatherization, ARPA funds, and everything that has to do with Homesite Lease. Training for officials on April 28-29, 2026 at Twin Arrows. We will report in May 2026.
 4. Floyd Stevens -What's the status of the ARPA funds, previous administration list was dump truck, trailer, cemetery, etc., what is going on with that? Do we leave it to the Navajo Nation to get the equipment for us or the chapter has purchase them, already have budget, estimates and deadline is in December.
 5. Debora Saliego -We passed a resolution for to transfer all that money, to purchase Mobile Homes with 1.7 million, so all those projects are not there. So, the community voted to purchasing homes, so everything has been transferred to purchasing new homes. The community has been talking to the Delegate, asking how come LeChee and Bodaway are getting homes, why not us. There were enough

people and enough influence for her to consider it and that when we came up with a resolution and was passed.

6. Floyd Stevens -What was the amount then?
7. Debora Saliego – 1.7 million for about 18 homes.
8. Eveyln Tsinnijinnie -I have a free stove and refrigerator, where can I take it? I ask LeChee, they told me to go back to Coppermine and they should have an answer for you there, that's what I was told. So, where can we take them?
9. Debora Saliego -The only place they will take them is in Flagstaff, that is considered a household waste, they have to take antifreeze out of the refrigerator and sometimes take appliance apart. But I don't know if they charge.
10. Wynette Hammond -I take my refrigerator to Tuba City when can't take it. It is called "Cloud-9 Recycle" on 143 Navajo Blvd. in Tuba City, close to the new Senior Citizen. His gate is always open and you can drive in for drop off.

C. Chapter Vice President -Kee Black;

1. Kee Black -A family member took two appliances to Page, and it costed them \$300.00.
 - a. On the south of First Windmill, there is a leak down there and water is coming to the top. On Friday, I stopped at Water Resource Office and talk with Ronald Hardy. He said, they use to check all windmills which they don't these days and people do not report those, and it was a good thing I'm reporting it. I took some pictures and gave it to him. His will check on Monday or Tuesday.
 - b. Talking about trash in Tuba, I read that in Navajo Times and they want to ban together to pay for it, I think they are the only one paying for it. It is free to us now and probably start paying for it soon. They want other chapters to help out with funds.
 - c. We have been in the meetings all week; Wednesday at Kaibeto, Thursday CLUPC meeting was cancelled, Friday was my day off and yesterday we were in Navajo Nation. We've heard reports from Lena Fowler, the Fire from the Sheriff's, Delegate reports, Reports from different department and so much information.
 - d. Rural Addressing -I think we have to go to class, if we want to do rural addressing and we just use your name at your turn off or your Navajo name. Thank you for the food, I'm learning from all of you and I will continue to help out.
2. Debra Benally -I was asked to help CSC, Connie for Clean Initiative trash pick-up day on the 28th, on Friday when I stopped by, she informed me that, they all will not be available on the 28th, they said they were going to talk to you Chapter Officials and for Kee Black to take the reins on this project they put together. Also, they need people to clean, provide food, make soup, and only 100 shirts available. Come in early to sign-in if you want a shirt. I'm not entirely sure how this will be done or they might just cancel it.
3. Debora Saliego -This is the first time I'm hearing about this.
4. Debra Benally -The shirts yellow and nice, here is a sample and wish my phone was larger.

5. Debora Saliego -We're happy to help but this is the responsibility of the Community Service Coordinator, it's even in the title. So, they are there to organize those events but we are happy to help and this is the first we heard. I don't think it's a good idea to cancel it, but we will reach out to them and figure it out, we will work together on it.
 6. Anneretta Dove -There is an Easter Hunt Event that day, it's a big gathering and a lot of people go there. Is it possible to reschedule? That's at 10:00 AM.
 7. Debora Saliego -We will reschedule and put it on the website.
- Other questions and concerns continue with long discussion.

D. Chapter Grazing Official -Stanford Fowler -Absent

E. Community Service Coordinator -Constance Lano -Absent

F. Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) -Laverne Tsosie;

1. I'm Laverne Tsosie and I'm the CLUPC President. We got a resignation letter from Wilfred Lane, no longer part of our CLUPC.
 - a. Resolution CO-02-021-26 was passed last month, was signed by the officials and we are waiting for Administration to get the document back to us.
 - b. Echo Cliff and Western Pipeline, on there it says Bodaway/Gap Chapter on their resolution and I don't know how they operate all those years. Bodaway is not within the chapter boundary, it says Coppermine Chapter but it says Bodaway Clinic. Does not make sense and right when we are trying to introduce into our CLUPC book.
Milepost 5, Western Pipeline also says Bodaway Chapter, does not make sense. I don't know how all these passes and why these names were never changed.
 - c. This is our draft of what we completed, there are many difficult steps and this is part of the steps to get chapter certified. Latasha James came out and look at the book, said we are not ready yet. Reviewed grammars, lots of misspell words, went according to the steps. Our meeting with Latasha James on Friday was cancelled, due to eight (8) hour NN leave for the games. April 11 at 10:00 AM, we are meeting with LaTasha James and I want everyone to come.
 - d. Receive new business proposal from Simmone Richardson and in the process.
 - e. Solar Field going up around 6211 road and we don't have the location
 - f. Ongoing Water Testing from the Chapter House to Highway 89
 - g. Rural Addressing -there are so stages to this, did 253 houses with GPS, 91 reference point, and 150 homes did not get GPS (gate lock, no trespassing signs). Goes to Santa Fe for approval, goes to Post Office, supply delivery (road signs, labels) and everything will be labeled by numbers.
 - h. Commander Alfred Long stepped down, names for new Commander are Alex Whitehair, Evan Scott Jr., and myself and whenever one gets voted in next month.
 - i. Correction -Cynthia Slim received the resolution CO-02-021-26 and need print out.
2. Kee Black -I forgot to report this, I found a white male by the Trading Post turn off, his car got stuck in the sand and he cut the wires. Told him to fix it and he can cause an accident.

3. Debbie E. Tsinigine -Laverne Tsosie's question "Why Echo Cliff resolution says Bodaway Gap?" This came up months ago and I explained. That project was Bodaway Gap, that is why resolution has Bodaway Gap and got funds for the project. They couldn't find a land for the clinic and gave it to Coppermine instead, because of open areas. At the same time, they find the land for the school and could not find one for Veterans Clinic.
4. Laverne Tsosie -April 6th at 10:00 AM is our next CLUPC meeting, and inviting ETD, Chicana Mining Company Minerals Department. Please come because this is a very important meeting.
5. Viola Manson -I am so happy to be here and I just wanted to introduce myself. My parents were the Late Edward & Alice Manson, and I the eldest of my siblings. I ate delicious food, observe your meeting, your leader are planning and there are a lot of you here. I use to know all the elders from here, do not know the younger generations. I lived and worked in Shonto for 40 years, moved back to LeChee recently. I'm so proud of you all and your leaders speak their Navajo Language. My father was the former Coppermine Council Delegate for 12 years and my mother was the former Coppermine Grazing Official. Thank you everyone and Chapter Officials.
6. Wynette Hammond -Danny P. called me and he said, he can install FREE smoke alarms at all homes here in Coppermine or he get bring volunteers and can out there to residents. He did that in Kayenta.
7. Laverne Tsosie -I also want to mention, I was kind of iffy on Fund Code 9, Debbie rely that back to Connie. Fund Code 9 is for Housing, but on the website, it says Fund 10, maybe make the update information.
8. Debora Saliego -Don't leave, we have door prize to give away.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: (We are back on Daylight Savings Time)

- A. Mar. 15 -Regular Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- B. Mar. 17 -St. Mary's Food Bank @ 12:30 PM
- C. Mar. 18 -Grazing Meeting @ 8:00 AM -2:00 PM
- D. Mar. 19 -WNA Grazing Meeting @ 9:00 AM at Tuba City BIA Building
- E. Mar. 26 -District 1 Grazing Meeting @8:00 AM at Coppermine
- F. Mar. 28 -Clean Community Initiative (trash pickup) - Cancelled
- G. Mar. 2026 -Tuba City Navajo Land Dept. (for Homesite Lease) -CLOSE for 2 weeks.
- H. Apr. 06 -CLUPC @ 10:00 AM
- I. Apr. 11 -CLUPC's 1st Public Hearing w/Latasha James @10:00 AM
- J. Apr. 17 -Veteran's Meeting @ 3:00 PM

X. Benediction: None

XI. Adjournment: Adjourned by Debora Saliego at 5:43 PM.

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