

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
Planning Report Meeting MINUTES
April 12, 2026 @ 2:00 PM (DST)

- I. **Meeting called to order:** Meeting was called to order by Debora Saliego at 2:11 PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** Laverne Tsosie
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:** Reviewed agenda by Debbie E. Tsinigine.
 1. Debora Saliego -Thank you Debbie, any add-on.
 2. Loren Thomas -Would like to be added to the agenda to report on Solar Plant Development and Copper Mining. At our community's request to do petitions, who oppose any construction and development can sign petitions.
 3. Debora Saliego -Loren, Do you want to do that in a resolution or report?
 4. Loren Thomas -We want to do it as petition, petition will circulate for signatures and Chicana Company will be coming back with a resolution next month. If they come up with their resolution and we will have our petitions to say this is how many people are against the mining and solar.
 5. Linda Long -Will do resolutions to go along with the petitions.
 6. Loren Thomas -Yes, resolutions will be attached.
 7. Debora Saliego -Ok, Do you want us to add that resolution to the meeting?
 8. Laverne Tsosie -Having a resolution with the rest of the document would be great.
 9. Linda Long -We will all that at the Chapter Meeting to presented to the people. We just want to get on the agenda now so that can be forwarded to the Chapter Meeting. That's what we want for our people and that's what they want.
 10. Debora Saliego -So, there will be two (2) resolutions. Once we get those resolutions, those will be (D) and (E) on the next agenda.
 11. Loren Thomas -We want to get signatures and two weeks is not enough time. We need to let people know. Linda, are you ready to do the resolution?
 12. Linda Long -Yes, we got 52 signatures, resolution is in process and 16 permittees.
 13. Loren Thomas -She's several steps ahead of us and we are just starting the draft.
 14. Debora Saliego -So, are you going to combine your petitions?
 15. Loren Thomas -No, we will do our report and they can do their resolution.
 16. Debora Saliego -At some point we probably have to include your signatures as an exhibit to her resolution.
 17. Linda Long -That's how we want it, we are almost done with our resolution and if its finish to our expectation, that will be included and if not, that will come later. Because the policy has to go through here again and have a public hearing. We want everyone's input and after the Public Hearing, we know what's going to happen because we were already informed of the steps. People don't want solar and mining.
 18. Debora Saliego -So, we will do (D) as the Solar Resolution and (E) for Copper Mining.
 19. Loren Thomas -Are we moving forward as a resolution?
 20. Debora Saliego -Lynn (Linda Long) said, she will be ready with her resolution.
 21. Loren Thomas -Ok, we will do solar as report.
 22. Linda Long -So, you want this resolution to cover solar and mining?

23. Debora Saliego -No, there will be two (2) separate resolutions.
24. Linda Long -Ok, that was confusing.
25. Debora Saliego -That's why I said, D. will be solar and E. will be copper mining.
26. Debora Saliego -And you (Loren Thomas) want to be added as report.
27. Loren Thomas -Yes
28. Debora Saliego -We will add you (Loren T.) as E. to Reports & Presentations.
29. Debora Saliego -So, any other resolutions or amendments.
30. Laverne Tsosie -The only thing I have is May 2nd, next CLUPC meeting at 10:00 AM.
31. Debora Saliego -Roberta Lyons, you want to be added to the agenda?
32. Roberta Lyons -Yes
33. Wynette Hammond -We need to add that guy who wants to do free smoke alarm.
34. Debora Saliego -Is he willing to come to the next meeting?
35. Wynette Hammond -I text him, I haven't gotten a reply back from him. His name is Denny Preisser, with American Red Cross and install FREE Smoke Alarms. He installed free alarms for Kayenta residents. He wants to get volunteers to help install the alarms.
36. Debora Saliego -We will put him on (G) under Reports & Presentations. Any other amendments?
37. Debora Saliego -I will read the agenda over again with the changes.

Amendments are as follow;

- IV. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS: (C). Jerry Williams, Solar Project @ old Page NGS, (D). Kenny Watchman, Window Rock NDOT, (E). Loren Thomas, Solar Plant/Copper Mining, (F). Roberta Lyons, Fatty Liver Study, (G). Denny Preisser, American Red Cross.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: (D). Resolution #CO-04-028-26: Opposing Solar Plant
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: (C). April 15 -add 10:00 AM, Add (K). May 04 -CLUPC Meeting @10:00 AM.
38. Loren Thomas -I'm doing report today and my resolution will be for next month.
40. Debora Saliego -Ok, this is how I understood it. Lynn (Linda Long) said, she will have two (2) resolutions ready, right.
41. Linda Long -That's what you wanted, I ask if you want us to make two resolutions. Loren said, no that it's better to have two separate resolutions.
42. Debora Saliego -Ok, (D). will be a Resolution Opposing Solar.
43. Laverne Tsosie -His not ready yet, just doing a report for now. We are doing Resolution for Coppermine Opposing.
44. Loren Thomas -Correction will be (E). on Reports to inform you as our officials that we are starting a petition also informing the community for the Mining. So next month we do Solar, for (C). Reports are for Mining and Solar. Under New Business: (D). will be for Solar Fields will be moving forward with a resolution.
45. Debora Saliego -What about the Mining?
46. Loren Thomas -Mining will be next month in May.
47. Debora Saliego -So, (D) remains Solar resolution and there is no (E), but Loren is going to do a report in (E), his going to do under IV. Reports/Presentation under (E) Loren

will do reports. Ok, let me re-read the resolutions so we are right, (A) Approving Connie's resolution the Special Revenue Fund, (D) Solar resolution, the resolution will be Opposing Solar Project.

48. Linda Long -That's on (B)?
49. Debora Saliego -That's on (D).
50. Linda Long -You said something about someone Kenny?
51. Debora Saliego -Oh, this is new business resolution for next month. (C) is for Connie's resolution and (D) is for Solar resolution.
52. Debbie Tsinigine -Go down to the New Business.
53. Debora Saliego -On six (VI) New Business, (C) is for Connie's resolution and (D) is for Solar resolution, that you will bring.
54. Linda Long -I was confused when you were talking about Reports & Presentation, I thought that's where it was going so I didn't know it was going under New Business.
55. Debora Saliego -Because it's a resolution, it will go under New Business. Anything else guys, before we move forward.
56. Debbie Tsinigine -Connie, is Kenny still coming on the 26th, because our Trash pick-up is the 18th and will be here after our trash pick-up.
57. Constance "Connie" Lano -His supposed to be here today
58. Debora Saliego -So, Kenny is just for today and hopefully he shows today.
59. Loren Thomas -If he shows up, can we add him somewhere for his update.
60. Debora Saliego -We will get his report when he gets here. I need a motion.
61. Laverne Tsosie -Before approving the agenda, do we need to get the resolution and get a resolution number, so it can be revised on the Planning Meeting minutes.
62. Debbie Tsinigine -It's 027 because the other one that we have is, oh it's 028.
63. Laverne Tsosie -So, we just follow the other one 027.
64. Debora Saliego -Is that correct Connie?
65. Constance Lano -It will be CO-04-028-26.
66. Debora Saliego -Connie has a book that correlates our resolution numbers with the resolutions. It's best to have, ask her before we give it a number. She said, the number for our Solar resolution is CO-04-028-26.

Read and review agenda again after amendments for Agenda Approval.

Motion: Kee Black

Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine

Vote: 02-00-01

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Ray Daw, Coconino County Election Office -Absent
- B. Leila McCabe, TCRHCC Board Member -Absent
- C. Jerry Williams, Solar Project @ old Page NGS -Absent
- D. Kenny Watchman, Window Rock NDOT -Absent
- E. Loren Thomas, Solar Plant/Copper Mining;
 1. We started a petition, disapproving and opposing Solar Plant Farm Development of Highway 89, mile post 229-240 (west side of Chapter). They want to withdraw the land to install Solar Panels for electricity. Linda Long and others have petition to collect names who disagree with the Solar Panels because they have livestock with

Grazing Permits and to protect Bald eagles (1940 Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act), Birds (1918 Treaty Act), etc. We can stop any development to protect the birds. We are just letting everyone know what we are doing.

2. About the Copper Mining -I was told copper was found in the area of Alice Hudson's resident, near Rock Springs. We are grazing in the area, they went up there without telling us and we did not agree to testing. When they came to visit, told us if we agree, they would come and sign our names, but no one came. One day we came home and our sheep was not in the corral. I started looking for the sheep, I came across Lola Smith and a white male doing soil testing near the tower. I ask him why no one came to our resident, we all use and share the land in this area. Therefore, not only one can say yes and all of us have to agree. They already lied to us and to others. Now we are doing the petition and I will read it - The Petition is to stop further mining advancement at Copper Mesa Project currently being pursued by Chacana Mining Essential Minerals and EDT Incorporated, Coppermine, Arizona.

F. Roberta Lyons, Fatty Liver Study;

1. No research was done on any tribes, we are the first tribe to get Liver Scan since 2023 under NAU and we have about 109 spots left for scans.
2. Fatty Liver or Liver cancer can come from food, vitamins, medication, etc. The results will show how much fat you have and how much scars you have. You do not eat three (3) hours prior to scanning and you will receive \$25.00 gift card.
3. We started Walking & Running Club with Coppermine Chapter recently. We have another one schedule for this month, so please come. Also need an artist for our posters and whoever is selected will receive 500.00.
4. We have funding available for incentives, walking cane, shoes, food, etc.

G. Denny Preisser, American Red Cross (free smoke alarm) -Absent

V. OLD BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes (MAR.2026) & posted at Administration Building:
-March 2026 Meeting Minutes will be forwarded to Regular Chapter Meeting.
- B. Financial Report (MAR.2026) by Secretary/Treasurer:
-March 2026 Financial Report will be forwarded to Regular Chapter Meeting.

C. RESOLUTION CO-04-027-26:

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 "SPECIAL REV FUND-INTERNAL TAX SALES" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,518.00.

1. Constance Lano -Sales Tax Fund for \$59,581.00, look at the back of your agenda.
 - a. This is Fund 23, this is our carry-over budget. In the BIM, it can only be used for three things; Infrastructure, Economic Development, and other Government purposes for the chapter's utility bills (power, water, propane) that's what we spend the money on.

- b. Next Page -this is last year's Tax break down, it was \$45,058.00 and we got a little bit more money this year because our Registered Voters went up. This is what the new officials approved when they just came in.
 - c. This year's Sales Tax, we got \$59,518.00 and we had a meeting with the Officials. We put \$50,000.00 towards purchasing a new Administration Building. Will put into Fund: 23, Code: 6806 and Title: Buildings, balance of \$63,145.84 and add \$50,000. 00 to that account so we can purchase the building. Because all the heaters, AC's, shower do not work. The balance of \$9,518.00 will be distribute between the utility bills, enough money for the year. **57:17**
 - d. The last page -Fund 40 (was call Junky Food Tax, Unhealthy Food Tax, was change to Healthy Dine Nation Act). We have \$25,700.00 pass with a resolution #CO-03-026-26. With Unhealthy Food Tax -Community Garden; 1 event happen and purchase supplies/seeds (3 more classes left). Traditional Food; had 1 event (2 more left) and want to do the other class with Summer Youth. Fun Walk/Run; every Wednesday. Youth Butchering (2 events) for June and July. Clean Community Initiative (2 events) trash pick-up is coming up on the 18th Saturday.
- Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

D. RESOLUTION CO-04-028-26:

PETITION TO HALT SOLAR PLANT FARM DEVELOPMENT OFF HIGHWAY 89, MILE POST 529-540, COPPERMINE, ARIZONA.

- 1. Will be forward to Regular Chapter Meeting and Linda Long will provide the resolution. Also, Petition will be available for signatures.

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

VII. COUNCIL DELEGATE/CHAPTER OFFICIALS/GRAZING/CSC/CLUPC/FBFA:

- A. Council Delegate - Honorable Helena Nez-Begay -Absent
- B. Chapter President - Debora Saliego;
 - 1. Kee and I, attended DOJ meeting last week at Tonalea Chapter. Option A and B will be voted by the Council Delegate during Summer Session.
 - 2. Option A; Plan to Certify all chapters so we can use our funds.
 - 3. Option B; Stays the same and add legislation for Bulling. Title 26 covers Officials and Administration Staff. Code of Conduct -none for the community. Pilot Project- haven't select a site, maybe Tuba City so when employee gets hired, they don't need to travel to Window Rock to process application and sometimes they are closed. Chapter Borderline -DOJ said, that is a Hot Topic. New Amendment - Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and community can request for Emergency and community will define their emergency. There were more questions and discuss regarding people living in Coppermine but are registered with LeChee Chapter.
- C. Chapter Vice President - Kee Black;
 - 1. On the 18th. is Trash pick-up day and everyone need to help. Pickup your trash bags and gloves at the Administration Building.

2. Assignments; Rohvena Black milepost 5-9, Debora Saliego milepost 9-13, Laverne Tsosie milepost 13-17, Debbie Tsinigine milepost 17-21, Loren Thomas milepost 21-25, and Roger Smith milepost 25-30. Safety first, wear yellow vest, cap, have water with you.
- D. Chapter Grazing Official - Stanford Fowler -will do report at Chapter Meeting.
- E. Community Service Coordinator (CSC) -Constance Lano;
1. Trash pick-up starts at 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon).
 2. Bring your trash with you and put it in the trash dumpster outside.
 3. We will butcher sheep for the event. Mutton, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs for lunch.
 4. Supplies will be available here at the Chapter. Stay five (5) feet away from the highway, face the oncoming traffic and watch out for snakes. No kids under 12 years of age allowed.
 5. We have 14 Diabetes classes for the month of May to July 2026 as follow;
May 7 -Chair exercise, May 12 -Chair exercise, May 27 -Food Demo, June 3 -Juniper Ash Demo, June 4 -Food, June 11 -Corn Mush, June 17 -Walk/Run, June 23 -Knead Down bread, July 9 -Juniper Ash, July 23 -Knead Down bread, etc., will be posted.
More questions and concerns were discussed.
- F. Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) -Laverne Tsosie;
1. We had our First (1st) Public Hearing on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 am.
 2. June 10, 2026 will be the end of our 60 days comment period. This is your book, if you are not happy with something, to delete or insert. We need your input and welcome to attend the meetings.
 2. We had about 50 people attend the Public Hearing and thank you for the food.
 3. As of April 06, we had 13 CLUPC meetings. I send a link to Connie, you can get your own copies of the book and Connie charges .30 cents per page.
 4. I will give more report at the Chapter meeting.
More questions and concerns were discussed.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Daylight Light Savings Time (DST)

- A. Apr. 12 -Planning Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- B. Apr. 15-May 15 -Accepting 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program Applications
- C. Apr. 15 -District 1 Grazing Meeting @ 10:00 AM at LeChee Chapter
- D. Apr. 16 -Western Agency Grazing Meeting @ AM at Tuba City BIA Building
- E. Apr. 17 -Veterans Meeting @ 3:00 PM
- F. Apr. 18 -Clean Community Initiative Day "Trash Pickup" @ 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
- G. Apr. 21 -Western Agency Veteran Commander Mtg @ 10:00 AM at Coppermine
- H. Apr. 22 -Korean Culture Day @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Coppermine
- I. Apr. 22 -Page School District "Chapter Forum" @ 10:00 AM (MST) at Board Mtg. Room
- J. Apr. 24 -Housing Improvement Program (HIP) @ 10:00 AM -2:00 PM at Coppermine
- K. Apr. 26 -Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- L. May 04 -CLUPC Meeting @ 10:00 AM

IX. Benediction: None

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Debora Saliego at 4:35 PM.

Prepared & Completed by D. Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer (042226)