COPPERMINE CHAPTER – REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
May 24, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference/In-Person
MINUTES (In-Person limit to 25 Total Attendees)
Join by phone (US): 1-470-238-8192 (pin) 182038961

I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:32pm.

II. Invocation by Lola Smith.

III. Review & Adopt the Agenda by Allen Fowler.
   Motion: Lola Smith          Second: Stanford Fowler      Vote: 09 / 00 / 00
   Natasha Begay – request add to report
   Allen – add under report #5

IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building:
   Motion: Stanford Fowler    Second: Lola Smith        Vote: 09 / 00 / 00

V. Old Business:
   1. Resolution CO-04-024-22: Coppermine Chapter hereby approves the Cultural Pedestrian Survey within Coconino County Arizona for Maintenance and Minor Construction Activities within the WAPA ROW, Access Roads, and Construction Areas for a Segment of WAPA's Glen Canyon to Flagstaff 345 KV Transmission Line #1 and #2. They will assist chapter with doing Archeological Clearances as they have requested during planning report meeting.
   Allen – read the resolution to the community attending meeting and teleconference call.
   Allen – is Nadine available?
   Allen – read the resolution again to the community.
   Lola – she did attend 2 planning meeting and 1 chapter meeting and presented to community.
   Motion: Lola Smith          Second: Stanford Fowler      Vote: 10 / 00 / 00

VI. New Business:
   1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer
      Valerie – provided financial report to the community attending meeting and teleconference call.
      The financial report is below. Change Up To Date Expense 3/31/22. I have only received financial report up to 3/31/22. Have request to ASC for payment status on the following: Navajo Nation Sales Tax, Unhealthy Food Tax, Agriculture Hay Funds, Gaming Revenue. ASC response is that paperwork was submitted to ASC central which was forward to OMB and OOC to process. During 1pm meeting with chapter officials and grazing official that the grazing official provided copy of ACH payment that deposit was made for Navajo Nation Sales Tax of $25,729.00 and Agricultural Hay fund for $31,610.48 for total of $57,339.48. I haven’t received the financial report from ASC so not sure if funds were budgeted into MIP but will follow-up. Have check chapter website and seen that ASC have posted the planning report meeting agenda and minutes as well as chapter meeting agenda. ASC has forward document for gaming revenue and will put on the agenda for June to request funds for utilities expense like water and power. I have asked for update on the vacant AMS and CSC position of why it’s not advertised on DPM website. ASC response is that email was sent to ASC central regarding unposted advertised vacant positions and they will look into it so will provide update when information comes available.
      Note: only have received Financial Report as of 3/31/2022. ASC indicated report for 4/30/22 was given to me is wrong. So, I’ll request this financial report for 4/30/2022.
   Motion: Lavern Tsosie        Second: Lola Smith       Vote: 10 / 00 / 00
2. Resolution CO-05-027-22: Approving the Name of Newly Elected Chapter Official 2022-2025 to the National Bank of Arizona Signature Card: Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Valerie Fowler Allen – read the resolution to the community attending the meeting and teleconference call.

   Motion: Lola Smith Second: Frank Spencer Vote: 10 / 00 / 00

3. Resolution CO-05-028-22: Authorizing the Approval of Chapter Scholarship for the following (2) Two Full Time Student in the amount of $500.00 each utilizing Fund 13:6721.
   i. Jalen Smallcanyon – Navajo Dine College  
      Allen – read letter that was sent by Jalen to the community in attendance and teleconference call. 2nd year student. Aiming for Bachelor Degree in Dine Studies.
   ii. Melina Tacheene - Arizona State University
Melina – she requests scholarship and is present through teleconference call. Full time student and major in finance in drawing. Senior year at ASU. Continue with fine arts. Grandma is late carol manson.

Motion: Lola Smith  Second: Stanford Fowler  Vote: 10 / 00 / 00


Allen – read the resolution to the community.

Lavern – is representing Alvina Joe. She is at work. We have been in contact with her. I have submitted the 3 price quotes today. I went to Ace Hardware in Page and they have no lumber which I noted. We need to look for team to assist her. Rain in coming and in need of roof. She did submit her application last month.

Lola – can you as Chapter President and tell of your findings.

Allen – I have visited her home. Half of roof is gone. She is missing windows well. She is need of repairs.

Lavern – what year is mobile home

Lavern – all paperwork is in her mom’s mom but hasn’t gone into her mom’s room. Looks like 1980s and have recommended she look into home. She indicated of purchasing

Helena Begay Nez – if wind blows off the roof, then consider as Navajos its teaching that she may have to move to another location. New home

Lavern – can’t hear her

Allen – traditional teaching that wind damage to home that one needs to move out to new location.

Lavern – our children have hard time with traditional and they are still grieving with lost her mom. Short term needs to fix roof and long term she needs to look for new home.

Motion: Frank Spencer  Second: Stanford Fowler  Vote: 10 / 00 / 00

VII. Reports and Presentation:


Helena – introduced herself to the Coppermine community. Have received texts to attend Coppermine meterings. Have worked for Kaibeto senior center 19 years in September. I have work for the elders in Coppermine, Kaibeto, Cedar Ridge, etc. I didn’t say I was going run for the council delegate but have received support calls from people to run for the council delegate position. I would like to work with the chapter officials and get chapter projects for Coppermine. I work with 6B, FMIS, financial. I have push for the elders with working for senior living center and now want to push for the community. Need to listen and understand. Lechee have been certified and need to work on that. Any questions?

Lavern – finally good to hear from you and to get your input. You listen to different chapter meeting. What projects have you hear and would like to work on.

Helena – for Lechee chapter it’s the fire house and they have done land withdrawal. Tonalea are working on senior center and have done land withdrawal. This is my 3rd chapter and haven’t hear of their projects but chapter have needs. I cover as senior center supervisor for Kaibeto. Lechee covers a lot of Coppermine elders. Need for indoor plumbing for the elders and the roads to their homes. Water is main issue with people. People are hauling water. One thing to work on is baby boomers which people are coming back from work and have high income but long-term care providers tell the elders their income is too high so need to work on that. Need to request for programs to work with elders. Many towers how are we make money from it. Need to identify the community needs. Have gone close to Preston mesa. We need to keep our elder’s home and not send to nursing homes in town. A lot of our
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veterans don’t know of funds available for homes. Grants writers need to request for funds. Like for the emergency for home repair need to have emergency plan for that.

Allen – red tape on funds for instance the ARPA funds which is still been discussed.

Stanford – grazing official have issues, what is plan for drought, AFI which funds given to chapter is just band aide, burial issues, etc

Lola – you have visited most elders’ homes, former bennett freeze area (FBFA) the homes have no running water, drill the well close the road which they will take water to bigger tank near Gap then water will to bitter springs then to Cameron. There is no water going to local resident where the well was drill in the FBFA. Housing is big issue for FBFA.

Helena – yes, the Navajo nation is like that. I have said that about NN wage, my staff’s wage. I am just little over minimum wage but my cooks and drivers aren’t even minimum wage. Need to get chapter certified to get the funds here and maybe change it will change minimum wage. I’ve seen council delegates in window rock which they submit documents and was told that not to be like that. Need president to work with council delegates. Need to have educated children and are willing to help but we are the barriers. Tom O’Hallaren have signed the document and they have been without water for many years for the FBFA. I am in same situation I don’t have running water at home. We have to purchase hay for our animals and would be great if we had running water then we could do hay fields for ourselves.

Sid – we work with chapters on elders. She does a good job with senior centers. How do we work with the council delegate. I have seen council delegate just sign in and not attending fully on the meetings.

Linda – what are your educational qualifies

Helena – complete high school in page. Complete CDA to work for headstart in page. Central Arizona College and received early childhood and business management for certificate. High pressure and tube welding and received my certification. FMIS and 6B certifications. During pandemic, training online for FEMA and complete it. As supervisor, I really encourage staff to go back to school.

Linda – if lawmaker, legislation is tricky, less educated are behind during council meeting, 24 council delegate and only 4 showed up, it dealt with church group on NN.

Lavern – how knowledge on general administration system for chapters.

Helena – years back I use to live in Lechee and assist the chapter to getting CLUPC certified then I moved which is further and as working for Kaibeto senior center then started working with Kaibeto chapter. I took part in the chapter meetings and CLUP meeting. Window rock want shovel ready. Projects have to be worked on at chapter level. In January, did training to my elders on covid of washing hands, don’t travel, etc then breakout of covid in march and my elders were informed on covid and ready.

Lavern – I haven’t heard on veterans. I’m a veteran and have ask for assist but none.

Helena – have seen veterans get assistance with building materials but no help with man power. Materials just sit there or materials get taken from home. Man power comes from the family or chapter with PEP. My brother was veteran and have known a lot of veterans.

Allarice – I am veteran. Was going as about veterans. I am business owner so are you well informed on small business owner.

Helena – taxes go to general fund and distribute 50/50 to chapters. Need to get taxes back to the chapters. I am aware of the antelope point and the local store at Kaibeto and Tonalea. I have heard of your business and its good keep going.

Lavern – if elected will you leave your current job

Helena – kick off rally next month in Lechee

Allarice – what is your take on infrastructure for western agency, how zoning is important to small business

Helena – we need to work together at chapter and community. Identify needs at the chapter.
Mary calls-in from Phoenix – where can we get you autobiography? Need to be aware of local laws and federal, et.
Helena – need to know title 26 and the policy and procedures

2. Adrian Dotson – Solar Project
   Adrian – sent presentation to chapter email.
   Robbie, VP Development – introduce you to 8 minute and NTUA for Lechee. Working for solar is to bring benefits to the community. Change climate change. We are helping the environment. Create good paying jobs for the community. Partner with several tribes. Currently number 1 in solar development on Indian lands. Only developers to construct solar farms like Kayenta. NTUA has a lot of experience working on the Navajo nation. 400 megawatts, with 1200 battery storage, largest on tribal land. Project location. Have been working with permittee to move forward the project where they have permits. We are working with permittees so site isn’t set. Project is west of railroad. Looking at community meeting at LeChee and invite Coppermine for June 19 and June 20. NTUA ownership and partnership. NTUA been NN enterprise and partnership will enable direct ownership of the project so Navajo Nation will own the project/facility. NTUA can use the revenue to keep electric low. We are accepting 650 construction job for 18 months and 20 long term maintenance for 35 years. Our hope that people that work on solar will work on other projects as well. Environmental side is accepting to generate 51,000 gigawatts. Remove cars off the road. We are excited and revenue coming to the Navajo nation. Open house June 19-20 at LeChee chapter house outside from 2pm to 6pm. NTUA will be available for questions. NTUA sent out newsletter.
   Lola – how much water will this project utilize
   Robbie – I don’t have specific number. During construction water will be used but during operation the water usage is minimum. I can get more detailed information at the community meeting.
   Lola – how much revenue for NN
   Robbie – finalizing economic report and have it ready for the June meeting
   Note: June 19-20 at 2pm – 6pm just outside Lechee chapter house. Encourage residents of Lechee and Coppermine.
   Paul – size of solar farm, square mile acreage
   Robbie – need to confirm the boundary area so we don’t know the size. Estimate 3500 acres. Square mile which is estimate 5 miles
   Lola – where is the water coming from
   Robbie – truck in water from outside. Someone from our construction team to answer that question.

3. Community Health Representative – Susie Shorthair
   Susie – have test kit and will give out during Lechee Just Move It. Will give out test kit at Coppermine chapter from 8am to 10am tomorrow. STD is on the rise and need to educate the community, have protection, get yourself tested and treated in the area.
   Response to council delegate and need to know your community. Chapter officials need to know their elders and what is their need. Needs are bathroom addition, etc which needs to be work at on at the chapter level and council delegate can’t do much.

4. The Parker Project – Malyn Gilbert
   Malyn – work in tuba city so some know us. We go to community to provide services with animals. We want to reach people that we have not seen yet. Vaccine clinic June 25 and June 26 in tuba city so would like to come to Coppermine on June 24 for vaccine clinic. We can do door-to-door so don’t need location.

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Allen – what’s contact information
Marlyn – if okay then we will do flyer and post on face book and can post on other locations. We will do door-to-door.
Allen – you want location or house-to-house
Marlyn – location is easier but some don’t have vehicles or have many animals to collect
Allen – yes you can use the chapter compound and can-do door-to-door for people that have reached out.
Lola – where you coming from
Marlyn – live south New Mexico and another individual comes from Phoenix and volunteers come from varies location
Lavern – would be good idea to come to chapter house,
Marlyn – previous help person with sick puppies whom didn’t have vehicle and has reach out for more help. So we will reach out for people that need help.
Lola – thank you for offering your services
Marlyn – June 24 for Coppermine is set

5. Add-on: TCRHCC – Natasha Begay
   Natasha – have provide monthly base on updates. Grant has been awarded to Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation. Health Screening, Cancer, assistance for radiation exposure for claim. This is 2nd year for the grant. 189 patients since march 2021. Had clinic this past Thursday then another screening clinic this coming Thursday. If you want screening call 928-283-1802. Radiation exposure and have assisted 31 community members have been assisted with claim and have received compensation. Goal is 50 for claims. We are reaching out to community. From 31 applicants, breast cancer and colon cancer and cancer residents are from tuba city, moekopi, Kayenta, tonalea, these are where patients coming from. Bill is proposed to extend radiation for 2 more years. We are accepting to hear and will extend RECA for 2 years and feel that we haven’t reach out to everyone. I will be closely watching for signature. I will send out notification to chapter. Compensation act if you want more information, we can provide it. Can check the website,

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUP Reports:
   1. Council Delegate - Paul Begay
      Paul – promotion from head start to 8th grader to graduation for high school, university, etc. and congratulations to the all the graduates. Health education. Tomorrow going to Richfield for graduation on Thursday. We will have dinner with the seniors there for their awards night and recognition. ARPA funding and ran out of time on Friday. Need to know law as council delegate and things do pass us even though we have legislation counsel, if we issue pertaining to law so we ask questions to the legislation council. Legislation #722 (crotty) wasn’t discussed. Next day she motions to replace her legislation with freeland legislation and was vote to discuss crotty’s legislation during Council Meeting. Delegate mention there was error with discussing crotty’s legislation because it was discussed at NABI meeting. We adjourned on Friday and this week we had agree to come back together to discuss to discuss legislation but since its graduation so move it to next week. It requires 2/3 vote in order for it to pass. Quadrilateral Task Force which I am head of it and major issue to antelope point for decrease in water. Issue with cabling going down like gas line, sewer water, etc. possibility that the cabling will break. Antelope Point has request for permission to upgrade but Parks Services denied it by Bill Shock. Many documents were submitted but denied. So, no repairs have been made. Only once access at Antelope Point, the main access has a lot of cabling so its safety issue. Another request has been made again to Parks Service. Has made news. Need to talk with AZ senate. I’m apart of NABI, NHLC, HESC, etc. Linda
mention only few council delegate attend ABNDN meeting at twin arrows so council delegates are in committees so why not all delegates attend that meeting. I haven’t been told I haven’t done my job right and have been requested to run again for council delegate. So, I threw my hat in for council delegate.

2. Chapter President - Allen Fowler
Allen – thankful for Valerie and working on chapter financial with ASC. Getting more contact with ASC on finances. Roads for 6210 with NDOT which they only do is blade. For pot holes is where as community we can come together. Its BIA Road so can’t really work on it due to arch clearance. We are requesting for arch clearance which has been requested and company can do it in the Resolution#CO-04-024-22. Red tape for funds. First windmill had sand on road which took couple days for them to respond to it. BIA works for us and with us. Road N20 who maintains it. We need to get that finalize on who maintains it instead of putting on each saying its BIA or NDOT or County. Resolution to BIA and NDOT on project. Projects for Coppermine which chapter doesn’t have AMS and CSC. Projects are oversight by CSC and not for Chapter Officials. We need to discuss. We have vacant for AMS and CSC so need people to come to apply.

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith
Open chapter house for chapter meeting and have received 4 attendees and Frank Spencer still attending. Thank you for attending meeting and your questions. Main thing is the Hoop House which needs to be clean out and I will get fertilizer for it. Coblt toolbox which we need to learn this and get it going for FBFA. It’s important to do this. Thank you for your participation. Need students for youth employment to start employment June 1. Students submit your application to the chapter administration.
Lavern – any food distribution coming up
Allen – haven’t hear anything. Students can apply now.
Paul – suggestion from here which students receive scholarship to assist with Hoop House and Chapter related area.

4. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler

5. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler
Stanford – burial/cemetery regulations revision and have done resolution on it. Establish in 1958 and will revisit it. Will get more information on RDC. As western agency, on drought issue and have told community on preparing for drought issue. Hay price are increasing. Heard some people say they are going to sell their animals. Livestock adjustment. Drought issue for the next 10 years. We need to do livestock adjustment and think of the land as well. Mountain lion and its baby spotted in cedar ridge and are taking livestock and dogs. This was reported month ago. Fish and wildlife came before and came again to setup traps. Take care. Tally and Branding which we haven’t receive booklet and provide education.

6. CLUPC – Linda Long
Linda – introduction to community. No update from CLUP. I’m involved with Veterans and religious stuff as well. Thank you. No news.
Lavern – Linda 2 years ago of talking about street names. Is that still going on for street names?
Linda – we had it going then pandemic hit. That week we were supposed to go to 2-3 days for Rural Addressing training which Allen and Mary were supposed to attend. Funds went somewhere. It’s still in the works.
Sid – please the community/everyone pick up trash
Lola – pandemic is still going on

IX. Announcements
1. Next Chapter Meeting: June 14, 2022 (Tuesday) @ 4pm DST
2. Next Planning Meeting: June 6, 2022 (Monday) @ 4pm DST
3. Next CLUPC Meeting:

X. Adjournment at 8:25pm.
Motion: Valerie Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 08 / 00 / 00

Valerie Fowler
Prepared and submitted by
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer