

COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
PLANNING/REPORT MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2024 @ 4:00PM DST  
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 4:32pm.
- II. Invocation by Lola Smith.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler  
Motion: Second: Vote:  
Add-on: Chris - #4 – approval of last meeting minutes to be posted. Erase the words from meeting minutes  
Allen – was the meeting minutes for planning or chapter meeting  
Chris – it was chapter meeting  
Allen – request at chapter meeting  
Chris – it wasn't discussed at planning meeting but on agenda for chapter meeting  
Allen – you want minutes change for chapter meeting then request at chapter meeting  
Chris – it states last meeting minutes, want the meeting minutes change  
Lola – prior to #7 to hear report from Rye Development  
Lola – #8 need to address the clup committee  
Allen – Rye Development under Reports/Presentation #5  
Allen – so chris you want to make changes to meeting minutes  
Chris – take off the comments since yellowman wasn't on the agenda  
Allen – comment Floyd  
Floyd – he is requesting to take item off the meeting minutes, it can stricken from the record  
Allen – it was done at chapter meeting and wasn't on the planning meeting,  
Chris – understanding that everything goes through planning meeting then to chapter meeting. Its one item and not separate.  
Helena – no to rye development in past, collect names from Coppermine and gap  
Laura Howard – request financial assistance, had submitted last year the financial assistance package,  
Julia – there was meeting that took place which I wasn't notified, there was resolution passed, may 21 where there was meeting and approved resolution, prior to this I wrote letter, I said no to community cemetery,  
Allen – New business #10  
Sara – regarding Navajo Hopi Land Commission  
Allen – Old Business #1  
Chris – am I on the agenda or not  
Allen – request at chapter meeting to make changes to chapter meeting minutes, #7  
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 03/00/00
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building  
Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 03/00/00

V. Old Business:

1. Sarah Slim – Navajo Hopi Land Commission – met with president at WNAC meeting, update with the department, decision needs to be made, make a report to commissioners, escrow funds, housing repair, there are challenges internally, there is mou in the past 2 years which directive issue by NHLC where the administrator develop business unit, the non-certified chapter could not received the funds, in order to move project forward the chapter work with the NHLC, 2022 mou which choice humanitarian to provide assistance, brian cole was partner that wrote grants, so choice humanitarian to pull out, that is where decision needs to be made, you can terminate the contract and funds are reverted back to NHLC, legislation has been made, that \$250,000 to help with labor portion, the other decision to modify the mou to eliminate choice humanitarian. Plan of operation for NHLC was created in 1980 and its been revised. A lot of request for home repairs. Our department receive \$14 million but complication, \$14million to purchase modular homes but no budget for site preparation. They will take \$5 million for site preparation and take from personnel lapse fund. There is no budget for old structure demolition. Last week came up with 89 names.  
Deborah – if we terminate the mou then funds already earmark for Coppermine  
Allen –  
Lavern – concern on veteran side, they are doing veteran homes, we send information to veterans, there is no application, veterans does background check,  
Sarah – with arpa funds, lavern yes  
Sarah – we need spend funds, doing policy at last minute,  
Sarah – the way arpa is written, oversight is CHID/DCD, relocation funds in last quarter, funds only for relocates, pulled 400 names, seeking \$ to address home repairs,

VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report and update report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler  
Valerie – did not receive report from ASC so will report during Chapter Meeting.
2. **Resolution # CO-06-044-24:** Amendment Resolution CO-05-036-24 Authorizing the Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 “Unhealthy Food Tax” Budget in the Amount of \$25,810.00  
Motion: Valerie Fowler, Second: Lola Smith, Vote: 03/00/00
3. **Resolution # CO-06-045-24:** Approving and Supporting the Coppermine Chapter Partnership with DigDeep. The Partnership with DigDeep will Allow for to Assist the community with Adequate Water Supply to Homes that Do Not Have Water Infrastructure.  
I came at last chapter meeting, I was suppose to get supporting resolution. Have done 2 assessments. Get resolution and approval by chapter. Need homesite lease before we can assist. I have provide assistance with homesite application.  
Lavern – if you are unable to get homesite lease then OEH do have homesite lease on file  
DigDeep – talked to Cooley and didn’t want to provide that information.  
Lavern – if I know of person that needs bathroom addition, I can get homesite lease form OEH  
DigDeep – need to do assessment first,  
Chris – suggest to talk to chapter and put on website, not everyone is here at meetings,  
DigDeep – those people that got 2 – 75 water tanks, some people were in Former Bennett Freeze, my coworker was out here today,  
Lola – this assistance is from south to north

digDeep – this is for coppermine from FBFA to close to LeChee, we are still hauling water for people with cistern tanks,

Motion: Lola Smith, Second: Valerie Fowler, Vote: 02/00/01

4. **Resolution # CO-06-046-24:** Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for Two (2) Students in the Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ Utilizing the Scholarship General Fund Account 13-6721

Rochelle Curley – Rio Salado College                      Hunter Martin – ASU

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Chris – spoke for the students to received chapter scholarship

Roger – im here for Rochelle. Requesting for chapter scholarship for Rochelle. When you in school you need money to attend.

Hunter – introduction of self to the community, senior year at ASU, taking summer classes,

scholarship will help with my goal, major environmental lawyer

Motion: Lola Smith, Second: Valerie Fowler, Vote: 02/00/01

5. **Resolution # CO-06-047-24:** The Coppermine Chapter Supports and Endorses the Submission of Five (5) Qualified Community Members to the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office for Evaluation for Eligibility in their APRA Affordable Housing Program.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Debor – are you going to name the names

Chris – confidential isn't for the names, confidential is social security, etc. lets say yes to everyone, instead of just 5 names, names are not confidential, if you issue then can go to ASC,

Lola – if you see announcement #7 for CHID Intake at Gap on June 20

Sarah – just for clarification, CHID is under HID, housing improvement program will also be there to take applications,

Allen – confidential

Sarah – need to protect beneficiary, CHID received \$50million and had people upload application, those applicants were attacked, we are going to chapter to identify the needs, that \$14million isn't a lot of money, CHID is getting \$80million more, I only have annual budget of \$400,000. We need to identify policy to project our documents.

Motion: Lola Smith, Second: Valerie Fowler, Vote: 02/00/01

6. **Resolution # CO-06-048-24:** Poll Official Recommendation

Need Chief Poll Judge, Poll Judge, Poll Judge

Motion: Lola Smith, Second: Valerie Fowler, Vote: 02/00/01

7. **Resolution # CO-06-049-24:** A resolution in the matter of cease and desist the analysis by Rye Development for a potential Hydroelectric Power Pumped Storage Facility on the Coppermine Chapter

Yolanda – this was already passed for No Development

Helena –

Allen – resolution 22, land department 27, approval on 29. This resolution states cease and desist the analysis, so this resolution will tell the developer to stop what they are doing

Lola – I didn't I had more power than land department, Navajo nation, where is the document that states, there are step that have been taken, we are not certified as chapter, our clup manual isn't certified,

Comment – chuck named you lola smith had provided the approval,  
Allen – it was approved by land department, there is not communication from executive to chapter level, I email Navajo nation president,  
Chris – was there document from chapter which needs to be resend,  
Floyd – we have 2 gentlemen acting as consultant for rye development which can provide answer, I wasn't aware of this development, there was meeting with chapter officials, resolution for feasible study was denied by chapter, there are 7 projects on Navajo nation that was denied, stand out the most is the bodaway gap, there are enough reason by local people, rye development are consultant that came out,  
Allen – any statement chuck  
Chuck – introduce self to community, I am consultant, there has been discussion on the project, there project in lechee and here in coppermine, we request to GLDD for permission for survey, is there more suitable locations, the group on site on Monday which were series of civil engineering, etc. what GLDD just approved for survey but no land disbursement, its just permission to look at the ground.  
Comment – you said you got approval from lola and Floyd  
Tom Chee – introduce self to community, I am translator to the Navajo people, this survey, there is no Ke', watch your words, incoming revenue, we tell them to find projects for incoming revenue, investment committee, we will have less money coming in, we aren't taking land away from you, if we say no then your taking money away from Navajo nation, we need to think about our children and future, don't be harsh on our words,  
Stevens – is that lies, nobody told us, it hurts,  
Chee – the wealth is in the land, this will benefit our children,  
Stevens –I have served my people, there is no respect,  
Stevens – the land is 4ft on each side, there are 10 families living there and more later, what about people with sheep and livestock,  
Floyd – rye haven't come in yet, just consultant, our own concerns, why we are expressing our concerns, big factor is our ground water, water settlement is been discussed, Navajo nation was guarding our ground water, there are other factors, decision by defer, I am from the area of where I grew up with my siblings, what is going to take place, what its going be like for development of land disbursement, pipe coming down echo cliff, we rely on scenic view, people who us the land for their lively hood, revenue, how many do we get from glen canyon dam / ngs / black mesa, are we going to pay price for this development, how much land is given up for these powerlines, I am oppose to the development, other places for development just not coppermine, its historical place as well. Speak respectfully.  
Sarah – working for Navajo nation, unmet needs, national for 50 states, opportunity present itself, through BIL act, land use plan should be planning this, this is up to the chapter, how can we capture one of these, Navajo nation president the energy committee just fell apart, we have executive to generate policies, how can we capture those funds, younger generation recommend for develop of energy office, regulatory compliance, economic component, workforce development, other responsibilities, tax insensitive, I am nickle and dime, I am not sure if this committee is for energy, to hear cease and desist, president is moving forward for energy office,  
Chuck – take water from lake powell through pipeline, no ground water from coppermine, there would be no exposure of the pipe,  
Debora – introduce self and running for chapter president, why they say happy wife and happy life, my understanding is the previous administration that approve the development,  
Chuck – approval from GLDD, involvement from October,

Debora – if your getting water from lake, who pays for infrastructure

Chuck – rye development pays whole infrastructure

Debora – is there environmental impact study

Chuck – its apart of the study

T.Slim – there is resolution for oppose, if you look at the members with grazing permit holders, remember there are fault line, land use plan, need to look at land use plan, rye stated to use the water from lake powell, the water doesn't belong to people, upper basin and lower basin so where does that end, need to discuss both sides, who are grazing permit holders and are they using their permit, need to look at your land use plan

Yolanda – is rye is going to do full presentation, it has come up for presentation but no attendance by rye, we never got presentation from rye, there are questions I want to ask,

Rita – you state its for our children, job employment, pump storage plant, 360 megawatt, 8 generators, Colorado there is pump storage tank that employees 3 that does 9 megawatt, rye didn't say where the water is coming from, I cubic water is accounted for, another glen canyon dam to be approved, I don't see its feasible, for increase employment I don't see it because I know one pump storage employees 3, I want to know how employees, how much is chapter going to receive, uncle looking into basin of water that upper basin is top of coppermine which federal wont' let you take to lower basin, I use that land and no one came to us of using the land, yes its hurtful, on the dam side I know that, what water were you going to use, do you understand the magnitude of water useage, 1400 per house, it is even feasible,

Chuck – suggest for another date since there are other resolution on the agenda

Irene – talk about NGS and Black Mesa, they made money, we didn't get any funding from them, but toward the end of ending that they assisted with powering homes, we get low water and now hear of pipeline, there are many funds not been discussed, make money, how did chapter agree on the funds, have your meetings at the locations so its know, solar panel wasn't good, need to talk to the land user, where are RDC, when questioning on solar the RDC were here, I see water sprinkling and been use, I see many of our people have no running water, need respect one another, companies coming in, lechee need dental but it needs water, you can cease and talk about it, ask for the financial report,

Lola – thankful for floyd's health turnaround to good, ive met chuck years before, I know mr chee as delegate, thank you for been here and clarifying items, yet I was accuse and blame for the project, I don't have power, there is resolution, I want to clear my name, careful think about it,

Stevens – need to discuss and communication, there was meeting with rye with chapter officials only twice, make sure you do it right and communicate

Lola – think back, when was it Lavern

Lavern – last year

Lola – lavern got with rye development, they got in contact with lavern, lavern contact chapter officials that of meeting with rye development and many attended that meeting, chapter president came and said I wasn't notified and told rye development to leave, we never got the information, you all were here,

Allen – im move forward to chapter meeting

Motion: Allen Fowler                      Second: Valerie Fowler                      Vote 03/00/00

## XII. Laura Howard – Request Student Financial Assistance

Allen – she request student financial assistance and was told to come to come

Motion: Lola Smith                      Second: Valerie Fowler                      Vote: 02/00/01

### **XIII. Reports and Presentation:**

1. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair
2. Chief Deputy of Coconino County Attorney – Ammon Barker
3. Candidate for Page Justice of the Peace – Michael Barnes
4. Candidate for Coconino County Supervisor – Angie Williams
5. Rye Development -
6. Julia Goldtooth – community cemetery I am opposed, 8 acres which is my whole land, company was out doing survey, they think I am dead and taking my land, I am everyone help to support me, Loren Thomas – what we came here CO-05-066-21 to resend, its gone all the way up to GLDD, they are sending surveyors now, I use land in herding sheep, I was almost using \$60K so left to take care of my sheep, I wasn't told, resolution happened on May 2021, in 2019 she came over and wrote letters to GLDD, we ask for the resolution to be resended,  
Valerie – provide update on the community cemetery project, GLDD told chapter that this land is in dispute and will take longer process through legislation, told chapter officials and clup member to get new location because the current location is in dispute by Goldtooth, that is when clup had meeting with chapter officials on the new location for community cemetery and grazing permit holder were notified.  
Allen – there is no communication,  
Lavern – this location, survey, there is no communication, George yellowman came to clup meeting and was against the location but recommend another location, Stanford took the gps on the land.  
Julia – betty gave me the land to use the land, request to have people names on the road,
7. CLUP Committee –

### **XIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report:**

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – provide an update, was at twin arrows with meeting, summer youth funds which was voted down because they wanted more items, there are 2 chapters with summer youth funds of over \$1million, chilchinbeto zero out their SYE, no deadline on general funding, no much red tape in our delegate region, I am about drop multipurpose building for gap and kaibeto, it has to go through FRF, money has to go through legislation, there are lot of people that come to me that they need home renovation, when meeting I don't answer call but can text me at 505-422-9409. Coppermine is getting 10 homes from CHID, I drop legislation and it just sat there, it took me 3 months between 4 programs to get all signatures, waterline extension from lechee to kaibeto to serve 54 homes, also bitter spring by old store, going to have c-store and met with gap chapter, n21 road from kabieto to first windmill which was only graded and you gave resolution to pave it which went to agency, we are still advocating for funds for the road project, going to be working on waterline for coppermine and there are 111 clients, have met with IHS, told them to go out there to see the people that are in need of water, going take funds for waterline instead of NECA which will take longer, burial is only done on community cemetery, you cannot bury someone on your land unless the land is withdrawn, Mondays I cant make it to your meetings plus Thursday, tomorrow meeting in Gallup on broadband, I need to know who has services or not for broadband,  
Lavern – how resolution work, If I put resolution work for denial, how does it work,

Helena – only time I ask for resolution if its going into legislation, I am for all-weather road, I told my LDA to get the chapter resolution ready for me, supporting resolution, different for certified chapter and different for non-certified, certified chapter receives funds faster,  
Lavern – it seems like resolution for rye development,  
Helena – Biden says vote for green, hydrogen pipeline, if its going to become project then it goes council, we have all these people that lobby, solar project,  
Allen – where is our multipurpose building at  
Helena – the document hasn't come back to me, it would be good for new location,  
Marie E – there are no communication with land department, how can we fix this communication, there got to be away to solve this problem, there is gap somewhere to ratify, land to be used and caused suffering,  
Allen – miscommunication from GLDD to Chapter for development  
Helena – tuba city land department is always moving around, if you need presentation from land department, land department, its not just up there Navajo nation but also at chapter level,  
Allen –  
Comment – communication  
Helena – communication comes from Valerie, I wasn't aware of Rye development  
Comment – you got to let us know

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr.

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – provide an update, western agency council meeting at kaibeto, former bennet freeze is still the same, there is no water for FBFA, I came to youth workers and ask what they want to see, they want to see grocery store, better road because I drive slow to get to work, clup is where it starts, we need to get certified, clinic is coming and there will be over 200 employees and need grocery down there, this is mention in the clup manual,

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler

5. CLUP Committee – Lavern – clup members should be for 2 years,

Comment – where is linda long

Allen – resolution CO-11-023-20 approved on November 12, 2019 which states 4 year term.

Another resolution CO-06-031-23 which is selection of Lavern Tsosie and Jessie Billy which membership for following: Linda Long, president; vacant VP; Mary Francis S/T; Laverne Tsosie member, Deborah

Debora – resolution states 2 year,

Allen – resolution states 4 year

Yolanda – are there people interested

Lavern – yes person is interest

Allen – I will go to DOJ and get their recommendation

Debora – will get 2 more members

Allen – until I get with DOJ.

Debora -

XIV. **Announcements:**

1. JUST MOVE IT @ Fort Tuthill Flagstaff - JUNE 11, 2024 @ 5:30pm (DST)
2. JUST MOVE IT @ TC Old Airport - JUNE 18, 2024 @ 6pm (DST)
3. JUST MOVE IT @ Cedar Ridge - JUNE 25, 2024 @ 6pm (DST)
4. Veteran's Meeting – JUNE 14, 2024 @ 5pm (MST)
5. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – JUNE 17, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
6. St. Mary's Food Bank – JUNE 18, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
7. CHID INTAKE @ GAP CHAPTER – JUNE 20, 2024 @ 9am
8. SYE Application OPEN - Session 2 – Start Date: June 24, 2024 – **Deadline June 20 @ 5pm**
9. Chapter Administration Building – **CLOSED** – JUNE 19, 2024 – Juneteenth Day
10. TCRHCC – Mobile & Dental Clinic June 21, 2024 @ 9am -3pm (DST) @ Monkey Ridge

XV. **Adjournment at 9:11pm.** Motion Valerie Fowler. Second Lola Smith. Vote: 02/00/01



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Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler  
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer