

Chair- Laverne Tsosie Vice Chair- Debra Benally Secretary/ Treasurer - Cynthia Slim
Member- Calvin Begay Member- Wilford Lane

COPPERMINE CHAPTER CLUPC MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 1, 2025 @ 1200pm - COPPERMINE CHAPTER HOUSE

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** 12:25PM by Chair
2. **Invocation:** Calvin Begay
3. **Recognize Guests:** Ella and Alton Tsinnijinie, Houston Fowler (Coppermine Members)
4. **Review and approve last meeting minutes of November 10, 2025:**
1st motion: Calvin Begay
2nd motion: Debra Benally
Votes: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained: 1
5. **Approval of Agenda:**
1st motion: Cynthia Slim
2nd motion: Calvin Begay (and to leave open)
Votes: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstained: 1
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Chairperson:
 - **Economic Development:** Only one legitimate business (Shash Dine) has a resolution. Chair is following up on the resolution and on documents from Echo Cliffs Clinic. We were fortunate to have Leona come and shed some light on businesses in the Coppermine area. I have yet to reach out to her for the resolution. I also did reach out to the Echo Cliffs Clinic. They sent me some documents that I need to print out. And give them to all of you, so it can go in your book.
 - **Housing/ARPA Funds:** Attended a meeting regarding ARPA funds being allocated to housing for Mobile home/trailers, utilizing home assessments and possibly KoBo equipment to determine. There is a time crunch to secure these homes.
 - **Water/Electric/Sewer (NECA):** Noted a communication barrier with NECA regarding completed home hookups. This prevents the Chapter from scheduling necessary training for new users on how to maintain their systems. Debra- There was 3 chances to come to the Chapter house to show us and train us how to operate electricity and sewer and septic and water. I haven't heard about these teachings anymore, to teach people that are getting these electric or running water and septic tanks for the first time. The Chapter is just giving them and no training to maintain them, so it may last long. Why, can't the Chapter just redo the bathrooms. Laverne - It's all about communication. When NECA does the work, there is no communication back to the Chapter. If NECA would advise the Chapter how many homes they completed with water and electricity. The Chapter could say, OK we need to train you how to maintain your new hook ups. There is a communication barrier. Wilford Lane- On the Bennett Freeze, I thought they put the water tank up on the hill so it can be gravity flow? Some homes are gravity if they live up against a hill. Otherwise most of the area we are in, is flat and water pump is required to push water through.

- Voter Register: Updated Chapter voter register is at 900 people, we will need to update as some may have passed.
 - Chapter President's Meetings: Deborah Saliego is holding pre-planning staff meetings to ensure agenda correctness so that everyone is on the same page.
 - Bennett Freeze/Water Line: Discussed the water tank for gravity flow and whether it was installed.
- b. Vice Chairperson: Dr Ingram emailed and said they (NAU) will be coming out between December 14th-15th to the windmills. I need to get the resolution that was passed for Dr Igram (NAU). I will let you know about the article that they are doing. I have just been reading the book, and we'll talk about it when we get to the book.
- c. Secretary/ Treasurer: Coppermine CLUPC Cynthia Slim report on grazing meeting. I went to the Grazing meeting on November 10, 2025 in Coppermine. I asked about the Family burial plots, we need updated numbers of permits in the Coppermine area, compliance and non-compliance. Information about how many RMU's Coppermine area. Tyler Manson: We, grazing committee, are not required to sign any family plots anymore. We are not responsible for burial plots. Also, I don't know if CLUPC has been approached by Suntek by NTUA. They're planning a solar plant from Hogan Lizhin to Monkey Stadium. I told them to approach all the livestock permittees. I don't know if they have been approached. They need to talk to the permittees. Then, they need to come to CLUPC and go through the process. Cynthia Slim: When were you approached about this solar plant by NTUA - Suntek? Tyler Manson stated, about 3 months ago. Stanford Fowler: I have the numbers for the permits, non-compliance and compliance. Take care of livestock. Make sure you have improved your homesite lease within 2yrs. After 2 years, you may have to start over again with the homesite lease process. Also, if you can pass on your home site lease to your children or next of kin. It would be easier to transfer. Cynthia Slim: Stanford, I also want to reaffirm with you I will be asking for the 4 acres for my business site lease. Stanford Fowler: ok. I want you to meet Tyler Manson. He knows a lot of information regarding tour business. Ask him questions and advice. Thank you. Tyler Manson; I strongly advise Coppermine to have a community cemetery. Concerning Waterhole Canyon Tours company there is no boundary for business to stay within certain Chapters. Anyone can have a business on the Navajo Nation. It doesn't matter which chapter you're affiliated with. I will continue to ask Stanford Fowler for the numbers on Grazing in the Coppermine area. End of my report Comments and questions: Debra Benally- so can put that in our CLUPC book saying there's no boundaries? Calvin has this paper from George A Grazing boundary. It is up to the Grazing officials how and when the permittees are over their boundaries and where they can graze. Laverne Tsosie- we will need more clarification on that. And Lechee is certified. About the solar plant, I asked Deborah Saliego about it. She said she heard about it about 4 years ago and it was denied and that was it. Calvin Begay: Yeah you can vote here and go to Lechee but Lechee is going to say vote here and then get a business site lease. Anyone can get a homesite lease too if the permittee signs. We need more clarification as to what he said. On the solar plant, they need to get with all the permittees in that area. Wilford Lane- Edward Bennett - Tom Manson hired a lawyer that helped him take all the land from Waterhole Canyon to Horseshoe Bend.
- d. Grazing: Not present to report.
- e. Member Calvin Begay- I have numbers and whatever numbers you need. Laverne- We will add all the documents you gathered when we get to the section in the workbook.
- f. Member Wilford Lane- Nothing to report. Just what was in discussion.

- g. Guests: Houston Fowler- is the community cemetery for anyone or just for Coppermine community members? Calvin Begay- it is for anyone to be buried there, if they are not from Coppermine, they can still be buried there.

7. Action Items:

1. Laverne Tsosie (Chair):

- a. Retrieve Shash Dine Resolution: Follow up with Leona to obtain the resolution for the only legitimate business in the Coppermine area (Shash Dine).
- b. Distribute Clinic Documents: Print out and distribute the documents received from the Echo Cliffs Clinic for all members to place in their books.
- c. Disseminate Water Line Documents: Share the documents obtained from the meeting with Deborah Saliego and Kee Black regarding the water line.
- d. Update Voter Register: Ensure the updated Chapter voter register (now 900 people) is entered into the CLUPC book.
- e. Draft Resolution for Bathrooms: If bathroom redos are pursued, draft a resolution for consideration.

2. Debra Benally (Vice Chair):

- a. Retrieve NAU Resolution: Locate and obtain the resolution that was previously passed for Dr. Ingram (NAU) related to the windmills project.

3. Calvin Begay (Member):

- b. Submit Documents: Provide all the documents/numbers he has gathered to be added to the CLUPC workbook.

4. Cynthia Slim (Secretary/Treasurer):

- a. Follow up on Grazing Data: Continue to ask Stanford Fowler for the updated numbers on Grazing Permits, compliance/non-compliance, and RMU's in the Coppermine area.
- b. Business Site Lease Request: Follow through with her request to Stanford Fowler for the 4 acres for her business site lease.
- c. Meet with Tyler Manson: Schedule a meeting with Tyler Manson for advice and questions regarding her tour business.

Communication & Clarification: These items require the Chair and committee to engage with other entities for critical information and clarity.

- Laverne Tsosie (Chair) & Debra Benally (Vice Chair):

- a. Address NECA Communication Barrier: Discuss the lack of communication from NECA regarding completed water and electricity hookups. Determine a strategy for the Chapter to be advised on completions so that necessary maintenance training can be provided to families.
- b. Seek Clarification on Business/Grazing Boundaries: Follow up to gain more clarification on the statement by Tyler Manson regarding no boundaries for businesses within certain Chapters and the ability of permittees to graze over boundaries.

- CLUPC as a whole:

- a. Solar Plant Due Process: Ensure NTUA/Suntek, who are planning the solar plant, follows the correct process: they must first meet with all permittees in the area, and then come to the CLUPC for the required process.

8. **New/Old Business: Planning & New Initiatives:**

- a. Community Cemetery: Continue discussion on the Community Cemetery proposal and how to move forward with the strong recommendation to establish one.
 - b. Old Resolution: Start the process of beginning all over again with the resolution containing all names. We have been trying diligently to work with the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and no response or assistance on how to reprocess or go about this for guidance. I have mentioned this in previous meetings.
 - c. CLUPC Workbook
9. **Announcement:** Coppermine Planning and regular meeting is on December 07 and 21st, both times at 2pm.
10. Next CLUPC Meeting: per Plan of Ops: Monday, January 5, 2025 at 0900 AM.
11. Adjournment: 2:50pm
- 1st Motion: Cynthia Slim
- 2nd Motion: Calvin Begay
- Votes: Yes: 4 No:0 Abstain: 1