

COPPERMINE CHAPTER  
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2024  
MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:42pm.
- II. Invocation by Al Long.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda.  
Read by Allen Fowler.  
Lela McCabe – TCRHCC update report. Add Report #2  
Ulaleya – provide update report for IHS OEH. Add Old Business #1  
Lavern – Feb 15 2024 at 5pm at chapter house for Veterans Meeting  
Deborbah – resolution for FBFA to be added to agenda  
Allen – no resolution was brought to the planning meeting  
Allen – approved the agenda  
  
Motion: Cynthia Slim                      Second: Jay Tsinnijinnie                      Vote: 30 / 00 / 05
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building  
Motion: Lavern Tsosie                      Second: Cynthia Slim                      Vote: 29 / 00 / 06
- V. Old Business:
  1. Ulaleya Blake-Keetso [I.H.S Environmental Health] – update on water proc  
NW89 is ROW phase, new engineer in the office so gave him project but only employed for 6 months  
so projects is back with me.  
South NW89 (3-4 homes, Lee Clizzie) – grazing permit needed  
Koko Extension – arch cleared, land survey received information, design going  
Koko Ext Phase 2 – arch survey scheduled, land survey scheduled,  
Planning Project Phase 3 Koko – gave fund for planning and no schedule for arch yet  
Coppermine cistern – received funds and scattered project  
Hoping to get more engineers hired.  
Handling 70 projects, signed 4 year project to stay in Tuba City  
  
When do you except for first project to start?  
Ulaleya: Lee Clizzie is been push and using IJA funds and also the cistern plus the koko extension.  
  
Ulaleya: We have new engineer and is still learning.  
  
How do you prioritize the projects and how are they fund?  
Ulaleya: Tuba city started handing out project to outside companies when low staff.  
  
What is timeline for NW waterline?  
Ulaleya: Everything done, started design, getting road crossing permit from ADOT is taking time, have  
to documents form NECA to provide to ADOT, ADOT permit will hold up the ROW,  
  
Is cost in place for NW waterline, bump it up for waterline due to cost?



Ulaleya: Received covid funds and were ask if we needed more funds, and have ask for additional funds for the project cost for all projects for inflation.

Lela: Waterline through Coppermine to Gap, you refer to putting water into the homes, we met with state dept water rights, were surprised no water in the homes, sad for the elders,

Wilford: bathroom addition still responsibility of the chapter

Ulaleya: yes, tribe is working with NECA, also they are working with water connection for people living close the waterline as well

Lola: we been very concerned for water situation, we know there is water for southern end of Coppermine but we the last one to be served, water is taking to gap and Cameron, we wondered why our community wasn't first on the list, what is the arpa fund received

Ulaleya: water pressure is the issue, kaibeto water to come to Coppermine, request for new tank, cooley is working on the tank,

Lola: water is coming from kaibeto

Ulaleya: water coming on kaibeto, going to be testing the water pressure,

Deborah: when addressing fbfa

Ulaleya: I don't have boundary on map, heard of the fbfa later, we are serving all families, starting in April, we work on new projects, received call from Coppermine resident that lives close to waterline to request for water so working on adding him,

Deborah: we created task force, priority list on who needs water,

Ulaleya: have homes located on google map,

Comment – announce on kttn that people can submit application for water needs

Ulaleya: not sure if chapter has facebook to announce that

Kee – if you want update on the application,

Ulaleya – you can come to my office to update your application

Kee – I need bathroom addition and not sure where it at chapter

Comment – in 2009, we move to reservation, request for bathroom addition with handicap, but was skipped, so what happen to our application,

Ulaleya – we don't do bathroom addition

Comment – who do I speak to about bathroom addition.

Ulaleya – not sure who but talk to Navajo Nation

Esther – spoke to lane before he left the office and was told no more funding

Lola – not sure if easier for you to have date for the water situation so community can come to the chapter house for their water needs

Wilford – heard you wrong on bathroom addition

Ulaleya – we don't do bathroom addition. The navajo nation have funds and funds given to NECA to do the bathroom addition.

Wilford – provide update on western pipeline from page

Ulaleya – will schedule date to out to Coppermine for water application.



VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report and update report- Chapter Secretary/Treasurer – Valerie Fowler

Attached for January 24, 2024 - Regular Chapter Meeting

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	30-Nov-23	Expenses	Deposit	31-Dec-23
01	General Activity Fund	27,106.80	1,884.13		25,222.67
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	18,473.73	1,544.67		16,929.06
08	Summer Youth Employment	58,791.29	-		58,791.29
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,842.12	336.40		18,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	47,624.86	3,000.00		44,624.86
13	Scholarship/General Fund	25,495.00	250.00		25,245.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	3,255.00	-		3,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	144,832.65	2,429.66		142,402.99
16	Veterans	9,660.37	-		9,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-		23,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	11,818.00	-		11,818.00
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	185,911.38	967.69		184,943.69
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-		272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	117,682.74	-		117,682.74
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-		5.48
	Total	985,138.01	10,412.55	-	974,725.46

Bank Statement for November	
Beginning Balance	\$1,005,341.34
Checks Processed (28)	\$12,965.80
Ending Balance	\$992,375.54

Valerie – provide the above financial report to the community.

Question – how are funds received either number residents or registered voters. By registered voters.

Question – explain the report

Valerie – the 3<sup>rd</sup> column is the ending balance of November and beginning balance for December; the 4<sup>th</sup> column is the total expenditures for month of December which is \$10,412.55 in the MIP; the 6<sup>th</sup> column is the ending balance for December so the balance is \$974,725.46.

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 27 / 00 / 16

**2. Resolution CO-01-012-24:** Supporting Legislation 0221-23” Amending Resolution RDCAU-32-20” rescinding Resolution No. RDCD-105-18; and approving the grant of right-of-way and leases to Arcadian Infracom” to rescind the Navajo Nation’s consent to the “Development Rights” provision. Sponsor Lena Fowler

Allen – read the resolution and provide explanation of the purpose of the resolution. To provide other vendors to do broadband and not only Arcadian Infracom. Arcadia is the only vendor to provide broadband on the Navajo Nation so need to remove Arcadian from the resolution and provide more competitors. Provide information on what broadband is.

Cynthia – I have broadband and its slow. The fiber is more faster.

Cynthia – this is just so other vendors can compete.

Allen – who do you get electric from on the reservation. Comments – NTUA. Allen – that monopoly.



Motion: Linda Long

Second: Cynthia Slim

Vote: 28 / 00 / 15

**3. Resolution CO-01-013-24:** Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for Three (3) Full-time students in the amount of \$500.00 each utilizing the Scholarship General Fund account 13:6721.

**Name of Students:**

Kylee A. Secody  
Shanice L. Dempsey  
Hunter Martin

**Name of School:**

Southern Utah University  
Scottsdale Community College  
Arizona State University

Allen – read the resolution

Kylee – mother was present at planning meeting

Shanice – Susie Russell representing Shanice and requesting scholarship. Attends Scottsdale Community College then will start nursing at ASU after she is done with Scottsdale.

Hunter – present at planning meeting and introduced himself to the community and his request for scholarship for ASU.

Joann – what is your major. Hunter – sustainability.

Allen – pending transcript for Rhondalyn John.

Cynthia – representing Kylee Secody and requesting scholarship for her daughter, played sports in high school and is now attending southern Utah university and majoring two degrees (sports medicine and nursing). Second semester at suu.

Lavern – how is check written and distribute

Allen – payable to student and mail to the school

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Lavern Tsosie

Vote: 35 / 00 / 08

**4. Resolution CO-01-014-24:** Resolution of Coppermine Chapter supporting and recommending a need for a study of rural school bus routes in Northeastern Arizona to determine if it relate to improving student attendance, education outcomes, and roadway network maintenance as a regional planning effort. Sponsors: Jessie Thompson, Jerry Williams, Joann Pioche

Allen – read the resolution heading

Joann – introduce herself to the community. Thank you to the students. Jessie Thompson did the resolution. Jessie is board of director for ADOT and only Navajo on the board. Lechee chapter approved the resolution and its required to have 2 chapters to approve the resolution to be added to the western agency council meeting. Study for rural school bus route in Northeastern Arizona. Highway 89, highway 98, to study the bus route, to study missing schools on bus route. This resolution is a supporting so they can do the study of why missing schools by the students. Governor has to appoint him. winter session.

Deborah – student misses one school then school misses money.

Chris – road N20 there is no bus turn out. There is no bus turn off for gravel turn off. Can you assist with that for the bus route.

Joann – we have met with NDOT and BIA which they blame each other. Saying it so and so responsibility. Have went to legislation and brought up concern on the road for N20 as well. Who is the enforcement on the road and mention to ADOT director. We need to keep the semi-truck off of N20 and they should utilize 89.

Lena F – coconino supervisor – driving app for driving from flagstaff and page which google direct people to drive through N20 and need to direct people to highway 89.

Comment – I got my CDL and drive the school bus and its not only tourist that speed but also local residents speed on N20 and pass the buses many times. I have ask chapter to grade the road and they grade less.



We have tried to request to grade the road. Rear engine bus. Need to start parking the bus at the chapter and need to have gate key then I'll park and pickup the bus and will close/open gate.  
Lena – we don't have gravel but chapter say no for local gravel on reservation but chapter says no. so we end up purchasing gravel from flagstaff. The sales tax is not collected on the Navajo Nation.

Chris – leonard Tsosie said its up to the chapter, page steel use the road and ruining the road, so have resolution to start fine them companies.

Cynthia – we have no gravel pit. Navajo nation bought gravel pit 20,000 by Indian wells. Can we use that.  
Allen – it's the location. Local gravel pit.  
Allen – back to the resolution.

Comment – how is the study conducts  
Joann – by strips

Motion: Susie Yellowman

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: 43 / 00 / 03

5. **Resolution CO-01-015-24:** [Budget Revision Emergency Funds] : Budget Transfer from within the Chapter Fund Account 17 – Emergency Fund to transfer fund 6202 (travel expense) of \$531.25; from 6351 (grain purchase) of \$1520.00; from 6352 (food purchase) of \$1000.00; from 6353 (wood purchase) of \$1000.00 to be all transferred into 6354 (propane purchase ) for total amount of \$4081.25 to replenish the account to purchase propane for Coppermine community during Emergency.

Allen – see yellow paper and provide information on the current budget for Emergency Funds of \$23,435.85. budget revision request to transfer funds for propane.

Lola – this is emergency fund. Do we use all the funds or keep some funds in the account for emergency.

Deborah – if we don't use the funds then what happens to the account

Allen – money is only use when NN President declare Emergency. Reason we didn't use it last time is that chapter receive the funds late.

Comment – will the funds be move else where

Allen – no it cannot be used else where, just what is budgeted

Chris – is the propane for the chapter or the people

Allen – its for the people, person takes the propane to the page to get tank filled

Chris – funds need to pay for the operator to address the road,

Cynthia – so president declared emergency. Allen – yes.

Deborah – how would you handle the firewood,

Allen – purchase firewood from resident, full bed

Comment – people in rural area, shooting years back, how are people to be informed in case of emergency, like the trading post fire, like an alarm

Allen – that's hard for rural area, people tell each other and call each other,

Comment – trading post burning down, is there investigation,

Allen – trading post is not on Coppermine but lease

Comment – is funds collecting interest. Allen – no.

Comment – what is in the food, we don't get food, who gets food,

Comment – wood is it for chapter to purchase wood or what

Allen – quarter bed is \$250 and shorter bed is \$200 to purchase from local vendor

Comment – your buying wood from resident

Comment – are you buying from registered voters. Allen – yes.

Comment – its distribute to elders and need



Stanford – if you all agree to put \$11,000 into propane or elsewhere

Comment – keep funds and not do the transfer

Comment – food is given out, need to think about our elders whom need the food, propane and wood, help the elders first and not the younger ones, some elders don't have people living in the home,

Comment – approve the budget transfer as is and can make adjustment later on

TRANSFER FROM OBJECT CODE:			TRANSFER TO OBJECT CODE:		
Fund Code	FROM OBJECT CODE & DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	Fund Code	TO OBJECT CODE & DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT
17	6202 Travel Expense	531.25	17	6354 Purcahse - Propane	531.25
17	6351 Purchase - Grain	1,520.00	17	6354 Purcahse - Propane	1,520.00
17	6352 Purchase - Food	1,000.00	17	6354 Purcahse - Propane	1,000.00
17	6353 Purchase - Wood	1,000.00	17	6354 Purcahse - Propane	1,000.00

Motion: Cynthia Slim

Second: Debora Saliego

Vote: 33 / 02 / 08

6. **Resolution CO-01-016-24:** Fund Management Plan for Revenue per ASC

Valerie – defer to the next planning and chapter meeting

Motion: Jay Tsinnijinnie

Second: Cynthia Slim

Vote: 33 / 00 / 10

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair

2. ~~Ualeya Blake Keetso~~ I.H.S. TCRHCC – Lela McCabe – provide report to the community, February 16, 2023 – clinic groundbreaking

One person who pushed for CEO is Julius Young, he put a lot work to get it done.

Ask chapter, I've retired. Fundraising for the emergency needs.

Mention last meeting we need to take care of our elders, elders are left home alone.

Have provider at TCRHCC, so you work with one doctor then they'll refer you to specialist.

Comment – where you live. Lela – live in flagstaff.

Comment – how would you know needs of our community, maybe need to revisit for representative, you talk about the issue, do they get customer training. Lela – yes on training.

Comment – seems like they don't practice customer service,

Chris – provide information of what she just discussed, build houses for the doctors, hospital the mobile van why isn't park at the chapter house and yet its parked at monkey ridge,

Comment – we have handicap at home, I usually call or they send letter, I called, I need to make 2 appts for the same day, said it can not be done, told them im on fixed income, I have to take my son to varies appts to phoenix, st George, etc. I purchase second insurance. I take my son to lechee recently and told to get another provider, change is needed at TCRHCC

Lela – need those comments of changes needed

Comment – customer service needs to be step up, hiring, people apply and get denied or over qualified,

Lena – board make the decisions, get funds, etc. to move wall with I.H.S. need to get approval from above.

Navajo nation police is 638 so it social services.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUPC Report

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay



Tom Franklin provide update report. Solar needs for FBFA. No representative from chapter. Grant from USDA. Kule Toolbox the information is inputted into the system. I will tell the chapter staff on the information. WJRA banquet at twin arrows this weekend. Monday traveling to crownpoint for Health Education Human Services, public hearing for school board. Plan 6 was discussed before and will be discussed again. First meeting was dilkon then Farmington, and now ntu... schools effected is boarding schools.

Comment – we created task force for FBFA and in future let us know and will provide information to you.

Tom – are you recognized by the chapter

Comment – working on it. tom – submit contact information.

2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr.

Allen – give my time to Angie Williams

Angie Williams – introduced herself to the community. Running for Coconino County Supervisor district 5. Need to collect this many signatures and seen Coppermine on the list.

Lena Fowler – provide update report to the community. Uranium mining at the grand canyon was presented to the coconino county. Mining the uranium at grand canyon. Trucking the uranium across the Navajo nation to bluff ut. Working with steve estitty with NEPA. I have meeting with Navajo nation on Monday regarding uranium. City of flagstaff said no to trucking. Coconino County said no to trucking. Navajo Nation said no to trucking through Navajo nation. They took out a permit in 1872 so they can mine uranium. Schedule meeting on Monday to let Navajo nation president know. The grand canyon which Biden said to protect the canyon. Any new permit is a No. forest service. Rare metal have uranium tailings. Lousie yellowman and other people we have worked with. They covered the uranium mine tailings. People moved out of their homes and is fenced off. Jill Biden help the Navajo nation and the 1872. Ute live by blanding and there is company that works with uranium.

comment – we are not effected by it

lena – If you any questions contact me. 928-606-4733

lena – you discussed propane and wood, the coconino in page can provide assistance with rental payment, plus propane, wood, food, and diapers. We give funds to Red Feathers for home repairs and Chizz For Elders give them funds for wood.

Run for school board.

3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – clinic groundbreaking feb 16 at 10am, everybody dress up and come over. Blessings at 7am.

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – look at fund code 34 has balance of \$5. AIF. Meeting with rdp. KAP. They are insurance. Insurance was made for AIF. Funds given to permit holders. Request to get the funds to purchase hay for the permit holders since the funds run out. Funds can be used for anything that deals with grazing like windmill, etc.

District at Lechee tomorrow.

Agency at tuba city next week

No funds for grazing from arpa.

5. CLUPC President – Linda Long

IX. Announcement:

1. Next Planning Meeting – FEBRUARY 6, 2024 @ 4pm.

2. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – FEBRUARY \_\_, 2024 @ 4pm.

3. Veterans Meeting – FEBRUARY 15, 2024 @ 5pm.



4. St. Mary's Food Bank – February 20, 2024 @ 1 PM
5. Next CLUPC Meeting – TBA
6. District Grazing Committee Meeting – JAN 25, 2024 at Lechee at 1pm
7. Western Agency Grazing Meeting – JAN 29, 2024 at 10am at tuba city BIA
8. TCRHCC Mobile Clinic at Monkey Ridge – January 30, 2024 time 8:45 AM – 3 PM
9. Community Housing & Infrastructure Department (HIP) application for Housing assistance for **FY2025**, intake starts 3/4/24 - 9/30/24 ( flyer available for more info.)

X. Adjournment at 847pm. Motion Stanford fowler. Second viola fowler.

Valerie Fowler

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Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer