

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024 @ 5:00PM DST
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 5:37pm.
- II. Invocation by Floyd Stevens.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda. Read by Allen Fowler
 Motion: Alex Whitehair Second: Sally Tsingine Vote: 23 / 00 / 06
 Delete: # VI - #8 : remove Laura Howard
 Add-on: TCRHCC Leila McCabe – VII #1 – ask to take her spot since she is not here
 Add-on: clarify Rye development on letter from them to several people
 Add-on: speak on resolution for rye development
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted Administration Building
 Motion: Alex Whitehair Second: Salley Tsingine Vote: 18 / 00 / 11
- V. Old Business
 - 1. Navajo Hopi Land Commission – Sarah Slim – NOT PRESENT
- VI. New Business
 - 1. Financial Report and Update Report – Valerie Fowler

FUND BALANCE - APRIL 2024						
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	MARCH 2024 per NN WIND	Expenses	Credit	Deposit	APRIL 2024 per ASC
01	General Activity Fund	24,852.14			463.55	25,315.69
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	13,913.55	699.60			13,213.95
08	Summer Youth Employment	59,867.25	-			59,867.25
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-			19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	16,505.72	-			16,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	36,199.90	3,649.98			32,549.92
13	Scholarship/General Fund	24,495.00	500.00			23,995.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00	-			2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	131,909.02	4,565.61			127,343.41
16	Veterans	9,660.37	3,046.43			6,613.94
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85	-			58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	7,199.11	1,105.28			6,093.83
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	177,309.03	-			177,309.03
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-			272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	115,403.99	-			115,403.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-			5.48
	Total	970,214.15	13,566.90	-	463.55	957,110.80

Bank Statement for April 30, 2024				
Beginning Balance	995,249.51			
Deposit - Cash - 4/9	148.54	4 Deposits for Total of \$1,842.00		
Deposit - Cash - 4/16	118.55			
Deposit - Cash - 4/16	362.29			
Deposit - Cash - 4/23	3,273.04			
Checks Processed (29)	17,392.23			
Ending Balance	981,759.70		Difference:	24,648.90

FUND BALANCE - MAY 2024						
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	APRIL 2024 per NN WIND	Expenses	Credit	Deposit	MAY 2024 per ASC
01	General Activity Fund	25,315.69	1,907.74			23,407.95
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	13,213.95	-			13,213.95
08	Summer Youth Employment	59,867.25	-			59,867.25
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-			19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	16,505.72	672.80			15,832.92
12	Chapter Official Stipend	32,549.92	3,300.00			29,249.92
13	Scholarship/General Fund	23,995.00	-			23,995.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	2,255.00	-			2,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	127,343.41	3,233.81			124,109.60
16	Veterans	6,613.94	3,940.41			2,673.53
17	Emergency Fund	58,435.85	-			58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	6,093.83	-			6,093.83
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	177,309.03	1,557.73			175,751.30
28	Chapter Projects	272,697.28	-			272,697.28
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	115,403.99	-			115,403.99
34	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	5.48	-			5.48
	Total	957,110.80	14,612.49	-	-	942,498.31

Bank Statement for May 31, 2024				
Beginning Balance	981,758.70			
Deposit - Cash - 5/3	401.20	4 Deposits for Total of \$1,422.87.00		
Deposit - Cash - 5/14	511.70			
Deposit - Cash - 5/28	313.83			
Deposit - Cash - 5/28	196.14			
Checks Processed (28)	15,227.54			
Ending Balance	967,954.03		Difference:	25,455.72

Valerie: read May Fund Balance and Bank Statement to the community.

Motion: Alex Whitehair

Second: Rochelle Curley

Vote: 22 / 00 / 12

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

Allen: read the resolution heading to the community

Valerie:

Fund Code: 40		Fund Title: Unhealthy Food					
GL Code	GL Title	Transaction Description	Fund Balance	FY24 Budget	Revised FY24 Budget	Total Budget Balance	
6303	Other Supplies Expense	To purchase supplies for community health events	4,000.00			4,000.00	
6352	Purchases - Food	To purchase food for youth events/demos, smoothie, chicken wraps, pizza from scratch, variety of salads, fruit salads, etc.	-		\$ 3,227.00	\$ 3,227.00	
6352	Purchases - Food	To purchase food for community healthy events	(478.75)	\$ 7,583.00	\$ 7,583.00	\$ 7,104.25	
6355	Operating Supplies	To purchase trees and seeds for community garden	1,000.00			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	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	
6505	R/M - Others	To pay for playground / recreational area	57,682.74	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 67,682.74	
6600	Consultant Expense	To pay fitness instructors & healthy food consultants for community demo	2,000.00			2,000.00	
6806	Buildings	To purchase materials/supplies for exercise room	20,000.00			20,000.00	
6813	Infrastructure - Land Improv	To pay ground work for playground, sports complex, etc	30,000.00			30,000.00	
			115,403.99	\$ 22,583.00	\$ 25,810.00	\$ 141,213.99	

Leila – unhealth food what is that

Allen – tax from unhealthy food is given to the chapter

Motion: Floyd Stevens

Second: Cynthia Slim

Vote: 28 / 00 / 07

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.

Allen – read the resolution heading to the community

Allen – he provided presentation at planning meeting and any questions

No questions.

Motion: Debora Saligeo

Second: Lee Clizzie

Vote: 26 / 00 / 16

4. Resolution # CO-06-046-24: Authorizing the Approval of the Chapter Scholarship General Fund for Two (2) Students in the Amount \$250.00 each. Utilizing the Scholarship General Fund Account 13-6721.

- i. Rochelle Curley – Rio Salado College – introduction to the community, working toward Bachelor Degree, taking Biology this summer, work at Desert View, Esther taught me to read, need reading program through the chapter, past funding through the chapter is appreciated, wish there were more for funding, good to have reading program 2 weeks prior to school goes back in.

- ii. Hunter Martin – ASU – he introduced himself during the planning meeting. His mother, Debora, introduction for her son, from MP 11, working on sociology degree, is on dean list, 3.8 degree, appreciate the past funds.

Comment - amount is low, we need to increase

Debora - hunter is full time

Valerie - ASC indicated part time so

Leilia – motion to increase the dollar amount

Allen – you can't motion for increase for scholarship fund until next month when there is resolution for the request for increase in scholarship funds

Valerie – anything over \$500 the student will be issued W9, its why chapter keeps it at \$500

Motion: Roger Curley **Second: Debora Saligeo** **Vote: 35 / 00 / 06**

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

Allen – names have been selected and given to the NHLC

Debora – make sure names are cross reference to other funding so individual does not double dip

Valerie – that well not happen.

Motion: Roger Curley **Second: Debora Saligeo** **Vote: 28 / 00 / 13**

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

Allen – Navajo Nation Election Administration

Debora – recommend Jean Mexicano

- Chief Poll Judge -
- Poll Judge – Katy Jones
- Poll Judge – Helena Stevens

Motion: Katy Jones **Second: Lula Tsinnijinnie** **Vote: 36 / 00 / 05**

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.

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Lola – email received from Rye Development that was sent 6/14/24 of the following:



Fri 6/14/2024 6:28 PM

Chuck Howe <chowe@c2-env.com>

Rye Development Pumped Hydro Storage Project

To Coppermine Chapter; Lola Smith; Floyd Stevens; Floyd Stevens; oliveandsage@gmail.com; Valerie Fowler; Helena Nez. Begay
Cc Erik Steimle; Michael Rooney; Tom Chee; Brian Cole; Godwin, Ryan L.; Lawson, Sarah; Sandy Slayton

Good afternoon Shi' Nataanii',

On behalf of Rye Development, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity we were given Tuesday afternoon to present additional information regarding our proposed project in Coppermine Chapter.

We appreciated all of the feedback that Tom Chee and I received from community members during the meeting, it helps our team better understand the concerns and limitations a possible project would face.

Rye Development is requesting to schedule an individual proposed project workshop with the Chapter CLUP members and grazing permit holders. The primary purpose of this workshop would be to present the concepts and visions for a pumped hydro storage project within the Coppermine Chapter.

It seems that a work session with your CLUP Committee would be the most appropriate to identify the possible locations for further consideration and future study. We recognize that scheduling this type of a work session may take a week or so to coordinate.

With this request, we would ask that the pending resolution CO-06-049-24 be tabled for consideration for this Monday's Chapter meeting.

Rye does not currently plan to conduct any additional field visits related to this project site until further discussions can occur with the Chapter Leadership (assuming a preferred location can be determined at a Work Session).

Due to the time required to travel to Coppermine by Rye Development staff and consultants, we would ask that we receive a few options for scheduling a work session within the next 2-3 weeks.

Thank you again for providing us the time to share this opportunity with your Chapter.

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Chuck Howe
928-310-6898 call/text

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Allen – they are just requesting it, its up to the community to vote on it

Alex – we need to vote on it and vote it down, who gave them the authority for rye to come

Allen – read the letter from GLDD to Rye Development



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*
Yideeskáadi Nitsáhákees **RICHELLE MONTOYA** *VICE PRESIDENT*

February 29, 2024

Erik Steimle
Executive Vice President
Rye Development
830 NE Holladay St.
Portland, OR 97232

RE: Permission to Survey on Navajo Tribal Trust Lands

Dear Mr. Steimle,

In response to your request dated February 27, 2024 requesting permission to cross Navajo Tribal Trust Lands to conduct walk-on field surveys for determining if any cultural/archaeological/biological resources are present, hand boring of soil for initial geotechnical analysis, and a metes and bounds survey. The request is hereby granted for the term of two (2) years for the following areas:

Lechee Chapter:

- *S/2 of Section 15, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, & 35, Township 41 North, Range 9 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 19, 29, 30, 31, & 32, Township 41 North, Range 10 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 14, 23, 26, 34, & 35, Township 40 North, Range 8 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*

Coppermine Chapter:

- *Sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 27, 28, & 33, Township 39 North, Range 8 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 4, 8, 9, 17, 20, 29, 30, & 31, Township 38 North, Range 8 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 6 & 7, Township 37 North, Range 8 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*
- *Sections 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 35, & 36, Township 37 North, Range 7 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*

Bodaway/Gap Chapter:

- *Sections 1 & 2, Township 36 North, Range 7 East, G&SRM, Coconino County, AZ*

The following project is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Permittee will comply with all applicable Tribal and Federal laws and regulations.
2. The rights of local Navajo people will be respected and protected.
3. Personnel with the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources (DNR) will retain the right to monitor the field survey.
4. The field survey will be conducted at your own risk. The Navajo Nation will not be held liable for any personal injury or property damage that might occur during the course of the field surveys.
5. Vehicles will be kept on existing roads and trails. Surface disturbance will be kept to an absolute minimum while conducting the field survey.
6. Approval of right-of-way, or a lease or any actual construction is not implied.

If you have any questions regarding the Permission to Survey, please contact the General Land Development Department at (928) 871-6447. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Byron Bitsie, Sr.,
Department Manager III
Navajo Land Department

Post Office Box 7440 • Window Rock, Arizona 86515 • Phone: (928) 871-7000 • Fax: (928) 871-4025

Alex – I spoke to Window Rock and indicate they don't have authorization for it, I want copy of the letter

Floyd – resolution was discussed and vote on it, don't know if its in denial, for the feasible its denial, there is no action to table right now, unless someone said

Allen – this resolution states to cease and desist, rye came to coppermine chapter and started the feasible but this resolution will stop this project,

Helena – I have go to bodaway gap and people are not aware of this project, virgina Arizona need to speak to clup president, have obtain over 300 signature of people not for the project

Alex – years back, fish and gaming presented from lees ferry and gap that certain portion that species are developed in that area, it states in the clup book of certain area that can't be developed,

Floyd – that map right there is what is in the clup book, fish and wildlife we don't know their stand,

Allen – this resolution is for cease and desist

Alex – yes we need to cease and desist

Comment – oppose the project, there is burial in the area so need to have respect for it

Sherry – chuck named lola and other names, I do put on facebook, I want people to know of what the chapter is doing, what chapter officials are doing, hopefully in the future they don't do that again, they took 3 hrs of my time, I don't appreciate of no communication for development, they come at night, they come on 4-track, they even went down to Floyd, you Floyd said to let them in, this buddy system, I don't like how you treat our community, that is fraud, we don't want people come to where I herd sheep, June 3 there was parade, who is given, do it the right way, get people's approval first, hopefully loren and sean that it works well for you and they shouldn't have gone over you,

Lola – I can't remember the exact date, that there were an email for presentation from rye development and Stanford told grazing permit holders of the presentation, then allen came and told the rye to leave, we could of gotten information from them on the project,

Allen – to clarify I didn't approve the meeting,

Stevens – need information, gap community will be apart of this project and are not aware of it, there was meeting that was scheduled but was cancelled, then another meeting cancelled again, that's not the only land, rye development came onto coppermine and said they got approval from varies people,

Floyd – question CO-06-049-24 if its different or same

Allen – its different resolution number

Cora – speak Navajo so we understand

Debora – the strip is that the endanger species from fish and wildlife

Floyd – yes, they survey it, maybe the project is in the strip,

Lola – we need clarification on the red strip from fish and wildlife, not sure on species, right in the area is where they raise their young at certain time,

Alex – this power plant is put there will they take it back, no its there permanent, if its established for species then they got no business there

Lula – the chapter officials need to communicate with community, power plant has come, the chapter officials use to speak Navajo for the power plant back then, what kind of help did that power plant gave our chapter, none, none was given by the power plant, please chapter officials communicate with community, young kids need to learn Navajo, our people need faith hope, we need to reunite

Sue R – federal can take and take, like copper here in coppermine, there is hole in coppermine, Washington said yes to the companies and they came to our chapter and took the copper, same goes for uranium that took place in Kayenta, grazing official said who is herding sheep out there, Pauline benally is, no one is herding sheep, us elders and I only have 20 sheep and once I get old I probably won't have any sheep, we are on trust land, land its not ours, our parents had many sheep, for us only got 20 sheep,

Motion: Alex Whitehair Second: Sherry Stevens Vote: 33 / 00 / 16

Allen – the letter from GLDD to Rye Development is available to community and can request for copy of the letter at Chapter Administration.

Floyd – ask motion party to read the resolution, there is no justification

Allen – you can motion to add his justification with your motion

Alex – yes add the justification

Sherry – yes add the justification

Floyd – this resolution has 3 where as, read the entire resolution to the community, doesn't indicate the reason why, ground water, fish and wildlife, its just straight cease and desist, need to indicate the reason why, gap bodaway resolution on the fish and wildlife of all the reason, people opposing the resolution, etc

Floyd – who will make the changes

Allen – Floyd pointed out what is missing, so you can request his assistance to add justification

Alex – yes have him make the changes on the resolution

Sherry – yes have him make the changes on the resolution

Cynthia – the additional add-on need to add Parks Recreation

Allen – speak with Floyd on the resolution justification

8. Laura Howard – Request Student Financial Assistance

Laura – what about my request

Allen – I gave you the paper

Laura – last year I request for my niece and she is traveling to boston, started in September to get funds, I obtained application, I came to planning meeting and was told to go to administration buiidng, need additional documents requested, sept 11 2023 which my niece stated needed from ASC the SS, signature, Census. Sept 20, 2023 – she gave me the documents, which I submitted. Was told to re-submit earlier to departure of travel. Tuition was \$1200. June 23 is going on airplane. If I come back till next month then the travel would have occurred. Next year she will be senior. I was working and wasn't here when my name was removed. Asking for community support.

Allen – I was given package from chapter administration, why I took it out was it was lacking documents, I can't do anything about it, why it didn't have resolution

Questions

Cynthia – during planning meeting there was no package
Allen – we heard it in September, asc recommend to do it close to departure
Laura – I have turned in all document on sept 20, 2023, I gave to chapter administration,
Allen – documents given to ASC and they determine complete package then is give to chapter to present for approval by community

VII. Reports and Presentation

1. ~~Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair.~~ Leila McCabe – TCRHCC update report. Have chapter expand for planning. Improvement for chapter. There are scholarship for our children with the hospital. Bookkeeping, budget, is available.
2. Chief Deputy of Coconino County Attorney – Ammon Barker – introduction, Jennifer Yazzie my assistant is here, spoke what our county attorney is doing, MIP, page court date for superior, walk-in court, passport, warrants, June 27 at twin arrows for veterans standdown, Debora – how many active cases
Ammon – depending on jurisdiction, we know some are native American, others we don't know, if family is missing family then obtain their study to be put into the system
Comment – is there database, of warrants, etc
Ammon – warrant, bench warrant can be dismissed but varies,
Loren - Lena has dates for court for kaibeto
3. Candidate for Page Justice of the Peace – Michael Barnes – introduction to the community, work with alex, work as social worker for PUSD and I am only one, I deal with trama, my goal is to see them not through justice system, please put me out of job, I know the people and kids, I have been here for 24 years,
Alex – work with him and retired and he was still working, he is democrat, when I worked there he spoke well to the people that are into jail, if elected he will continue to come to coppermine
Michael – July 17 there is back to school event from 1-430pm at coppermine, I am notary too, I will be out here with school supplies, I can't come to July meetings due to son's wedding
4. Candidate for Coconino County Supervisor – Angie Williams – introduction to the community of self, worked for Navajo nation, 14 years, 12 years for chapter, recently filed for district 5, district 5 is doney park to Cameron to tuba city, kaibeto, lechee, coppermine bitter springs, lake powell, fredonia, page, gap. Need to obtain signatures from all locations. July 30 is election and iam 2nd on the ballot. Democrat. Your family, relatives, to remember me.
Comment – the current supervisor does many for tuba city, ive ask for rails for roads and nothing, coming to chapter and community
Loren – I worked for county and during covid 19, coconino and Navajo, its hard to work with different county, they live on Navajo county so can't assist them, they live on Navajo nation so can't assist them, we buy food from our own money for these people since county couldnt

assist certain people due to boundaries, that is what I first hand seen, our supervisor and sponsor hot air balloon could have use the funds elsewhere,
Angie – partnership agreement is what is lacking,

5. CLUPC – only report is schedule meeting, need to look at the 2 plan of operation, one states 2 years and another states 4 years, one says \$125 and another says \$250,

VIII. Chapter Officials/Council Delegates/CLUPC Report

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez-Begay – NOT PRESENT
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – the \$8.8 million doesn't have ending date, western agency, progress, this resolution will to delegates and buu
Debora – what is the \$8.8 million
Allen – funds given to delegate
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – thank you for bringing food, president came to agency meeting in kaibeto, if you wanted to speak you could speak by chapter officials, I had spoken for FBFA of no water to the homes, he spoke and said he would come to our chapter, we should be excepting him to come, we need to watch our language when we have our delegates/officials/ presidents that come, I have spoken to our youth and ask what they want to see for coppermine, they want to see grocery store / fresh food, have to drive to page or tuba city or flagstaff for food, one student said our road is awful which needs to be improvement, we have to use the road to go to school, if you need housing then go to gap on June 20 from 9am to 4pm to submit application also for tuba city as well on June 26-27 for housing application intake, we have people from gap, from what I hear that gap are for the project and as well as lechee, it's the \$20million that they will receive from rye development,
4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – NOT PRESENT
5. CLUPC – already provided update

IX. 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 – JULY __, 2024 @ 5pm (MST)
5. Next Planning Meeting – JULY 8, 2024 @ 4pm (DST)
6. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – JULY 15, 2024 @ 5pm (DST)
7. St. Mary's Food Bank – JUNE 18, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)
8. JULY St Mary's Food Bank – JULY 16, 2024 @ 2pm (DST)

9. CHID INTAKE @ GAP CHAPTER – JUNE 20, 2024 @ 9am
10. SYE Application OPEN - Session 2 – Start Date: June 24, 2024 – Deadline June 20 @ 5pm
11. Chapter Administration Building – CLOSED – JUNE 19, 2024 – Juneteenth Day
12. TCRHCC – Mobile & Dental Clinic June 21, 2024 @ 9am -3pm (DST) @ Monkey Ridge

X. Adjournment at 8:52pm. Motion Debora Saligeo. Second Sally Tsingine.



Prepared and written by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer