

COPPERMINE CHAPTER

Planning Meeting Minutes

July 05, 2026 @ 2:00 PM (DST)

- I. **Meeting called to order:** Meeting was called to order by Debora Saliege at 2:05 PM.
- II. **Invocation by:** Open prayer by Jordan Russell
- III. **Review and adopt the agenda:**
Kee Black -Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. Review and adopt today's agenda. Kee Black read the entire agenda and add amendment request.
Amendments are as follow;
- a. Laverne Tsosie -request to **add** under VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: L. August 10 -CLUPC meeting @ 10:00AM
 - b. Debbie E. Tsinigine -**Delete** IV. Reading and Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes: (June 2026 -Regular Meeting Minutes), because it's already under NEW BUSINESS, letter (A) and needs approval. Change numbering from REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS to IV, OLD BUSINESS to V, NEW BUSINESS to VI, COUNCIL DELEGATE/CHAPTER OFFICIALS/ GRAZING/CSC/CLUPC to VII, ANNOUNCEMENTS to VIII, BENEDICTION to IX and ADJOURNMENT to X.
 - c. Debora Saliege -So, the changes are removing IV. Reading and Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes and change numbers from REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS is IV, OLD BUSINESS is V, NEW BUSINESS is VI, COUNCIL DELEGATE/CHAPTER OFFICIALS/ GRAZING. We need to, I was going to say we should combine Helena Begay and Tom Franklin's report. When Helena is not here, Tom usually do his report but if they are both here, we want to hear from Tom also.
 - d. Laverne Tsosie -If they are both here, Helena does the report.
 - e. Debora Saliege -That's what I'm saying, Helena or Tom.
 - f. Debbie E. Tsinigine -It has to be separate, they have to be separate to claim and submit their stipend, they have to be on the agenda. If one of them shows up, fine we don't have to remove one, just leave it on there.
 - g. Debora Saliege -Ok, so that becomes VII (7) and in the back ANNOUNCEMENTS becomes VIII, BENEDICTION is IX and ADJOURNMENT is X. Any other amendments, so I need a motion, Kee and Debbie second and vote.

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

~~IV. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES: TO BE REMOVED~~
~~(June 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes)~~

IV. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Sarah Slim, Executive Director -Navajo Land Commission;
Debora Saliego -Sarah Slim is not available today, and will forward to Chapter Meeting.

Next is Connie Lano, do you want to do your report or wait until the Chapter Meeting. We are happy to hear from you today.

B. Constance Lano, Coppermine Chapter Coordinator;

1. I will just talk about the Resolution# CO-07-037-26; Approval for a payment in the amount of \$35,500.00 that's for a vehicle, 2020 Explorer XTL and we going to purchase it from Page Ford. In our Policy & Procedure Procurement, anything amounts from \$2,500 to \$10 thousand we have to three (3) quotes but if the amount is from \$10 thousand to \$50 thousand, we need a resolution pass at a duly called meeting. This is why we have a resolution and we've been talking about it since December 2025. We planned to get a one (1) ton because we are getting a trailer from Si'hasiin instead we decide to go with the SUV. We need it for home assessment especially when the project starts or travel to meetings, District One, or Western Agency meetings. Debora Saliego did the negotiated down to \$35 thousand.
2. The second Resolution #CO-07-038-26) This is Approving and Adopting the Coppermine Chapter Policies and Procedures for Heavy Equipment and Motor Vehicles which includes Equipment Daily Report, Field Daily Report, Vehicle Return Inspection Form, and Equipment Rental Form.
 - a. We've been struggling with this for years. Christopher Benally did the policy for Heavy Equipment as a Plan of Operation, instead of being a Policy & Procedure. It was written wrong and it was sent back, he did do anything about.
 - b. So last year in October 2025, Debbie Tsinigine and I worked on it again. I showed it to Debora Saliego and Kee Black, sent it to DOJ until January 2026.
 - c. April 2026, I tried to email Cindy Freeman about it, I didn't hear anything back.
 - d. Until when we went to Western Agency meeting in Monument Valley, that's when I finally talked with her and she said to email her again.
 - e. Finally, we received the Heavy Equipment Policy & Procedure back from DOJ, we did some minor changes and that's what the resolution is for. Also, the vehicle will be in this Policy & Procedure, it talks about everything, take a look at it.
 - f. As far as the vehicle and equipment, only staff and officials can drive it and they have to go through NDOT to get their permit to operate.
3. Debora Saliego -The second phase of that, there's going to be some money left right? So, we can combine that with next year's budget to purchase a larger vehicle.
4. Constance Lano -Yes, it has to be heavy duty because the Backhoe is heavier and the trailer we are getting is 20 footer. We are trying to use 27 thousand with Si'hasiin Funds to get the trailer and the dump trailer.
5. Laverne Tsosie -On the resolution it says \$35,500.00, is that just the vehicle by itself or is that maintenance for a couple years or so. Where is the maintenance cost coming out of?

6. Constance Lano -We will use the Navajo Nation Sales Tax for fuel, for the vehicle and tractor.
7. Debora Saliego -Include in that pricing we did extended warranty for addition for five years and that should cover all the major expenses. For oil changes, tires and just the tropical maintenance, those we have to budget for.
8. Connie Lano -We did price quote for three vehicles, price is the same range, 30 mileage, and all used.
9. Debora Saliego -I think they said, they do the inspection, and oil changes.
10. Connie Lano -We have our monthly calendar with all the events.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Last Meeting Minutes (JULY 2026) & post at Administration Building:
- B. Approve Financial Report (JULY 2026) Secretary/Treasurer:
June 2026 Meeting Minutes and Financial Report will be reported at Regular Chapter Meeting, both approved to move forward to regular meeting.
Motion: Kee Black Second: Debbie E. Tsinigine Vote: 02-00-01

- C. **RESOLUTION CO-07-037-26:** APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,500.01 TO PAGE LAKE POWELL FORD FOR COPPERMINE CHAPTER USAGE USING THE SALES TAX FUND ACCOUNT 23-6805 VEHICLES.
Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

- D. **RESOLUTION CO-07-038-26:** APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COPPERMINE CHAPTER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH INCLUDES EQUIPMENT DAILY REPORT, FIELD DAILY REPORT, VEHICLE RETURN INSPECTION FORM, AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL FORM.
Motion: Debbie E. Tsinigine Second: Kee Black Vote: 02-00-01

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 -One thing I wanted to discuss is, we need to coordinated for the hay & grain, and the water. I told Laverne Tsosie that I volunteer her, we pass a resolution at the last meeting. It was four (4) thousand for food, did we decide 100.00 for 40 people.
 2. Constance Lano -Yes, just need to make a list of food that we need to in the box.
 3. Debora Saliego -We will be getting water for the community, one (1) thousand dollar on water. Ten (10) thousand for Hay & Grain and eight (8) thousand for propane. So, we are still working on the criteria, we will focus on elderly and children with assistance and the disable and the veterans. So, we will be meeting soon to discuss the criteria.

4. Constance Lano -Yes, back in 2020 we got 59 thousand Emergency Funds and that money is still sitting in our Bank.
 - a. This past Tuesday, we had a meeting with ASC at Tonalea with Birdsprings Chapter, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Cameron, of all those Chapters they were against helping out their community and I was the only one who wanted to budget for ten (10) thousand for hay & grain for Permit Holders, the two (2) thousand for pallets of water, eight (8) thousand for propane, four (4) thousand for food, two (2) thousand for other needs, long distance Walkie Talkie. I'm trying to spend the money to give back to the community. I was a little confused and concerned why other chapters don't want to spend the money, except for us.
 - b. We are in a drought, if you go outside, you can see and smell the smoke, we are in a severe drought. They were not in support for what I'm doing for my community. I just wanted to emphasize that and all our surrounding chapters, Bodaway and LeChee are not spending their money and because they get complains that they are just helping out their family members.
 - c. LeChee Senior Center wants to partner with us, we need to get 30 names and they will come out to deliver food. Need a list of how many need food delivery and how many can come to the chapter to eat, who are top priority too.
 - d. Also, that goes hand in hand with our Emergency Plan we are trying to work on. We don't have an Emergency Plan for the chapter here but when you go to these meetings, they emphasize that. We need to get together to make plans maybe when we are doing the grocery list.
 - e. Getting that money back into the community so they see it first-hand. 25;08 We can definitely say that the 59 thousand is for actual Emergency.
5. Debora Saliego -So, Connie what is the age for elderly because some places they say 65, and some say 60 years old.
6. Constance Lano -We will stick with Senior Citizen 65 years old.
7. Debora Saliego -That was my report and I wanted to talk about that. So, Kee Black, Constance Lano, Stanford Fowler and I volunteer Laverne Tsosie will pick up grain in Flagstaff. We can announce it, people can pick it up immediately so that's what I'm hoping for and the same with water and food boxes. During trash day, box of PPE was given out, we can give out PPE box if we any left because of their expiration date.

D. Chapter Vice President - Kee Black;

1. Kee Black -I came here for butchering for the kids here. Helena Begay came around because they were helping with hauling the trailer (mobile home) wanted help so I ended up over there all day. Only had soup when I came back to the chapter, no ribs. That was a good communication with Helena Begay, all helping each other to get move especially when the trailer got stuck in the sand.
2. This morning I came here at 8:00 AM for CLUPC meeting. I have been here all day, now Planning Meeting and Friday we had our staff meeting, we were here late.
3. You are doing a great job for helping out, talking about our needs, your input, and your support. Take care and Thank you.

E. Chapter Grazing Official -Stanford Fowler -absent

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

1. Laverne Tsosie -Since you are on the subject of Emergency Funds, maybe add floor mats (foam or mattress) for people to sleep on, I think camping cot are expensive. Maybe establish Emergency Response Team, so we know who to contact and start discussing the Emergency Plan.
2. We had our CLUPC meeting today at 10:00 AM. The first one is land management on burial plot, data collection of the mapping I received from Calvin Begay and we are full of burial plots all over. However, there are more and each of the member will identify plots and put it in our book.
3. Each one of my member will looking at each section of the book, if any changes need to happen.
4. In Cindy's area, she will get Garden fields, Church, Rodeo Grounds, Burial Plots, and possible all Home Site Leases.
5. Windmill rehabilitation is needed, how do they get fix and how do we go about these windmill.
6. Page School Bus Route -Update for Coppermine Chapter area, need student safety pull-outs. We ask Kee Black on the action item to contact NDOT, to see we can fix those roads. There is a huge drop off and its bus tire blow-out, not safe at pull outs.
7. Public safety -Debra Benally has been working with NAU, she was out here last week testing water certain areas. NAU is calling homes making appointments, date, and time. Individual to be home so they can test their water, a few weeks ago NAU was gathering names and phone numbers.
8. Earlier I ask Debbie Tsinigine if we can get on the budget to make sure CLUBC is on the budget. Because we are now targeting our second (2nd) Public Hearing, hopefully the end of August.
9. Our next meeting is August 10th at 10:00 AM. We already establish date and time for four other sessions between now to August. It will be on Sunday and Monday on each week and we are going to try to go through this book again. We already done this with the first (1st) Public Hearing and we were here all day, eight hours. So, we are going to need gates open for us, Kee please. You don't have to stay but open the gate and door for us.
10. We are going to need the budget, because we are going to printing the books, hopefully that's will be the finally print. I usually go to FedEx in Flagstaff for printing because they have bigger machine. Last time it cost me 700.00.
11. Connie Lano -You have a budget of 500.00 balance for Photo Copies and Printing. Continued conversation and discussion.

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

- A. JULY 08 – **Dine College Presentation @ 10:00 AM**
- B. JULY 09 – **Blue Corn Dumpling (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM**

- C. JULY 12- Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- D. JULY 13 – **ADOT Alive** @ 25 Driving Safety Presentation @ 1:30 PM
- E. JULY 16 -**Blue Corn Bread Demo** (NSDP) @ 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at Coppermine
- F. JULY 17 -Veterans Meeting @ 3:00 PM
- G. JULY 21 -Navajo Nation & Coconino Primary Election
- H. JULY 22 -Page Unified School District Back to School Event @4:30PM-7:30PM
- I. JULY 23 -**Kneel Down Bread Food Demo** (NSDP) @10:00AM-12:00PM -Coppermine
- J. JULY 23 -Back to School Fun Walk & Run @ 6:00PM-8:00PM at Coppermine
- K. JULY 31 -Navajo Nation Voter's Registration RE-OPEN
- L. AUG 10 -CLUPC meeting at 10:00AM

IX. Benediction: NONE

X. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Debora Saliego at 4:20 PM.

Prepared/Completed by: D.Tsinigine, Secretary/Treasurer 07/13/26 (finalize)