

**Chair- Laverne Tsosie**  
**Member- Anneretta Dove**

**Vice Chair- Debra Benally**

**Secretary/ Treasurer - Cynthia Slim**  
**Member- Sheryse Burns**

## **COPPERMINE CHAPTER CLUPC MEETING**

SUNDAY JULY 05, 2026 @ 10am @ COPPERMINE CHAPTER HOUSE

1. Meeting called to order: Chair person called meeting to order at 10:25am.
2. Invocation: Cynthia Slim
3. Recognize Guests: Vice President Chapter Kee Black
4. Review and approve last meeting minutes of June 15, 2026 by Chairperson  
 Laverne Tsosie  
 1st motion: Cynthia Slim  
 2nd motion: Debra Benally  
 Votes: Yes: 2 No: 0 Abstained: 2
5. Approval of Agenda: Chair person motion to leave agenda  
 1st motion: Cynthia Slim  
 2nd motion: Debra Benally  
 Votes: Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstained: 1
6. Reports:
  - a. Chairperson Laverne Tsosie: Family burial Plots. I found the picture of Calvin's family plot coordinates. We will go through it. And, my printer took a dump. No printer for awhile. I'm looking for a new printer. Looking at the meeting minutes. I'm going to assign you sections. You're going to start looking at that and make corrections as needed. According to Latasha we don't have to have the requirements in order. As long as we have those sections in the book. We can put it in a different order again. Her suggestion was print them all out and poy each section out on the table and we go through it. Make sure where things are going to be added. I think with the family plots, it might go under open space. And, Kee you're going to look into NDOT and BIA. When, I got sick from h-pylori and they schooled me on it. We are placed 3rd for water h-pylori. From all the water we drink. A lot of our people get stomach cancer. Also, we went to a meeting and got a spead sheet of all the water lines and who is getting septic, water lines in homes. They have so much money. They dont know how to start the projects with all the money. It seems like Helena Nez Begay is making her project a priority. The project is Horse Thief water project. Its the water line from Lechee and Kaibeto. She is shifting all projects and making hers a priority. And,

the 5th windmill, milepost 5 that was done they are shifting it to the Elementary school and the dirt road towards Tonalea. None of our residents are getting water except for two homes. Why is all our water going to Cameron and Tonalea. We need to keep our own water and give it to our residents. Deborah said she will fight that one because we need it. Also, they didn't have any timelines for the projects that needed to be done. Some of the projects were dated back from 2017. One of the guys was leaving and we don't know who is taking over the projects. It should be handed over to the next person. So, when I leave this position that's what I'm going to do. Here is this is what we were working on.

~Kee: They're telling me that the school has to tell BIA or NDOT. That's what I was told. We had a meeting on Friday. And, Sid Whitehair called and said that road 6220 needs to be graded. Anyway, we had 3 miles. We left from here to look. NDOT's limited to 15 miles per chapter. The other one was Loren's resolution, He said he was going to submit another resolution.. That one is to umbrella the other resolution for the solar and mining.

~Debra: The reason why they pushed it more was because more houses are being delivered. So, a total of 3 houses was supposed to be delivered out there.

~Laverne: We do need to look at the resolution. Resolution # CO- 03-1922

~Debra: NDOT already came and talked about this. The old road that was right here they said to take, so the 15 miles included grading from that Y all the up to the trading post and then right here where it crosses the trading post the sandy area that way to where BIA or whoever takes care of. Up to a certain point. Only 2 miles the Navajo Nation takes care of and Coconino takes care of the rest. So, this one and there's that section right here by the turn off by the old Y. They removed that one That's gotten taken off. There's another section I don't remember which one it was. That section they removed that one as well. They tried to compensate for the 3 miles. This one was 9. Something miles. That's why that's being graded. But, we weren't using all the 15 miles. The other mileage just came in to add in the 3 miles right there. The bus makes a big circle on NR 6210 from US 89 to Coppermine Road. Subtract the 2 miles and carry to 6200. That's taking way from bus route.

~Laverne: NR6226 .5 miles remain, NR6200 3.4 miles at total of 15 miles. 6210 is 13 miles. 6200 is included its 3.4 miles

c. Vice Chair Debra Benally: I didn't see Loretta. They took 21 bags in L shape thing. They took from the center go this way and start from the center. Each site took 21 bags. They tested the water pond by 1st windmill. Where all the water accumulates and crosses the road. And, right there by the old well where the water comes down off the hill. There's yellow sand by the Yazzie's. There wasn't enough bags. I sphere an update about the boundary change?

~Laverne: No updates.

~Anneretta: Lechee is looking at Coppermine. Splitting up Coppermine.

~ Debra: that's was put in motion by Sid Whitehair when he was President. We didn't have enough voters.

~ Laverne: I don't know. If it happens the President has to sign off on it. Just like

former Bennett Freeze. Its not really unfrozen til all the signatures are sign off. And, if we want to profit off the Economic Development by the clinic we need a tax office. When we get certified we need a tax office here and tax person.

~Laverne: When are they doing the home water testing? Can you reach out to them and see when the water testing is? I put my name and phone number on there. It would be nice to have data.

~Debra: When Calvin was still a Grazing Official he brought out a water engineer person from Window Rock. They talked about it. They said that all the water under Tuba City and Coalmine all that water over there is contaminated. Very, very contaminated. It's a bubble its going to burst at anytime. The poison, uranium all that stuff is a pocket underneath. Its going to burst at anytime and its going to get in all the water. The only clean water is our water. Our Chapter has the cleanest water out of everybody. We're supplying everybody. Gap and Bittersprings. Its a big pocket it is connected to Tuba City's and Coalmine water. If it bursts it contaminates all their water. Our water is the safest water. Even if that pocket bursts it will not contaminate our water. Our supply of water is a different vein than their vein.

~Debra: They're doing it right now. But, no one signed up. Reach out to Ms Fowler. They did say their funding got cut. They cut the graduate program. Justin and those are doing. The two that came to do the testing are the last two of the graduate program. They have a year left. After they leave that's it no more of her program. They were doing a lot of studies. Especially the uranium transporting and all that stuff. They had been collecting samples since the early 2000. They recently took soil samples from that area. They took samples to say that the uranium transport is impacting the soil a long the vehicle route. Thats why I want the soil testing near the mining. The soil tested before the mine and after. See the difference. They're all over the place. Coalmine got all their testing done. They were going off the Grants they were given.

d. Secretary/ Treasurer Cynthia Slim: No, more comments or questions at the Admin. office. I tried to call the water resources. If I have time i'll make an attempt to go to Tuba City and ask questions and how to go about having the windmills work again in the Coppermine area. I was referred back to water resources.

~Laverne: Ask Water Resources what the stages are and what the requirements are to get the windmills working again. Do we need to let the community know that live in the area. Maybe some community members may not wan the traffic it may brin gif the windmill is fixed. Then, we can concentrate on another windmill.

~Debra: I think its just Coppermine, Cedar Hills and the other one next to Cedar Hill. And, we did give all the list to Tom, I don't know what he did with it.

~Kee: Talk to Ron Hardy in Tuba City at the water resource.

~Sheryse: Ask if we can scrape other windmills to fix other windmills.

e. Grazing Stanford Fowler: Not available.

f. Member Sheryse Burns: Census needs to be updated. Pull the report from the website and put it in our book. NAU is coming to my house for water testing. Office Admin said she's not done with her home assessment.

g. Member Anneretta Dove: Navajo Fish and Wildlife said everything is online. To do a report they will do it only for removal. They can just note down what I have documented. Quadrilateral agreement about the water.

h. Coppermine Chapter Vice President Kee Black: Jolene Ashley was telling me that all this water project from Lechee is going to take 10 more years to complete. They still need to think about water treatment plant. I thought it was almost done. It can't be done over night. We had to sign a blue book that had a list of how many people haul water. It was a quarterly report.

7. New Business:

- a. Work session dates and prepare for 2nd public hearing
- b. Family burial plots: Laverne plotted them into google map and pinned them in Coppermine area. She assigned clupc officials and members to send her the coordinates of their area family burial plots. The list I got there is 58 plots.

8. Old Business:

- a. CLUPC workbook: compile/ updates assignments:

\*Cindy: Is getting all locations of burial sites, homesite leases, garden, rodeo grounds, church, sweat lodges in your area under open space pg 71. And, ask water resources about windmills.

\*Debra: Do the water area. Windmills. On the Inventory and assessment land suitable and analysts page 67.

\*Anneretta: Section 5.

\*Sheryse: Community assessment :

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9. Announcement

- a. Coppermine Chapter Planning meeting is July 05, 2026 @ 2pm DST.
- b. Coppermine Chapter regular meeting is July 12, 2026 @ 2pm DST.

11. Next CLUPC meeting August\_10\_\_, 2026 at 10am DST

12. Adjournment: 01:00pm

1st motion: AnnerettaDove

2nd motion: Sheryse Burns

Votes: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained:1