

COPPERMINE CHAPTER

Regular Chapter Meeting MINUTES

June 14, 2026 @ 2:00 PM (DST)

- I. **Meeting called to order:** By Debora Saliego at 2:00 PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** No Invocation, do “Moment of Silence” for elder Nelson Williams
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:** Debora Saliego read the agenda and to adopt the added amendments as follow;
- A. **ADD:** IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: (A). Lee Jack and Adrian Dotson of Essential Minerals.
- B. **MOVE:** VI. NEW BUSINESS: (H). RESOLUTION CO-06-036-26: Budget Transfer.
ADD TO: IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: (B). RESOLUTION CO-06-036-26 Approving the Budget Transfer
- C. **MOVE:** VII. COUNCIL DELEGATE/CHAPTER OFFICIALS/GRAZING/CSC/CLUPC: (F). Constance Lano.
ADD TO: IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: (C). Constance Lano, will do her Chapter Update Report before leaving for training today.
- MOTION: Cynthia Slim SECOND: Paul Begay VOTE: 13-00-23

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Lee Jack and Adrian Dotson, Essential Minerals -Copper Mining Report;
 - 1. Lee Jack -The community need to discuss the Benefits Agreement.
 - a. Hiring will be local Navajo Preference, will train them in whichever field they want.
 - b. As you know, the white rock is sandstone are not hazard, in other areas they have something not good.
 - c. Will use recycle water, they might not have to use dynamite the land, and will use heavy equipment.
 - d. There are a lot of you here today, because of your concerns in your grazing area, and you live here. Your concerns for your future grandkids and great grandkids.
 - 2. Adrian Dotson -They are doing the reconnaissance now to find copper, evaluate how much copper is available and if it profitable, is it worth it.
 - 3. Lee Jack -It is up to you, it is on the agenda for discussion. The written information was given to us and we are here to give you that information. There is a Benefit Committee, they will tell or discuss how they can use the mining money. Now they are walking through the land, they got their permit to do reconnaissance. If they start the process to take out copper and people agree, that will be discuss again. If copper is at 35% and they cannot make any profit, they will just stop the project. Did other Mining Companies that came here did an offering?

4. Adrian Dotson -We are with EDT, Incorporated, we are Consultant Firm of Flagstaff, AZ., and hired by Essential Minerals is a subsidiary of Chicana Copper based in Denver, Colorado.
- a. Basically, what has been happening is that Essential Minerals got reconnaissance permit from the Minerals Department of Window Rock to do the reconnaissance work which is basically walking the land, collecting rock samples, and taking pictures.
 - b. There are a few phases if we were to move forward that would be another phase, would be the exploration phase, right now we are in reconnaissance phase. Next phase would be exploration phase, where they would drill samples from areas of interests.
 - c. Then we would see again the partial for copper mining if it's feasible, enough copper in the area to build the mine and want to move forward with the development. Right now, we are just in the reconnaissance phase.
 - d. The exploration phase will cost them tons of millions of dollars to bring in the rigs (machine to drill into the ground) and to do the core samples.
 - e. We tried to work with the community and we came out here a couple of times. We did workshops here and Page, met with Grazing Permittees, which has been a little difficult and we have not gotten a list from Grazing Officer. So, we've worked with some local people to try to identify and meet with grazing permittees.
 - f. We've been planning to do more outreach and a lot more engagement. Going to the Chapter, now there's this resolution. We just want to come out here to show what they have to offer and this would be just for the Chapter's direct payments. Like we said, there are other things we can do. Other things, that would come with the mine would be like improving the roads, bring in the water that could be available to the community as well and scholarships.
 - g. We proposed doing a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), a CBA committee, it's an Agreement Committee and where the community could decide what do they want in the Benefits Agreement. That would be a blinding document and that would include the water, scholarship, senior benefits, senior support, veteran support, whatever is important can go into the community Benefits Agreement. So, we were hoping to get community together and could negotiate on behalf of the community.
 - h. Right now, things kind of moving forward fast so now it's just a preliminary offer, and I will read it; "Dear, Coppermine community neither responsible mining succeed when they put local communities first address concerns directly and work collaboratively to understand your needs. Successful mining project provides long term benefits that few other industries can match. As you know, Essential Minerals is currently evaluating in the copper potential in the Coppermine area under geological reconnaissance permit that was issued by the Navajo Nation Minerals Department. Under this permit we have conducted technical work, engage with the community under regular communication, workshop and attend meetings. During our community workshop on May 2nd,

we discussed our proposal for legally binding community benefits agreement. If the project advances to exploration phase, this agreement will begin immediately upon issues of the expiration permit, funding will increase when project moves into development and full operation.”

- i. So, like I said, we are in reconnaissance phase and if we move into exploration phase, some of those benefits will began immediately, you don’t have to wait until the mine is actually developing and start making money. “So, we are fully committed and ensure that Coppermine community gets their benefits from day one to demonstrate this commitment. To demonstrate this commitment, we are offering actual funding of 100 thousand dollar per year for about four (4) years. The development phase where they are actually building the mine will take about three (3) years, 200 thousand dollar per year. Then in the operation phase when the mine is operational, that’s going to be about ten (10) years at about 400 thousand dollar per year. So, the total minimum commitment will be five (5) million dollars, if the project becomes an active mine. Additional to financial funding our commitment is to focus on the priority of local employment, prioritize to hire local Navajo workers, provide necessary training program for long term skill careers and environmental stewardship, we will employ legally mandated environmental protection of local air, water, land resource through every phase of the projects. Our goal is supplying critical minerals needed for clean energy infrastructure, to ensure the property of Coppermine community stays protected to work alongside and continue to work together. Respectfully, David Kelly’s Essential Minerals.”
5. Paul Begay -Good evening, I think a lot of people out there understand illness, you truly understand when you see your relative suffering.
 - a. She (mother earth) has been sick for years, and was beginning to heal. The mine has been in operation for forty (40) years, it started in 1930 and stopped in 1968. You were healing, everyone in the community were healing and the earth was healing, now the earth will be cut open with knife again. Now you will go through pain, the suffering, the hardship, and the healing process again.
 - b. The white people says “money talks” what is 400 hundred thousand dollars today, that’s what they are offering and that’s what you call chump change. We spent over 5.00 a gallon for gas every day for work. It was mention that home owners will get money too. There are codes in the Navajo law that says “you will forfeit your land, your livestock, and grazing permit once you sign a paper to say “yes bring in company for work” that’s very unsettling to me, it makes you think about a lot of things.
 - c. In 2006, a law was qualified by the Navajo Nation, it’s call Fundamental Law, Honorable Jack Lee should know about that. Traditional Law -Holy One’s law, there is a communication between the Holy Ones and the Earth People, they talk & agree to make certain laws. Customary Law -Holy One’s law, what our grandpa & grandma talks about the Talking Gods, First Man, and First Woman, the law they abided by is what we will respect. Natural Law -We have laws from

Heavenly Father Sky and Mother Earth, we need to respect the land that was given to us and anything (four legged, that flies, that crawls) that lives on this land. Common Law -Window Rock says to use both Bilagaana law and Diiyin Dine'e Law (Diiyin Noohookaa' Dine'e-Holy Ones Earth People).

- d. People in Window don't know what's going on here, you know because you live here. What it means to protect our sheep, our horses, our land, and to be able to plant. They did not clear or clean up the mining, they just got up and left. They probably thought it's going to be put back into the natural stage or to redevelop, today there is no plant growing in white sand (mining area). The information given to you is what you want to hear, like a Politician campaigning, promising you that you will get electric lines and water lines, that's a lie. When I run for Delegate years ago, I never said that and all I said was "I will work hard for you." I cannot bring back what I promise you from Window Rock, it takes three (3) other Council Delegate to approve it and President has to sign it, it's a process.
 - e. Before all this process about reopening the mine, we need to stop it. They need to respect it, in that resolution we need to include the Fundamental Law (Noohookaa' Diiyin Bi'bahasaani) they will have to respect that for us. If you divide 400 hundred thousand among all votes, it's not enough. If you were given a thousand dollar, go to Walmart and come back with 15.00 only, a thousand is nothing.
 - f. If copper is so scarce (shortage) if copper is in need, why the low number and why the low six (6) figures. They will bring sickness to our community, which I disagree with the mining.
6. Jordon Russell -Introduced himself, we heard a lot of opposition against this project but we haven't heard those leading towards. I wanted to take this time to share a public statement, some of the grazing family that are directly affected by this project that we came and wrote down what convey our feeling to understand our perspective, so hopefully we can share that with you.
- a. It says "to the Community Members, Government Officials, Regulatory Agency, and interested parties. As the Grazing Customary Land Use family whose ancestral and traditional use area are located within and around the area being evaluated for proposed Copper Mining project in Coppermine, Arizona. We believe, it is important to share our prospective with the public and the decision makers. For generation, our family have lived on, grazed on, travel through and cared for these lands. These areas have supported our livelihood, traditions, cultural practice, and way of life for decade. Because of our long standing connection to the land and our continue presents in the area, we recognize that any future development rather positive or negative could affect our family more directly than many others. For this reason, we believe it is important that our voices be heard and that our prospective to be considered during the evaluation of decision process. We have come together as family whose life, tradition, livelihood, history are deeply connected to these lands. While many voices will

contribute to this discussion, we believe it is important that those who live on, use and care for these land have an opportunities to speak for themselves and represent for their own interests. Our views are shape by our experiences, our cultural value, and our responsibility to future generation. At this stage, we are taking a thoughtful and measurable approach. We understand that the proposed project is still at its early stages, that its significate work reminds before its potential impact and the benefits is being fully understood. We believe it is important that our environmental, biological, archeological, cultural, and hydrological water study and other required study are completed thoroughly and transparently. The information gathered from these reviews will help us make inform decision based on facts rather than assumption. We are committed to learning as much as we can about every aspect of this proposed mine. This includes understanding the potential environmental effects and economic opportunities, cultural consideration, infrastructure needs, and long term responsibilities associated with the project of this scale. We believe a form decision requires careful studies, open dialog, and access to accurate information, at the same time we remain open to the possibilities this project may bring. We recognize that responsible development may bring potential meaningful benefits to our local families, the broader community including employment opportunities, workforce trainings, infrastructure improvement, educational investments, other long term community support. We also recognize community members may have concerns regarding water resources, grazing operations, cultural sites, wildlife, and other issues that are important for the future of our regions. We believe these concerns deserve careful consideration and should be evaluated through a transparent science base process supported by accuracy information and meaningful community input. As we move forward, our goal is not to reach conclusion before all the facts are available. Instead, we intend to carefully consider both the opportunities and the challenges associated with this project. We believe that respectful dialog transparency facts base decision is essential to determine to meet the needs of the community, while protecting the resources and value that is important to us. We encourage to continue communication and engagement among the community members, government agencies, project representatives, and other stake holders by working together in group faith and with mutual respect. We believe the community will better position to make decision about our future. Our commitment is to remain engage, inform and united throughout this process. We continue to ask questions, seek information, and to participate in discussion so any decision may reflect the best interest of our families, our communities, and our future generations respectfully the grazing, customary land use proposed Coppermine project by Morman Ridge Valley and by the old Trading Post." So, just to sum it all up, we are waiting for some of these studies to be completed before we make our actual final decision, so that is our position and thank you.

7. Helen Bigman-Little -Our grandparents came upon these lands for our future use. My great grandma went to Fort Sumner in the 1800's & return home. My grandma was born 1912 and Grandpa Tsinnijinnie Sani was born in 1860 is a World War I veteran. Also, our grandpa Bryon Tsinigine, who served in World War II and lots of other veterans from our community. I agree and appreciate what Paul Begay had to say. Where is David Kelly, he should be here attending our meeting and he needs to be here to listen to what we have to say, instead his elsewhere. He has money and plans to give us less, that will not even cover our grandchildren and great grandchildren future needs. We lived near the mine when we were small children, we had to run behind trees when bombing took place like a mouse getting hit with rocks. Our family and relatives died of cancer for years, now my sister has cancer and we never got any money. They will offer money now eventually we will be forgotten.
 8. Debora Saliego -She will be our last speaker, we will debate this resolution later on and we need to move forward to Resolution Presentation.
 9. Casandra Sue Smith -Good afternoon, she introduced herself and Jordan Russell is my younger brother. How did we get here? You guys think that Mining Company just came in here and pick Coppermine? No, how many of you guys voted for Donald Trump? Outside here says "Navajo for Donald Trump" he issued an Executive Order on February 25, 2025 talking about copper. One of his action is recommendation on action to mitigate such threat including potential tariff, export control, or incentives to increase the mass production. We are the mass production, we are on Federal Trust Land and we have an opportunity to negotiate with copper mining company. We may not have a say if the federal government wants it. So, keep that in mind when you vote today. Executive Orders and that's on the reservation, that's also how copper is now here. I'm a Project Manager with a Global Company that has money. When this first open up they came to me, they look me in the eye and said, here is the book, what of these minerals is on Navajo. You honestly think, we are able to hide? We are not, it is literature there are surveys, it's out there. This is a direct order from President Trump and I'm not a Trump supporter. So, it's here and we are dealing with consequence of people's vote. So, for those who voted for Donald Trump and against this mine, you're a part of the problem.
- B. Constance Lano, CSC -Budget Transfer for Resolution CO-06-036-26;
1. Constance Lano -Introduced herself, will be doing presentation on Resolution CO-06-036-26 letter H, under NEW BUSINESS to make amendment.
 - a. Resolution CO-06-036-26 -Resolution of the Coppermine Chapter, Approving the Budget Transfer from the Chapter Fund 23 -Navajo Nation Sales Tax Funds from GL Code 6390- Other Supplies Expense in the amount of \$3,500.00 to GL Code 6410 -Telephone Expense in the amount of \$1,500.00 and to GL Code 6303 - Office Supplies in the amount of \$2,000.00. Also approving the Budget Transfer

from within the Chapter Fund 10 -LGA Grant Fund from GL Code 6303 - Operating Supplies in the amount of \$1,000.00 to GL Code 6808 -Training.

- b. We are in our eight (8) month of our 2026 Fiscal Year, so we are starting to exhaust are utility funds and this is to cover our negative balance. For Office Supplies GL Code 6303 will transfer \$1,500.00 to cover negative balance for our Telephone Expense and also transfer money from other expense to Office Supplies in the amount of \$2,000.00 and also GL Code 10 from Operating Supplies will go into Training.
- c. Two weeks Cathy with MIP which is our software that takes care of our finance reports, she called me about a training this weekend in Rio Rancho, NM. So, the training will cost \$1,000.00 its basic training for our financial software. It goes over our monthly check registration, monthly Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statement, deposit slips, cash receipt statements, cash exploration, pay roll, summary balance to detail and our balance sheet. 56:23 I will be out there for four (4) days and like I said, training will be a thousand (1,000.00) dollar. This training is only done twice a year, my training starts tomorrow and that's why I ask to be move up to Reports & Presentation. Because in order for me to get the thousand dollar, Resolution needs to be passed. I have to sign it, print it, have the check print out and leave for Albuquerque today.
- d. That's what I'm here for and I wanted to explain the Budget Transfer. Once we vote on it, I will do my report and I need to leave for my travel.

MOTION: Cynthia Slim

SECOND: Anneretta Dove

VOTE: 36-00-19

C. Constance Lano, CSC -Chapter Update Report;

1. Thank you for your votes, when I come back, I will tell you about my training and let you know how it went. I want to give my condolence to the Williams Family also. There are so many things I want to talk about but I'm just going to talk about some of the important bullet points.
2. ARPA Funding -We move all of our five (5) projects into was one (1) project. Official and myself signed the FAF forms back in October 2025 finally this past Monday, the legislation was dropped. So, It went through the five (5) day comment period and hopefully we go forward with the process. It was approved for eighteen (18) homes in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars.
3. We are doing Home Assessments and I'm using Kobo Toolbox, it's a software I input your information into it to generate the scoring system. The same software Gap and LeChee used to distribute their trailers to their community. The homes will be for Multi -Generate Home for those that got assessments, has Homesite Lease and I did about 80 people in Former Bennett Freeze and in Cedar Hills. I will continue and plan to go down highway 89, cutting across to 6211 and coming back here to the chapter. We will partner with the Officials and go forward with that.
4. Debbie Tsinigine and Debora Saliego, here are the Legislation. They have copies and they can talk about it more in their reports.
5. Last Tuesday, we had eight (8) Summer Youth started here at the Chapter, if you notice they've been weeding grass around the Chapter, Administration Building and

Watering Point. We also started on our inventory here at the Chapter, that's what we are working on.

6. As of last Friday, on June 5th Felix Earl with Red Earth Garden came out, he did a presentation with the Summer Youth and we plant in the Greenhouse, we have crops in there.
7. Monday, June 8th Taylor Foster with NDOT Safety Technician, she did a presentation with Summer Youth about safety driving.
8. Also on Thursday morning, Debbie Tsinigine did Juniper Ash and Blue Corn Mush demonstration with the Summer Youth.
9. On Thursday afternoon, we attended District 1 Council Meeting at Tonalea.
10. Friday, we had our Veterans Meeting here and Alex Whitehair can do report on that.
11. On Saturday Debbie Tsinigine, Kee Black and I attended Western Agency Council Meeting at Monument Valley.
12. Next Friday, June 19th I invited Indian Nation Conservation Alliance for Dine Fundamental Laws workshop from 9:30AM to 4:00PM here at the Chapter. Understanding the Fundamental Law, connection to stewardship, the roles to traditional knowledge, the important of community voices, and building resilience. This is for Summer Youth but community are also welcome.
13. We also want to partner with LeChee Senior Center, so I'm giving out this form to elderly who are 65 and older. 1:07:26 I would like to have LeChee Senior Center deliver some food trays to you. I talk with Kee about this and he can give you information, so apply for this.
14. We have our monthly calendar on Facebook, it's also on the wall in here, and at the Chapter Administration Office bulletin board. Just wanted to give you brief report and there are so much to cover. I spend a lot of time here at the chapter, here Monday to Friday, was at WNA meeting on Saturday, today on Sunday here at the Chapter Meeting and after this I leaving for my training. Pretty much working through the weekends attend meetings, training and at the office. My Office Specialist has been on leave and I'm very thankful Summer Youth are helping me daily, Thank you to everyone.

V. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Last Meeting Minutes (MAY 2026) & post at Administration Building:
Debbie E. Tsinigine read May 2026 Chapter Meeting Minutes into records for approval.
MOTION: Alex Whitehair SECOND: Helen Little VOTE: 50-00-06
- B. Approve Financial Report (MAY 2026) Secretary/Treasurer:
Debbie E. Tsinigine read May 2026 Ending Financial Report, Balance Sheet attached to the agenda into records for approval.
MOTION: Evelyn Tsinnijinnie SECOND: Cynthia Slim VOTE: 30-00-26

C. **RESOLUTION CO-06-031-26:** AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND FOR ONE (1) FULL TIME STUDENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 UTILIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL FUND 13:6721.

1. Roger Curley -I'm the father of Rochelle Curley, full time student at NAU. She has two semester left and she's at school.

MOTION: Loren Thomas SECOND: Kelly Skacy VOTE: 56-00-03

D. **RESOLUTION CO-06-032-26:** APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT AND VOTING IN ANNERETTA DOVE AS A MEMBER OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLUPC).

1. Anneretta Dove -Introduced herself, interest to become the new CLUPC Member, submitted her Letter of Interest and would appreciate your vote.

MOTION: Kelly Skacy SECOND: Allarice Meehan VOTE: 31-00-25

E. **RESOLUTION CO-06-033-26:** APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT AND VOTING IN SHERYSE BURNS AS A MEMBER OF THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLUPC). **1:23:40**

1. Sheryse Burns -Good afternoon, I applied and submitted her Letter of Interest. She is the grand daughter of the late Francis & Florence Sands of Coppermine.

MOTION: Anneretta Dove SECOND: Loren Thomas VOTE: 39-00-17

F. **RESOLUTION CO-06-034-26:** RECALLING AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION CO-06-076-05 AND WITHDRAWING ALL SUPPORT FOR COPPER EXPLORATION AND MINING OPERATION BY CONSTELLATION COPPER CORPORATION OR ANY SUCCESSOR ENTITTIES WITHIN COPPERMINE CHAPTER BOUNDARIES.

1. Kelly Skacy -She introduced herself, her parents, live and grow up west of the Chapter House. I'm deeply tight to this land, herd sheep and rode horse in these areas. I'm here to present the resolution, started coming to Chapter meetings in August 2025 when I opposed their requested. We would like to rescind the 2005 resolution that was passed through our chapter. We say this for our livestock, endangered spices, for us and the future of our younger generations.
2. Loren Thomas -Good afternoon, introduce himself and lived in the area for 16 years now. August 2025. My grandparents, my parents, siblings, relatives had passed on because of cancer. They got their survey permit from Window Rock, now they are doing Reconnaissance. When Mining Company came the first time, the community said NO, but they continued with their Reconnaissance. They came again in January and they will continue with Reconnaissance using the permit they got from Window Rock. Today we are talking about rescinding 2005 Resolution and any other company to come in for minerals. He read the Resolution# CO-06-034-26, and I'm also requesting for your help to vote on this resolution.
3. Lola Smith -This resolution only has to do with rescinding, right?
4. Loren Thomas -Yes

5. Lola Smith -Good afternoon, thanks for coming. I've been thinking "Are we just now waking up." Pertaining to this resolution, the way I look at it speaking on behalf of the younger generation. At NGS, "If you want to say something get up here"
6. Debora Saliego -Let's give Lola Smith attention please.
7. Lola Smith -I don't appreciate the whispering and I have the floor.
 - a. Pertaining to this resolution that came before us, this is what I want to talk about. I'm speaking on behalf of the younger generations, and it appears it says that the Dine Fundamental Laws which is our sacred duties and Noohookaa' Dine'e to protect the land. Water, Air, Living & non-living being on this earth that need to survive. We did not create this earth we live on, Diiyin create everything for us. Do we take care of the earth in the past?
 - b. Some of you have worked at Navajo Generation Station (NGS). Back then, no one was thinking about these things. Any of you former NGS employees request for fundings for your community, no I never heard that. You know they used a lot of water 50 acres of water and it just went down the drain. Washington gave us water to use, did we use some of the water? We take our barrels to get water from Page and that's like a drop. NGS used all our water and did not help us in return, using water 24 hours a day and seven (7) days a week, yearly.
 - c. Anyone of you protest against NGS, or said NO that's not good for us. Or, did any of you go to Black Mesa, anyone said NO to Black Mesa Coal mining? I don't think so, so on behalf of our younger folks, our kids, and our future.
 - d. Will our future kids continue to herd sheep? People say I have this many cattle, sheep, and horses, overgrazing and is that taking care of the land. There's track of Four Tracks all over, everywhere and is that taking care of the land. What have we done to take of the land, we've done nothing. We even have trash in our back yard, everywhere. So, we need to think about these things and our future generation.
 - e. My daughter wanted money from the chapter, we inquire about it and we are told no money for kids, students. Did NGS give us money for kids? As of today, some of us are still asking for a house, we never got it but Window Rock is misusing funds.
 - f. From my understanding, they are willing to help us. We need a Senior Citizen Center, we need a Pre-School, we need jobs for our kids, and we are old. *It took a long time to get a clinic, I worked on that, we travel with Christopher Curley and flew to Washington.
 - g. Some of you move away, lived elsewhere for years, you like to live in cities and I've been here ever since I was born. I travel on horseback with my grandparents Alvin & Leola Tsinigine and herd sheep all over. So, I know what I'm talking about and I know what is good in the future, so I'm speaking on behalf of the youth. People that worked at NGS only took care of their family needs and did they ever give to their community. I just want to wake you up, we need to look to the future. So, thank you.

8. Debra Benally -Thank you Lola Smith for speaking up on behalf of the youth. I had to fill out an application for my grand father for his Black Lung Disease. He worked here at the Copper Mine, and Uranium Mine in Grand Canyon.
 - a. I was always here at Chapter Meetings since I was small, CLUPC has my photo, and I was the only young person here at the Chapter House.
 - b. In these meetings Salt River Project was brought up multiple times, that's why you got voted in to talk on our behalf but nobody did. We did hear emails were send out, and Representatives to come out. Paul Begay was on there but nothing happens and we did not get anything.
 - c. It's always a Campaign promise, like what was introduced early about the Hospital. That hospital is on Coppermine boundary but the resolution was passed by Bodaway Gap Chapter and I always question that. Why did Coppermine Chapter passed a resolution with Gap Chapter written as the heading? With that, they are saying there is issues with the hospital, a million dollar project being done wrong.
 - d. Same with the Mining Company, ever since it was introduced and it was left open with everything still there. The Cellular towers that got put up, I remember at one of those meeting it was said, we could have asked for so much money. All we asked for was five (5) thousand and that's all they paid for a fifty (50) year lease. You guys approved this, just like you approved this 2005 resolution and even questioning. Five (5) thousand payment and they got fifty (50) year leases for these Cellular phone towers, we could have gotten more money. We are talking road pavements, all of these projects but yet we sign these leases for five thousand dollar, we could've made multi-contracts instead just one payment.
 - e. We always hear that the grazing people are over grazing. How many of you have only one (1) sheep corral? How many of you guys actually live where it says (location) on your permit? For those people who live at a different location than their actual grazing site, I don't think that's fair. If I go to Page and dictate what they are doing, they will tell me I don't live there.
Continue discussion and concerns.
9. Debora Saliego -We already have a motion and second, motion was made by Debra Benally and second by Alex Whitehair. This is for those who do not want mining here, raise your hands.
10. Debbie Tsinigine -Wait, this is for Rescinding a 2005 Resolution, read the resolution to them.
11. Debora Saliego -It says including any successor, so that's telling me that you are against the mining.
12. Debbie Tsinigine -Just read it.
13. Debora Saliego -Ok, I will read it. It says "Recalling and Rescinding Resolution CO-06-076-05 and withdrawing all support for Copper Exploration and Mining Operation by Constellation Copper Corporation or any Successor (that's including Essential Minerals) Entities within Coppermine Chapter boundaries.
14. Debora Saliego -My interpretation of this is Recalling and Rescinding a resolution and voting against the mining operation that's going to happen.

15. Laverne Tsosie -I have a question really quick, just trying to consider this oppose the mining **2:47:12** because this is what we were going to talk about at our CLUPC meeting. If we keep saying no to the mining, what if they say we offered the benefits and they don't want it. We need to ask RDC about this mining, more questions and we to attend their meetings. **2:48:31**
16. Adrian Dotson -We haven't talk about what the next steps would be but just from this conversion we are having and these questions we are having. What are we going to do when the mine closes? We've talked about that at the workshops and we invited people come to the workshop to talk about reclamation. We talked about why plants are not growing, things they did not do it right and lots of these things we addressed. There are meetings, workshops and we still have a lot of work to do to inform, educate, to build these relationship and trust. So, those of you that did not come to the workshops, right now you are voting on something that you don't fully know the answers to it and which is fine. **2:49:55** But Like I said, we are going to continue to do our outreach, community relationship building and answer the questions that you guys have, because obviously you still have lots of questions.
17. Paul Begay -Point of Order **2:50:08**
18. Debora Saliego -What's your Point of Order Paul?
19. Paul Begay -My Point of Order is that we cease debate and going backwards again.
20. Debora Saliego -Ok, let's do the vote and we will do a clarification on the resolution. It's written a little confusion so, there is two (2) items on this resolution that you're voting on. So, the first (1) item is rescinding the resolution from 2005 and the second (2) item is saying no to future mining, it says any future any successor and that could be Essential Mining. Because you are voting on two (2) items so those in favor raise your hands. Rescind is take it back out and say NO- raise your hands, 45 said to rescind it back and NO to mining. Those of you who says YES to mining, raise your hands, we have 12 opposing and 04 abstained. **2:52:27**

MOTION: Debra Benally SECOND: Alex Whitehair VOTE: 45-12-04

G. RESOLUTION CO-06-035-26: APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDED POLL OFFICIAL FOR THE 2026 NAVAJO NATION PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.

1. Debora Saliego -Primary Election is in July and General Election is in November. You have to work both election days. So, we are looking for, I'm looking for Floyd, Floyd. Lynn, (Linda Long) can we have it quite please. Poll meeting, we need a Chief Poll Judge, will be paid 400.00. Kelly Skacy, thank you she applied for Poll Judge. We need a Chief Poll Judge and two (2) Poll Judges, so we need a Chief Poll Judge and a Poll Judge. Ok, we got three (3) volunteers and we will vote for them. I'm losing people, so let's hurry and vote. We got three names; Sheryse Burns and Teniya Smith added.

Now, we move to reports (VII).

MOTION: Floyd Stevens SECOND: Helen Little VOTE: 29-00-17

H. RESOLUTION CO-06-036-26: APPROVING THE BUDGET TRANSFER FROM WITHIN THE CHAPTER FUND 23 – NAVAJO NATION SALES TAX FUNDS FROM GL CODE 6390- OTHER

SUPPLIES EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00 TO GL CODE 6410- TELEPHONE EXPENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 AND TO GL CODE 6303- OFFICE SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00. ALSO APPROVING THE BUDGET TRANSFER FROM WITHIN THE CHAPTER FUND 10-LGA GRANT FUND FROM GL CODE 6303 -OPERATING SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00 TO GL CODE 6808 -TRAINING.

* SEE: IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Letter (B). Constance Lano, CSC; Budget Transfer.

* SEE: IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS: Letter (B). For - Motion/Second/Votes

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

A. Council Delegate - Honorable Helena Nez-Begay- Absent

B. Council Delegate LDA -Tom Franklin; today Delegate is not here because she's meeting with two (2) Delegates regarding Water Rights.

Debora Saliego -Point of Order, Tom is talking please have respect for him. If you want to continue with your conversations, please take it outside.

1. Meeting on the 9th with NECA in Farmington -Bathroom Renovation & Addition.

Bathroom Renovation are complete, exceeded funds with Delegate Region.

Delegate is trying to get more fundings to do more Bathroom Renovations. We did collect about 150 applications, but we did not serve everyone.

2. Upcoming meeting with:

a. HEHSC tomorrow, NN RDC -NTEC in Farmington

b. Tentative; Mon/Tues meeting with NDOT on N21 -Plan/Design/Compliance

c. NN RDC -NTEC in Farmington

d. Tuesday -Dine College

e. Wednesday -LeChee update meeting

-TCIHS at 10:30 AM

-NAU Cline Library -Snowbowl/Snow peaks

f. Thursday -NHLC meeting at 7:00 AM

-Gaming with Havasupai Tribe

g. Friday -Gaming and Tour

-NNC Forum at 6:00 PM

H. FFF- Delegate dropped Legislation to combine five projects into one, to purchase homes for the community members, on five day comment period.

I. Navajo Nation is under Fire Restriction Executive Order

j. Emergency Drought was signed by the NNP AIF, and 6 million for windmill repair

k. Cemetery Plot -identify each family plot in the community, info send to CSC.

l. Illegal Dumping -collect coordinates of dumping area. Is it a family dumping area or community dumping area?

j. Delegate Begay will be attending meeting with NDOT, to a feedback from NDOT regarding the N21 from Kaibeto to First Windmill. Delegate did secure funding for N21, the money is there. I suggest for Coppermine Chapter to continue with another supporting resolution for N21 and move on that.

C. Chapter President - Debora Saliego;

1. We planned to tear down the warehouse, but EPA cannot do asbestos and said to contact Tech Tron Asbestos Testing to get a quote.
2. We are going to have a meeting with President Buu Nygren soon, we got to do our questionnaire and that's what they're asking .
3. Thirty families will get assisted with seven(7) thousand in the Former Bennett Freeze and a meeting coming up Monday night.
4. Koko Projects -are also in process
5. We have ten (10) Summer Youth employees, they already started.
6. I wanted to talk to you about the resolution regarding Essential Minerals. As Officials, we cannot agree or disagree, show favor one way or the other. Our job is to listen to all of you. What I want to say is I understand that the environmental side, I understand that their land is sacred and want to protect their land. But there is also another side where we look at economic opportunity. They are going to reduce the General Funds, after we use all the ARPA Funds that will reduce by 30% and that impacts our Chapter House. That's going to impact our Elderly and children's programs. So, where are we going to make up the 30%, that's a chunk of money. So, those are the things we need to think about. Also understand that we live on a lease and we don't own it. With President Trump passing that Executive Order, his made it ok for them to come on site and that's why they bypass us. They will bypass us again and I'm afraid of that. Having saying that, yes, you voted for us and we are supposed to be the last line of defense for you. We intend to do, If they bypass us again, I did about 24 years of Environmental Engineer job, I know enough to be dangerous. The technique knowledge to master equation, ask for different results and the process. I'm already writing down questions that I will ask if they bypass us again. You are right, five million is not much and we going to have to think big. We need to take part in the Profit Sharing, they say there is a cap of 3%, and I don't believe that I think that is negotiable. I would like to see 10 or 15%, that's the money they make off of the profit on a yearly basis. What can we do, is there an Environmental Impact Study done and it takes five years. They look at all the endangered species, water table, ground water, everything, it's call EIS and will cost about 7 million. They have to get approval from 30 entities and our President has to say yes. What if they bypass us again and we have to be prepared.

D. Chapter Vice President - Kee Black;

1. Good afternoon, hope you had a good meal, thanks for coming over for the meeting and we had a good turn-out. I come here early to get everything ready and I stay here again after the meeting.
2. We went to Oljato, Utah for Navajo Western Agency Council meeting. We get together with 10 chapters, no it's 18 chapters. We talk about, review resolutions and vote on it. About every 30 minutes we have roll call, they call each chapters and yesterday we lost a quorum. Just like right now, everyone walked out.

LOST a Quorum when Tom Franklin started his report, people started talking and leaving, but continued with reports.

E. Chapter Official - Stanford Fowler

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

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

- A. June 14 -Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- B. June 15 -CLUPC meeting @ 10:00 AM
- C. June 16 -NN Veterans Housing Program @ 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM at Coppermine
- D. June 16 -St. Mary's Food Bank @ 12:30 PM
- E. June 17 -**Fun Walk & Run** (NSDP) @ 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM at Coppermine
- F. June 18 -Tuba City Youth Summer BASH @ 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM at Coppermine
- G. June 22 -**Youth Butchering Demo** (NSDP) @ 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Coppermine
- H. June 22 -District #1 Grazing Meeting @ 10:00 AM at Kaibeto Chapter
- I. June 23 -**Kneel Down Bread** (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM at Coppermine
- J. June 23 -Just Move It @ 3:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Coppermine
- K. June 24 -**Fun Walk & Run** (NSDP) @ 5:30 PM-8:00 PM at Coppermine
- L. June 25 -Dine College Presentation-Summer Youth @ 10:00 AM at Coppermine
- M. June 29 -Coppermine Permittee Meeting @ 10:00 AM at Coppermine
- N. June 30 -Coconino County Election Worker Training; for Inspectors @ 8:00-9:00 AM
and for Election Board Workers, Ballot Judges, Provisional Clerks @ 9:00AM-12:00AM
(DST) at Coppermine Chapter.

IX. Benediction: NONE

X. Adjournment: Debora Saliego adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Prepared/Completed by: D.Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer 06/26/26 (finalize)