

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
Regular Chapter Meeting **MINUTES**
May 22, 2026 @ 4:00 PM (DST)

- I. **Meeting called to order:** Debora Saliego called meeting to order at 4:55 PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** Kee Black
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:** Read of agenda by Debora Saliego, amendments as follow;
 - 1. **UNDER: VII. Council/Officials/Grazing/CSC/CLUPC:** ADD (H). Former Bennett Freeze- Natalie Tsinnijinnie or Brianna Black or Laverne Tsosie.
UNDER: VIII. Announcements: ADD (V). Job Announcements: 1-Page School District IEC/JOM Member for Coppermine, and 1-TCRHCC Board Member for Coppermine (Leila McCabe's position ends October 2026).
 - 2. Laverne Tsosie -May 29th -Justin Jones will be in Page, AZ. (same day as Veterans Meeting- might cancel it)
 - 3. Laverne Tsosie -Change agenda heading from Planning to Regular Chapter Meeting.
Motion: Laverne Tsosie Second: Anneretta Dove Vote: 16-00-09

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Debora Saliego -Navajo Nation Election Office -Address the Recommendation of Four (4) Poll Officials, must meet qualification & willing to work at both Primary/General Election. Tell your family members or relatives to apply.
- B. Debora Saliego -Discuss to Retain or Demolish Old Metal Storage Building for New Senior Center. This was approved to a year ago to remove the building with a Resolution #02-013-25. Kee Black will tell you what is stored in the building.
 - 1. Kee Black -There are housing supplies, pile woods, cider blocks, 100 boxes of shingles, lumber, trailer, water pump, generator, squeeze shot, 2 cement mixers.
 - 2. Debora Saliego -It's up to you all, if you want to demolish it or retain it. It will probably cost about 10K to demolish it.
 - 3. Floyd Stevens -Years ago, we planned to take the wooden building apart. Did not happen because the installation is hazard material, and due to health issues.
 - 4. Debora Saliego -There's probably asbestos and lead paint, test kits are available. Maybe we should just leave it, because it cost too much for asbestos clean up.
 - 5. Kee Black -They are going to put the Senior Center right next to the metal warehouse. We don't want the Senior Center right next to it, but that is up to you, what do you want.
 - 6. Debbie Tsinigine -A white individual came from Window Rock and selected the site on the north corner of the fence because of the sewer drainage. Where do you want the Senior Center and that is up to you to decide.
 - 7. Debora Saliego -That's what Window Rock decided, they said in higher ground and they selected that location.

8. Loren Thomas -The multipurpose building supposed to be one big building for the chapter meeting room, office, senior center, etc.
9. Debora Saliego -That's what they budgeted for but later on the Delegate came back to us and said the President just sign off the Senior Center. So, we can have health related office for seniors like CHR, Veterans office, but we find out that Administration office cannot be in there and has to be separate. So that's why the new building that's coming in will be for Administration and got a budget for a new building. What do you think about the warehouse or should we test it first? To make sure we don't have asbestos or lead in there.
10. Anneretta Dove -What are you going to do with all the equipment in there? Do you have a plan for that?
11. Debora Saliego -If it's demolished, I don't think, except the Conex building right.
12. Anneretta Dove -Are the supplies useable or can be disposed?
13. Debora Saliego -Kee Black can answer that question.
14. Kee Black -They are new materials
15. Anneretta Dove -Will they still be used and need to plan for a new building in the future.
16. Debora Saliego -One of the options is to keep it in place, since we have things in there. The new building will go next to it, it looks like that's the best area that fits the plan.
17. Anneretta Dove – With your contractor's that have already looked at the area, is the Senior Center in a safe distance from the warehouse? That also needs to be considered.
18. Debora Saliego -Were you guys, were you apart of that Debbie Tsinigine?
19. Debbie Tsinigine -No
20. Debora Saliego -Connie Lano, did they come out?
21. Constance Lano -No, we are still in the early stage and trying to decide.
22. Debora Saliego -We talked about this years ago, they should send out an engineer to do a soil compaction test, where it is a safe area with no sandstones or loose area which will shift the building. So, we are waiting for Window Rock to come out and look at the area. When we met with them, they just look at it with Google Earth and that's how they saw that structure. They said, what do you want to do with the structure, that's why it's best to ask you guys and what do you want to do. If it's going to be demolished it will cost money and we are going to have to find that budget somewhere. If we keep it as is, then we going to have to work with the distance of the warehouse.
23. Laverne Tsosie -Last year, summer youth were working out of there (warehouse) and there were mouse droppings, spiders and I think what Anneretta Dove said about the Senior Center to close to the warehouse is not good because of the mouses. Maybe we really need to demolish it and it's an eyesore too. Are those materials still good to use?
24. Deborh Saliego -Kee Black said, they are brand new. Do you think if they are water damage? Probably need to get a contractor to gives a quote, to demolish that and I

- think from there we can make that decision. After that we can do a resolution for that, so that will be the first step. Get some to do estimate and if we do demolish or keep the building. That's when we will sit down to look at the fund codes.
25. Helen Little -You said, there are a lot of stuff in there and where do we put all of those.
 26. Debora Saliego -There is a Conex on the east side of the chapter.
 27. Debbie Tsinigine -That's the garden.
 28. Loren Thomas -That is the garden house.
 29. Debora Saliego -The black building, I thought that was a Conex.
 30. Kee Black -I was thinking just save the metal building for now and start a new foundation somewhere.
 31. Laverne Tsosie -I think we should give it more thought, make plan, clean up asbestos, than just jumping into it.
 32. Debora Saliego -That's where we will need PEP workers, Labors, Heavy Equipment operator to test those equipment's in the warehouse and let us know.
 33. Helen Little -What were those supplies for?
 34. Kee Black -Those were probably for people that need home repair back in the day.
 35. Helen Little -We have a lot of elderly who need roof repairs. Summer Youth to help with repairs and not let materials go to waste. Check the materials if they are still good. People don't have money to fix their roof, shingles are expensive.
 36. Debora Saliego -We've been asking people to apply and they don't apply.
 37. Constance Lano -We started posting job announcements back in December 2025, January, and February but no application. This is the 3rd cycle advertising job for Labors, Janitor, Electrician, Plumber, Heavy Equipment Operator, and nobody wants to work.
 38. Debora Saliego -At some point, if we decide to help out elders, they need repair on their house and they need to find their own workers to help them fix their roof or their kids can help. Because we are having a hard time finding labors and people to apply. That's also an option, but they have to find their own people to on it.
 39. Andrea Dawes -For the buildings at Cedar Ridge, we reached out to EPA, he looked at the building and gave us direction, which way to go. He also has a list of contractors that can do any type of clean up if needed. He would tell you if it can be clean up or demolish, tell you what is best. I think his first name or last name was Franklin. That would be my suggestion to go with him.
 40. Constance Lano -Also with CPMD (Capital Project Management Department) they are the ones who we are actually working with, every Wednesday we have meeting with them and trying to guide us to go through the process for getting Senior Center. There are people we are working with to decide if we keep the storage or demolish it and they work with EPA.
 41. Debora Saliego -Anymore questions, the plan is to, it looks like we might need to have Navajo Nation EPA to come out. They have the test kit to test for asbestos and lead, and there is no charge. From there if we decide to demolish it, we will get

CPMD involve and I think that will be a plan going forward. I will take down the action item and contact the EPA, I will give you update at next meeting.

- C. Anneretta Dove -Interest in CLUPC;
 - 1. Anneretta Dove introduced herself, identified which family she's from and submitted her "Letter of Interest" to become a Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) member. Talked about her experience, knowledge, and her interest to help community.
- D. Sheryse Burns -Interest in CLUPC;
 - 1. Sheryse Burns introduced herself, her family, and grandparents. Interested in helping out the community with development. Live in the community, is a permittee and getting a science degree in Natural Resource.
 - 2. Debora Saliego -We need two separate resolutions, is that how we are going to do this. Continued with other concerns, comments, and questions.
- E. Andrea Dawes, Bodaway/Gap Chapter Coordinator; Gave out flies to invite everyone to Bodaway Chapter to attend

V. OLD BUSINESS: None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Last Meeting Minutes (APR.2026) & post at Administration Building:
Debbie E. Tsinigine read April 26, 2026 Chapter Meeting minutes into records for approval.
Motion: Anneretta Dove Second: Floyd Stevens Vote: 13-00-12
- B. Approve Financial Report (APRIL 2026) Secretary/Treasurer:
Debbie E. Tsinigine read balance ending April 2026 into records for approval and Financial Report is attached.
Motion: Anneretta Dove Second: Sallie Tsinigine Vote: 14-00-11
- C. **RESOLUTION CO-05-028-26:** THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,066.85
Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Anneretta Dove Vote: 14-00-11
- D. **RESOLUTION CO-05-029-26:** THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GAMING FUND CARRYOVER BUDGET OF \$3,458.28 TO BE UTILIZED FOR CHAPTER UTILITIES EXPENSES.
Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Loren Thomas Vote: 18-00-07

- E. **RESOLUTION CO-05-030-26:** THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED EMERGENCY ALLOCATION BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,826.00.

Motion: Anneretta Dove

Second: Sheryse Burns

Vote: 17-00-08

All resolution was reviewed and read by Debora Saliego to the community, entered into records, and approved.

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

- A. Council Delegate - Honorable Helena Nez-Begay; ABSENT
- B. Council Delegate LDA -Tom Franklin; ABSENT
- C. Chapter President - Debora Saliego;
 - 1. Debora Saliego -We had a meeting with Essential Minerals, they presented in English in Page and in Navajo here in Coppermine.
 - a. Exploration is the next step, now they are doing the reconnaissance (looking at the rocks) if they get the results, they found a lot at Dean Hudson's resident (the copper). To get the results, it will take six (6) months I think they said three to six months for test results. After they get the final result, the next step is resolution and community will decide whether to move forward with it or denied it, that would be your decision.
 - b. I got an email from Eunice Tso, she wanted to do a Benefits Committee to ask Essential Minerals for benefits. Any need that we have in our community like a new Chapter House, things we want that we have on our wish-list. Benefits Committee would be the one to compiling information for us. She said, they already selected five (5) members. At our last meeting with David Kelly, he said the chapter will do the selection. I was told they have five people and needed four more, they said they got Loren Thomas, Tuchoney Goldtooth, Jordan Russell, Dean Hudson, and another individual (I have to look it up). Told them, you told us to do the selection and why are you doing the selection. They said, they have to met a deadline and ask for their deadline (no respond). Did they tell you their deadline?
 - 2. Loren Thomas -We did get a call, that was to confirm to be on the committee. But he did say to want to move quick on this and the resolution. He did say there are eight members on the committee and did not give us the deadline.
 - 3. Debora Saliego -I did look up Mr. Russell, and I told Eunice that they have to be a registered voter. When we put committee together, there has to be a representation from all different areas in Coppermine and can't have two members from the same household. Told her those are the issues I see right away and I know we are going to get push back from the community.
 - 4. Loren Thomas -David Kelly did said either one of us not both of us.
 - 5. Debora Saliego -One of them is not a registered voter so that is a big concern for me. Who wants to be on that committee? Maybe I will give them some names back, anyone interested, it may or may not happen. It's for a Benefits Committee

- what they do is, should the mining proceed, should the resolution pass, and they start with the mining project. Essential Minerals they want to negotiate under what terms or percentage. We can ask for scholarship money, new Chapter House, and the Benefits Committee would decide what they want to ask for.
6. Loren Thomas -I want to recommend Floyd Stevens, can you help us.
 7. Floyd Stevens -We are just now discussing this, I'm wondering under what authority did they select the committee members?
 8. Debora Saliego -That was my question
 9. Floyd Stevens -When they first started, they said there was a resolution made back in 2005 that they were using and there is time limitation on that resolution for five (5) years, is that what they're still claiming. They said, reconnaissance and now Benefit Committee, they want to do another resolution and how come they are dictating another resolution. We do not get update or inform about the meetings.
 10. Debora Saliego -Under what authority are they doing their selection of members? The five year limit? Why are you not informed about the public meetings? I will write to them and tell them those are the questions that came up during Chapter Meeting.
 11. Helen Little -I was going to ask about that too. The red zone is within my cow grazing area, I was not told about the selection of committees. I do not want them digging out things from the area because we have beef cattle. If our cattle start drinking dirty water or eat dirty vegetation, we will lose money. This is our livelihood, and our main source of income.
 12. Debora Saliego -I will include you in the letter that you are not informed, and you live in the boundary of reconnaissance.
 13. Loren Thomas -I just want to clarify, David Kelly did call Tuchoney Goldtooth to be on the committee. Tuchoney ask David, why are you doing all this without the resolution being approved. He said, he wants both the resolution and committee members approved at the same time. Told him that community members are divided, some are opposing it and some agree with mining. We did not say we would do it or agree with it. But he said, he wants to do it in two (2) meetings (get it all done within two meetings).
 14. Debora Saliego -Within two (2) Chapter meetings?
 15. Loren Thomas -No, two (2) group meeting with the Committee. That's kind of pretty fast and then again, should DOJ be involve with all this. We need to select one member from each area.
 16. Helen Little -We are moving slowly, and they are moving fast with their plans.
 17. Elvira Begay-Nowlin -What is the reason why they have the audacity to move it so quickly. During the Planning Meeting they act like they have a done deal. Are they in communication with leadership, is that why they have the audacity to think they have it in the bag and that they have a done deal. As a chapter member, it does not reflect kindly on the Chapter Officials. Because it makes me wonder what do they have going forward with the audacity. That is shady to me, why would they think that.

18. Debora Saliego -To answer that, we went to a DNR Expo in Twin Arrows couple weeks ago with Department of Natural Resources. Laverne Tsosie spoke to the Minerals Department and we found out that they got their permit in 2025 August. They got their permit in August 2025 from the Minerals Department, they did not come to us until November 2025 and It was voted down.
19. Loren Thomas -Their resolution got voted down on August 24, 2025 during a Chapter meeting.
20. Debora Saliego -They did get their permit for reconnaissance in August 2025, so when they came here with their resolution, they already had their permit. They already knew they were going to move forward with it, but we did not know that. So, I ask the Minerals Department, looks like they really, at least the guy I talked to did not really know what was going on and Laverne Tsosie talked to a different guy, you want to give us your information.
21. Laverne Tsosie -I did get a hold of Richard with Minerals Department, a white guy. What he said, is that since we are on trust land, they pretty much they already have pre-authority to do what they want to do. Even though we have a resolution from here, they go straight over there and say I want to get samples of soil or rocks they are able to do that because they give the preapproval with a letter. It's not a resolution or permit, it is just a letter approving for them to take samples. What they do is take samples and take back over there and from there they go through some many levels (we saw on the power point) of approval and from there if it is feasible or not feasible. We just assume they will start digging tomorrow, they might have plan this years ago and there are so many Mine Companies that gone through too. So, for that being said what do we do from now. For right now, they are asking for Community Benefits Committee. With having the Committee in their mind, that you are approving it and say let's get the road paved, lets get new buildings because they're business mind. But for us, we are thinking they're collecting soil and rock, and go away. They're going to show DOJ here are the five people who approve it and run with it. I really do oppose it but with my position I cannot say anything and was hoping we have the resolution to pass today. This week I was busy, next week I want to make appointment with Richard of NN Minerals Department to talk with him by Zoom to get the status of the mining. He said, he has a policy to go by and said if you have a resolution opposing it, sent that to me too so I can put it file.
22. Elvira Begay-Nowlin -We have it ready for a while now.
23. Laverne Tsosie -If you have a resolution, sponsor that resolution in person because if we say your new group Doodaa Mining is going to sponsor it and make sure that Doodaa Mining is recognize also. So, it doesn't come back to us saying that Doodaa Mining was not recognized and make sure we do everything right. This is a big thing that's coming to us, the mining.
24. Helen Little -What about the petrified wood (ancient forest)? Is there anyone who can contact and take a look in the area.

25. Laverne Tsosie -Maybe Historic Preservation, I really don't know anything about it and I've never seen one. We can incorporate into the book itself so, in the future cannot be dig out.
26. Helen Little -Contact somebody from Navajo Nation Environment to check into it.
27. Debora Saliego -Helen Little, you might need to reach out to Historic Preservation.
28. Laverne Tsosie -They are State and Federal protector, so they are aware of it.
29. Debora Saliego -Elvira Nowlin I have a question for you. So, I just want to clear the air so, there might be misinformation out there that we as officials are maybe in support of it but we took an oath to listen to everybody, the pros, and the cons.
30. Elvira Nowlin -It's not so much the way that was said, or anyone saying anything and now that I have a better understanding. It was just the fact that they came with the audacity, and so strongly. As a chapter member, honestly it made us feel why are they coming so strongly unless someone was backing them and that's what it feels like or what made us start to doubt. Is it possibly for you to just say Hey, we don't feel good conscious as a community to go forward and have this community started at this time.
31. Debora Saliego -I will e-mail them and let them know. This is the feedback I'm getting and we cannot move forward with the committee.
32. Loren Thomas - When we talked with David Kelly at a previous phone call, we asked him about the history, tell us of how you got in contact with the mining and how you came to know that Coppermine had copper and he did mention Gary Parkins. He said, prior to us going to the Chapter Meeting for the first time, he was in contact with Debora Saliego and Laverne Tsosie. They (Debora & Laverne) paved a way for us to come to the Chapter House.
33. Debora Saliego -Which is true because say if you're asking me to come to present and you want to bring a resolution, I'm not going to say no. Like he asked me, to come to the Chapter House and to bring a resolution, can't say no to him either. So, that's where, I think his skewing where his debating to go over there.
34. Loren Thomas -I'm not finish with my comments. He said, he contacted Debora and Laverne. He said, he told you that he went to Minerals Department prior and Minerals Department told them that they did not a Chapter resolution. But you guys told me that they needed a Chapter resolution.
35. Debora Saliego -I don't think he told us that, I think that's where we told him we need resolution for everything. Yea, he did not tell us that.
36. Loren Thomas -I guess his twisting things.
37. Debora Saliego -I have that email we exchanged. I told him at the time that the community is not favorable of a mining. Told him that his welcome to bring it, but more likely it's going to be voted down.
38. Laverne Tsosie -That's where they brought their supporting resolution for the mining. He brought that, it was not these guys doing the resolution. It has to be introduced as they come in, it's just that Administration Staff puts the proper chapter heading and that's just the normal thing to do with every resolution. A

resolution is not needed when they go through the Minerals Department. If they want to look for samples, they only get a letter from Minerals Department.

39. Debora Saliego -So if his telling you that they told us that they don't need a resolution and I don't remember that in our email.
 40. Tochoney Goldtooth -If we say no, with that letter from the Minerals Department, can they go above that? If we still need that copper, can they use Trump administration to do that?
 41. Debora Saliego -Do you mean Department of Interior? Yes, they can do that and that's the hard part.
 42. Laverne Tsosie -Even though we say no, they have to go through all these departments and one of them has to agree to see if it's feasible.
 43. Debora Saliego -Minerals Department or RDC can do that. That's what my fear is.
- Continued discussion on Copper Mining.

D. Chapter Vice President – Kee Black;

1. Kee Black -All the things you are talking about, they were trying to protest for Oak Flat, was put on hold for months and Trump got involve.
 - a. I attended a meeting in Flagstaff on Wild Dog issues. They said, if they get into your corral and hurt your sheep, you can shoot the dog or dogs. You can't touch them if they are outside the corral. If you want to get rid of some dogs, call Tuba City office. Take care of your livestock and your dogs need vaccination.
 - b. The mining you're talking about is your decision, we cannot tell you what to do. Thank you for coming to the meeting.
2. Andrea Dawes, Bodaway/Gap Chapter Coordinator; My chapter is sponsoring Meet & Greet Sirius and I did invite all the Navajo Nation Candidates, so far, we have seven (7) confirmed. I have fliers and will give them to Connie so she can post them. Anyone is welcome because it's Navajo Nation President Candidates. Also, for our Council Delegate Candidates but unfortunately, we will not be in your region after January. I would like to invite all of you to attend, and we will have snacks. We have tables and chairs, but I recommend you can bring your own comfortable chairs. I wanted to invite your chapter to our events for this as well. I feel like given each Candidate equal opportunity to share their platform to the community and instead of doing a public form, they have a date & time so can focus on that. You get more fliers if needed or you can follow our Chapter on Facebook, that's where you can get more information. That's why I'm here today, just to invite your chapter.
3. Tuchoney Goldtooth -I dropped off some papers at the Administration office with Connie Lano. Who are selling sheep wool, so people don't have to go to Flagstaff. The buyer is in Gallup, after you fill out the application to it to the buyer. The buyer fills out the paper.
4. Debora Saliego -Any more questions, if not I'm going to adjourn the meeting. Sorry, next is Connie Lano and Laverne Tsosie.

- E. Chapter Grazing Official - Stanford Fowler; ABSENT
- F. Community Service Coordinator (CSC) -Constance Lano;
1. I've been the only one working here for the past three weeks, our Office Specialist has been out on injury list. I, let janitor go so we are posting for another janitor.
 2. Summer Youth Employment -Post for application for April 15 to May 15 and received only ten (10) applications. This week I did five (5) interviews with them and next week I have five (5) more interviews.
 3. Summer Meals -Page Unified School District is providing summer meals for students enroll with the school district and register with them. They will bring the food out here to the chapter.
 4. Dine Youth -come out at the end of the year to do "School BASH" - they will come here to meet with the youth, cook hamburgers & hot dogs on June 18, 2026 here at Coppermine Chapter.
 5. Trash Bin -The Bin is for the Chapter House and Administration Building for trash after our meetings, it's not open to the public yet. Which Renee Tsosie of LeChee had a good idea to combine the chapters, come together and partner to do a Transfer Station. Chapters can assign PEP workers, and route that's something we need to talk about, maybe next year.
 6. Heavy Equipment -Sihasiin has \$27 thousand for two years so we've been trying to get a trailer to haul the Backhoe around to help the community. I'm looking for a 25 footer trailer that can hold 25 thousand pounds. I put in two quotes for that and a dock trailer too, that came out to \$25 thousand.
 7. Chapter vehicle -We budgeted \$50 thousand with our Sales Tax, that's what we are looking at to purchase a vehicle for the chapter. We have been going back and forth there's an Expedition for \$41 thousand, that would be good for the officials and myself to go to meetings. Another one would be a 450 or 550 ton truck to haul a flatbed or trailer for \$46 thousand. Another option is a 1-ton truck for \$35 thousand. We haven't made our finally decision to purchase.
 8. Two Labor workers -Wage is at \$15.00 an hour for 160 (1 hundred & sixty) hours to finish the chapter fencing project and summer youth can help the labors too.
 9. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 2026 EXPO -We attended DNR 2026 EXPO at Twin Arrows, they gave us a lot of information and knowledge, it will probably take us another two (2) hours if we talk about it. They are as follow; The Navajo Land Department, The General Land Dept.(family burial plot & land withdrawal process), Dept. of Agricultural, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Agricultural Resources Management Plan, Animal Control Program, NN Zoo, Historic Preservation, Protecting Navajo History, Water Resources, Dept. of Resources Enforcement, Minerals Dept., Navajo Energy, Navajo Forestry, NN Parks & Recreation, they did their presentation for two days. I do have the phone number Executive Department and if anyone wants to get a hold of anybody in those department, you can contact me or the officials.

10. FUND 01 -The General Funds and this is also posted on the back wall each month. Laverne Tsosie was asking about the detail listings, it has everything on there. For Fund 01 is the Activity General Funds, we use Fund 01 to purchase food the chapter during Thanksgiving or Christmas, electrical expense, waste disposal, water expense, Repair & Maintenance, Tax Penalties. Also, the revenue that we get from water, making copies & facility usage. The revenue that we get back goes back into Fund 01, so with that we are able to help community with Financial Assistance, Funeral Expense and Scholarships. There are 17 fund codes and if you have a chance, go to the back and look through them. We don't have the MIP system, that's what prints-out our checks. Our MIP system is in Tuba City and every week one of us has to go out to Tuba to pick up checks. I did not get our financial report until this morning. Our monthly financial reports are sent by Tuba City and that's why it's stable to the back of the agenda.

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

1. Laverne Tsosie -Update on CLUPC

- a. We received two Letter of Interest and they did their introducing. Next month we will have resolution for both of them.
 - b. Willard Tsingine provide us documents for the First Windmill Rodeo Ground.
 - c. Email to Allen Fowler for the Fowler Business, email to Richard with the Minerals Department and hopefully next month, we will do a zoom meeting with them.
 - d. Contact ADOT for some of the questions that were asked during at the Planning Meeting on the proposed area along Highway 89. They currently do not have a permit for that area and we took that off.
 - e. I also email to Page Transportation update for Coppermine sites, so we can put it on our maps.
 - f. I'm currently updating all the information on our first Public Hearing notes. All those will be attached to our meeting minutes and was turned in a few days ago.
 - g. Our 60 day comment period ends on June 10th and if you have any changes or comments come to the chapter meeting and will be updated.
 - h. Email NTUA in regards to the Solar, and I'm waiting for information to come back to me.
 - i. Marilyn Yazzie, Official for Grazing -she heard about Coppermine Solar and wanting more information. Told her we haven't receive anything and we don't know anything about it either. I contacted RDBO, they don't know anything also. They should have a resolution but they don't.
 - j. I also reached out to Maxine Peterson about the old Coppermine Trading Post. She said, permit was transferred to the Black Family and the are responsible for the old Trading Post and If you know the Black family let me know.
2. Leila McCabe -My uncle used to say he was from Baby Rock.

- H. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) -Laverne Tsosie;
1. Laverne Tsosie -Update on Former Bennett Freeze
 - a. We had our meeting last week, this was our second meeting.
 - b. We are working on a list of thirty (30) people. We were told that they were going by a resolution from 2018. That's old because some of them has passed on and some already got assisted.
 - c. We are turning over all our meeting minutes to Chapter Manager.
 2. Kelly Skacy -I think last week, Debra Benally was asking me about a resolution from my dad Herbert Bigman and I don't know if that was just a conversation. The late Calvin Begay stated something about cemetery, I asked dad if he approved anything or signed anything. I just wanted to what that conversation was about.
 3. Laverne Tsosie -Linda Long was here than and they had seven cemeteries.
 4. Laverne Tsosie -We are not going to have it in the book, unless someone comes forward to tell us basically. If any business is more than five (5) years, we are going to take it out of the book unless they confirm it that they are working on it or trying to keep it going. The situation with Shash Dine'e, I know she only has one resolution from 2017, even that was kind of confusing. One resolution, actually both of her resolutions were not documented correctly, is it legal, I do not know. Regardless if it passes five years, they are supposed to redo it every five (5) years. Next meeting we need to talk about the cemetery, if we are doing family plot.
 5. (?) -I heard the "lower cut" area, the boundary is in LeChee area now?
 6. Laverne Tsosie -We do have boundaries there but according to Grazing and everybody else there is really not a boundary. There is legal document, we actually have a bigger area but I don't know.

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

- A. May 25 -MEMORIAL Day -Office will be CLOSED
- B. May 26 -District 1 Grazing Meeting @ 10:00 AM at Tonalea
- C. May 27 -Permittee Meeting @ 9:00 AM at Coppermine Chapter
- D. May 27 -**Fun Walk** w/Nav. Special Diabetes Program(NSDP) @ 5:30 PM-8:00 PM at Coppermine
- E. May 29 -Veterans Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- F. May 30 -Coconino County Elections, Poll Workers Training @ 8:00AM-12:00PM at Coppermine
- G. June 01 -Navajo Nation TREATY Day/MEMORIAL Day -Office will be CLOSED
- H. June 03 -**Juniper Ash Making** (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Coppermine
- I. June 04 -**Strawberry Chicken Sandwich Demo** (NSDP) @ 3:00 PM-5:00 PM at Coppermine
- J. June 07 -Planning Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- K. June 10 -CLUPC sixty (60) day comment period ENDS (after 1st Public Hearing)
- L. June 11 -**Blue Corn Mush Making** (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Coppermine
- M. June 13 -Western Navajo Agency Meeting @ 9:00 AM at Olijato, Utah
- N. June 14 -Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM

- O. June 15 -Next CLUPC meeting @ 10:00 AM
- P. June 16 -Veterans Housing Education Presentation @ 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM -Coppermine
- Q. June 17 -**Fun Walk & Run** (NSDP) @ 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM at Coppermine
- R. June 19 -**Youth Butchering Demo** (NSDP) @ 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Coppermine
- S. June 23 -**Kneel Down Bread Making** (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM at Coppermine
- T. June 24 -**Fun Walk & Run** (NSDP) @ 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM at Coppermine
- U. PEP JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS: 2- Peacemakers, 1- School District IEC/JOM Member for Coppermine, and 1- TCRHCC Board Member for Coppermine (Leila McCabe's position ends October 2026).

IX. Benediction: NONE

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Debora Saliego at 7:30 PM.

Prepared/Completed by: D.Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer 06/04/26 (finalize)

F	Fund Balance	MARCH 2026 - Ending Balance	Expenses -	Deposit +	APRIL 2026 - Ending Balance
01	General Activity Fund	\$ 54,089.20	\$ 463.51	\$ 835.83	\$ 54,461.52
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	\$ 28,201.37	\$ 1,465.43		\$ 26,735.94
08	Summer Youth Employment	\$ 62,264.57			\$ 62,264.57
09	Housing Discretionary	\$ 19,505.46			\$ 19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	\$ 23,984.23	\$ 403.68		\$ 23,580.55
12	Chapter Official Stipend	\$ 36,460.23	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 33,460.23
13	Scholarship/General Fund	\$ 15,828.00			\$ 15,828.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	\$ 13,180.00			\$ 13,180.00
15	Public Employment Project	\$ 99,839.92	\$ 4,305.99		\$ 95,533.93
16	Veterans	\$ 18,219.96	\$ 254.69		\$ 17,965.27
17	Emergency Fund	\$ 58,435.85			\$ 58,435.85
21	Chapter Repair/Maintenance	\$ 18,703.90	\$ 411.04		\$ 18,292.86
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	\$ 294,244.44	\$ 1,207.75		\$ 293,036.69
25	NN CIP Fund	\$ 13,993.00			\$ 13,993.00
28	Chapter Projects	\$ 272,697.28			\$ 272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	\$ 166,963.03	\$ 748.42	\$ 25,725.00	\$ 191,939.61
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	\$ 5.48			\$ 5.48
	Total	\$ 1,196,615.92			\$ 1,210,916.24

Motion: Anneretta Dove

Second: Sallie Tsinigine

Vote: 14-00-11

- C. **RESOLUTION CO-05-028-26:** THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER APPROVES AND ACCEPTS THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND CARRYOVER BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,066.85

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Anneretta Dove

Vote: 14-00-11

- D. **RESOLUTION CO-05-29-26:** THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER APPROVES THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GAMING FUND CARRYOVER BUDGET OF \$3,458.28 TO BE UTILIZED FOR CHAPTER UTILITIES EXPENSES.

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Loren Thomas

Vote: 18-00-07

- E. **RESOLUTION:** DISCUSSION AND RECOMMATION FOR EMERGENCY FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,826.00

Motion: Anneretta Dove

Second: Sheryse Burns

Vote: 17-00-08

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

- A. Council Delegate - Honorable Helena Nez-Begay: ABSENT
- B. Council Delegate LDA -Tom Franklin: ABSENT
- C. Chapter President - Debora Saliego
- D. Chapter Vice President - Kee Black
- E. Chapter Grazing Official - Stanford Fowler: ABSENT
- F. Community Service Coordinator (CSC) -Constance Lano
- G. Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC) -Laverne Tsosie
- H. Former Bennett Freeze Area (FBFA) -Laverne Tsosie

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