

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
PLANNING/REPORT MEETING
May 7, 2024 at 5PM DST
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 5:29pm.
- II. Invocation by Floyd Stevens.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler
 - Lola – resolution for road for N21, to improve the road to status road – resolution
“Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Navajo Division of Transportation’s planning efforts to develop the Navajo Nation’s Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Plan and prioritize to N21-B to the state of All-Weather under Federal Highway Indian Reservation and the Navajo Tribal Transportation Planning Program”
 - Lola – need resolution for tomorrow’s NDOT meeting
 - Linda – resolution to swap maintenance
 - Lola – it has to be bus route road
 - Edith – request financial assistance for grandson to attend football camp
 - Allen – you need to submit financial assistance application to chapter administration
 - Al – Veterans Announcement for general public – 10
 - Debra – FBFA update - report
- Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 02/00/01
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
 - Motion: Lola Smith Second: Valerie Fowler Vote: 02/00/01
- V. Old Business:
- VI. New Business:
 - 1. Financial Report and update report – Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler
Will provide financial report during chapter meeting. Haven’t’ receive report from ASC.
 - 2. **Resolution # CO-05-036-24**: Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 “Unhealthy Food Tax” Budget in the Amount of \$22,583.00
Allen – read the resolution to the community.
Valerie – I have provided 1-page handout on the budget for unhealthy food tax. Looking at the current fund balance for unhealthy food tax that decided to replenish the 6352-Food Purchase by \$7583.00 since the current sub-account is in the negative; replenish 6390-Operating Supplies

by \$5000.00 for supplies for food demos; and remaining amount of \$10,000.00 to budget into 6505-R/M Others to fund recreational area for total amount of \$22,583.00.

Fund Code: 40 Fund Title: Unhealthy Food			
GL Code	GL Title	Transaction Description	Fund Balance FY24 Budget
6303	Other Supplies Expense	To purchase supplies for community health events	4,000.00
6352	Purhcases - Food		(478.75) \$ 7,583.00
6355	Operating Supplies	To purchase trees and seeds for community garden	1,000.00
6390	Operating Supplies	To purchase drip system, needs supplies for healthy food demos, and fitness instructor	1,200.00 \$ 5,000.00
6505	R/M - Others	To pay for playground / recreational area	57,682.74 \$ 10,000.00
6600	Consultant Expense	To pay fitness instructors & healthy food consultants for community demo	2,000.00
6806	Buildings	To purchase materials/supplies for exercise room	20,000.00
6813	Infrastructure - Land Improv	To pay ground work for playground, sports complex, etc	30,000.00
			115,403.99 \$ 22,583.00

- Resolution # CO-05-037-24:** Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 “Special Revenue – Fund – Internal” Budget in the Amount of \$44,721.00
 Allen – read the resolution to the community
 Valerie – the chapter administration is in need of new building so budget the whole amount of \$44,721.00 into purchasing Modular Office Building to replace the current building. I have current fund balance for NN Sales Tax which provide balance per sub-account. There is need for more funds for Internet expense.

Object Code (LOD 6)	Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)	Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
8000	GF SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE		
8705	CHAPTER 8715 GRANT - FUND 23 : To hire contractor to purchase Modular Office Building to replace the current Chapter Administration Building that currently has an old heating system, no cooling system, floors need addressing, cracks in the building, etc so the Chapter Administration Building is in need to be replaced. The building is used by the Chapter Staff and Officials to provide assistance to the Community on daily basis.	44,721.00	44,721.00
FY2024 NAVAJO NATION SALES			
TOTAL		44,721.00	44,721.00

Fund Code: 23 Fund Title: NN Sales Tax Funds			
GL Code	GL Title	Transaction Description	Balance
6202	Travel Expense	Travel Expense for Chapter Official / Admin / CLUP	10,503.02
6300	Office Supplies	To purchase offices supplies for Chapter Admin	-
6301	Postage, Freight, USP Expense	To pay for postage for Chapter Buildings	500.00
6303	Operating Supplies	To purchase operating supplies for Chapter Admin	1,951.85
6410	Telephone Expense	To pay for telephone for Chapter Buildings	1,200.00
6412	Electric Expense	To pay for electric for Chapter Buildings	3,785.63
6413	Natural Gas/Propane	To pay for propane for Chapter Propane	3,423.96
6414	Waste Disposal Collection	To pay for waste for Chapter Buildings	6,000.00
6415	Water Expense	To pay for water for Chapter Buildings	2,882.57
6416	Sewage	To pay for sewage for Chapter Buildings	500.00
6417	Internet Expense	To pay for internet for Chapter Buildings	1,200.00
6501	R/M: Construction Equipment	To pay for R M for Chapter Equipment	16,000.00
6504	R/M: Buildings	To pay for R/M for Chapter Buildings	16,000.00
6600	Consultant Expense	To pay consultant fees for CLUPC Land Use Plan	568.00
6603	Other Professional Fee	To pay for costs for economic development	34,000.00
6802	Equipment	To purchase a flatbed trailer for chapter use	17,000.00
6804	Computers	To purchase computers and printers for Chapter use	5,000.00
6806	Buildings	To purchase warehouse to house heavy equipment	56,794.00
Balance as of March Fund Balance:			177,309.03

4. **Resolution # CO-05-038-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve and to support the planning efforts of Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads to conduct a traffic study to assess improvements at the intersection of N20 and Navajo Route 6226 to ensure community members can safely access the Coppermine Chapter House without any risks or danger posed by high-speed traffic or other factors.
 Allen – read the resolution to the community
 Lola – this resolution is for the intersection to have traffic study on it.
 Comment – why 6226
 Allen – it was assigned 6226 that connects to 6210
 Floyd – pave parking lot then connect to 6210, we lost the funding for the parking lot and road 6226, ndot were experiencing the pavement done to junction to chapter,

5. **Resolution # CO-05-039-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Navajo Division of Transportation’s planning efforts to develop the Navajo Nation’s Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Plan and prioritize N6200, N6226, and N6210 under Federal Highway Indian Reservation and the Navajo Tribal Transportation Planning Program.
 Allen – read the resolution to the community, grading of the roads
 Floyd – 6200 where is that at? Porcupine to mesa

Lola – Navajo 6200, it supposed to be 15 miles, so took off 201 which is trading post east, put 3.4 miles to 6200 from porcupine south, chapter to ernie bigman is 8.5 miles, then 6210 is junction toward west for 10 miles, need divide in half the mile

Comment – south of porcupine who said okay

Lola – elders live and need road access like allen Yazzie,

Comment – allen has road over there toward n20,

Stanford – problem of person putting cable on the road, yes they can go down but issue is going uphill which sandy,

Floyd – road system, road maintenance from porcupine windmill to 2nd windmill but residence disapprove the service because due to more traffic if road is improved

Rita – oppose the road maintenance, windmills are not going to be repairs per water resource, I don't want road grading in my backyard, introducing public to the grading of the road,

Floyd –

Lola – we have elders living in the area and have hard time driving uphill, I would recommend we keep 3.4 miles from porcupine toward 2nd windmill, elders go to medical appointments, etc

Rita – who will maintain the road, maintain road 6210 first,

Floyd – in case of emergency, in 2009, snowfall, we had to follow the grader to access the homes, even joe littleman rode horse out to chapter, need consider elders,

Lola – need to consider other people, they are in need,

Lola – motion to keep resolution as is

Allen – we need to consider the elders, nurse come to visit the elders and need to road maintenance, people will still have access to wood for the wood haulers with their 4x4

Stanford – concern as grazing official, road is bad, wear and tear on my vehicle, some nurses have quit their job due to road conditions, safety of the people need to be considered and not just yourself, concerns from residents in the area,

6. **Resolution # CO-05-040-24**: Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 01 – Chapter Activities General Fund to Transfer funds from 6607 (Seminars & Registration Fees) of \$1,500.00; to Transferred into 6620 (Gifts and Awards) for \$1,500.00 to Purchase Gifts.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie –

Floyd – will purchase be made before chapter meeting

Linda – I was thinking we would use the \$ of how we purchase the gift for the ASU student and staff, then I heard 3 price quotes, then lowest bidder, ASU have help Coppermine, they need a befitting gift, we said bow guard / bracelet / bolo tie, yes go ahead the budget transfer and have chapter purchase the blankets, new officials coming and have them direct us,

Duane – I saw your clup manual, asu geodesign, you have top of line clup manual among the 108 chapters, it's up to the chapter officials which can have special meeting to pass the resolution for the budget

7. **Resolution # CO-05-041-24:** Supporting and Recommending Approval to the Navajo Nation Council of the Proposed Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement to Resolve the Comprehensive Water Rights Claims of the Navajo Nation in the State of Arizona.
- Allen – read the resolution to the community
- Floyd – in the middle of April, chapter secretary gave me the resolution and ask for my input, the current resolution is not good and needs revision, big canyon dam, we revise the chapter resolution which was opposing and was approved by chapter, if you pick up Navajo Times which denied permit holder for big canyon dam and also states Coppermine resolution comment, we still have to hear from bodaway gap and Coppermine chapter; overall denied the permit for 7 projects, these water rights resolution which needs some keywords in the resolution, what should be covered, missing key words like equity, share information with public including Coppermine, that would make it more explanatory, if it's okay with Coppermine and public is to change few words to make it more meaningful, I can work on it and explain to the public during chapter meeting
- Allen – Floyd was a part of the water committee,
- Duane – water rights, lower basin, give water, there are 3 items that is , court settlement means less, its 8 gallon per Navajo per day, water from page to cluster area, pipeline from page to window rock, equity I would suggest to have Coppermine to have a say so, this Coppermine water and not lechee, in that resolution made sure it states Coppermine,
- Floyd – what derailed it was when hopi said no, hopi went through adjudication, hopi was asking 90,000 water and only got 29000 water,
- Comment – I know anyone have water are given money
- Floyd – we have ground water, ut have settle with Navajo nation, why does Colorado river tribe
- Allen – 2 presidential went,
- Floyd – glen canyon recreational area, took 2 miles, water elevation to xxxx, top of dam is 3715, we can't water for 5 feet, boundary is half mile around the edges of the lake, antelope canyon is hugh discussion
8. **Resolution # CO-05-042-24:** Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 23- Navajo Nation Sales Tax Fund to Transfer Funds from 6504 (R/M Building) of \$7600.00 to be transferred into 6417 (Internet Expense) for \$7600.00 to cover Internet Expense for DIA/WIFI, Bandwidth, and Fiber Connection.
- Allen – read the resolution to the community
- Valerie – have obtain quote from ntua and see the handout on the budget for unhealthy food tax and Navajo nation sales tax which at bottom portion has quote for internet. Reminder that the current internet will expire end of May and come in June there will be no internet. So need to work on the internet to make sure no interruptions occurred.
- Debora – what about hughnet and starlink
- Valerie – milford will be obtaining quotes from Hugh net and start link. We need good internet. I don't want internet where it will drop the services while you're working on projects which requires internet.

Stanford – smoke signals

Valerie – still need additional funds in internet to make sure funds are covered for the upcoming services for internet. I have provide handout on the current fund balance for Navajo nation sales tax and current balance for internet is \$1200.00. also the need for additional funds of \$7600 for internet expense.

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DIA Quote with WIFI Service		
1. Coppermine Administration Bldg	DIA 20Mb cost is \$290 x 4 months =	1,160.00
2. Coppermine Chapter House	DIA 20Mb cost is \$290 x 4 months =	1,160.00
Bandwidth	40Mb @ \$15.37 x 4 months =	2,459.20
NTUA Fiber Connection Admin		1,500.00
NTUA Fiber Connection Chapter		2,500.00
		8,779.20
		(1,200.00)
		7,579.20

- Resolution # CO-05-043-24:** Supporting and Recommending the Resource and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council to approve the Navajo Division of Transportation’s planning efforts to develop the Navajo Nation’s Road Maintenance and Road Improvement Plan and prioritize in N21-B to the status of All-Weather under Federal Highway Indian Reservation and the Navajo Tribal Transportation Planning Program.

Lola – read the resolution to the community

Allen – N21B is the road from first windmill to east, clinic is being built, there is people moving out there, Navajo nation police state access and availability

Lola – there was agreement between bia and nn and county to upgrade the road, clearances are done on N21B,

Floyd – yes it was done but in section and not all the way, building up and grading

Lola – proposing an All-Weather Road, better than Coppermine chapter road

Combine all resolutions and forward to the chapter meeting.

Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Lola Smith Vote: 03/00/01

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – not present
2. Coconino County Election Office – Ray Daw – not present
3. Stay Grounded LLC. – Shannon B., Selina, and Calista Tsinnijinnie – not present
4. Candidate for Coconino County Attorney – Gary Pearlmutter – introduce self to the community. Had ran for the position 8 years ago. 25 years as public defender. 9 year with federal law enforcement. Started non-profit for equal justice, like to see tax structure change to make more money available for treatment, housing for alcoholics,
Comment – you'll be like liaison between Navajo nation and county
5. Echo Cliff Development – Swayback – not present
6. Duane Tsinigine – Red Feather Development – introduce to community, red feather and Aps, I am program coordinator, red feather is humanitarian, minor health safety repair, electrical, plumbing, mini split, now we are assisting hatalie for covid roofing repair, walk in shower, ramp project, weatherization, require homesite lease, cib, income, etc. we help hopi hotel, tuba city, etc. I do have application, you put all documents, and mail it back, (chapter need ceiling tower) they have to be aps client for business for heater/air conditioner, I only go to the homes I am assigned to, I provide documents back to office for selection
Linda - will you leave application with chapter staff
Duane – will leave with staff
7. FBFA upate – Debora – milford ask for 5 names for home renovation, I gave him the 5 names, then he said fbfa are not recognized,

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report:

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – not present
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – cemetery got pushed back, soil sampling for warehouse, use capital improvement funds, ndot meeting tomorrow that I'll be attending, nha celebrations of the homes but won't be attending,
Debora – what time you meeting with milford
Allen – going meet in person, not sure on time, pep workers, there are projects here at chapter, paint the chapter and admin bldg., front sign as well for summer youth,

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – been doing road resolutions, allen need you to take resolutions to marge to get her input, chapter parking was discussed, need to concentrate on chapter parking lot, we have backhoe, whoever has cdl get on the backhoe to fix the parking lot, I don't think ndot will do anything, there are dirt at 4th windmill, maybe viola background, we are going to get warehouse, possibility of getting new chapter house,
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – report at chapter meeting
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – planning book is done and letting is sit there because we have no CSC or AMS at the chapter, voter registration is less than 1000, and we have to have cemetery in the planning book, those 4 we have to have before public hearing, we can do public hearing but not certification. Need applicants for CSC and AMS. During election, we don't hear from community and need to step up for chapter officials, our council delegate helen doesn't come to our chapter, legislative assistance doesn't come to chapter too. Cemetery. I need information to host the meeting. Do we do 1 or 2. Who is user. If we want to keep the same land there is way through it but process. Selection of new site, I need the information. Need permit holder for those cemeteries locations. CLUP Meeting on Friday at 10am at chapter house. Need discussion at clup and not gather your group and come to the chapter meeting then state this is my group and against project. Talk about money stealing. Navajo nation count every penny. Its frustrating to see our Navajo government like this.

Lola – cemetery, I already worked on resolution, I don't know why it was on the agenda, need the GPS point, I was hoping that CLUP would have met before planning meeting, funds using for cemetery have deadline, need clup to move on it,

Rita – echo cliff development what is that,

Lola – this development is other side of the clinic, need gas station, grocery store,

Floyd – water pipeline from Coppermine to Gap,

Lavern – involvement with Rye Development, Robert Black is the person who introduce Coppermine to Rye Development,

Floyd – we need to communicate with one another,

IX. Announcements:

1. St. Mary's Food Bank – MAY 21, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
2. Veteran's Meeting – JUNE 14, 2024 @ 5pm (MST)
3. Next Planning Meeting – JUNE 11, 2024 @ 4pm (DST)
4. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – MAY 13, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
5. Next Next Regular Chapter Meeting – JUNE 17, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
6. Deadline to File for Candidate Chapter Officials and Grazing – MAY 8, 2024
7. SYE Application OPEN- MAY 6 - Application CLOSED MAY 24
8. TCRHCC – Mobile Clinic MAY 17, 2024 @ 9am -3pm

9. Chapter Administration Building – CLOSED – MAY 27 Memorial Day and MAY 31 NN Memorial Day
10. Al Long – Veterans – the officers we are short by one, we have made selection Peter Tsinnijinnie as Vice-Commander, we need more members.
11. Wood for life – free wood – 947-886-0014 – call myra

X. Adjournment at 837pm.

Motion: Stanford Fowler. Second: Valerie Fowler. Vote: 04/00/00

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler

Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer