

COPPERMINE CHAPTER
REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
MARCH 17, 2024 at 3pm
MINUTES

- I. Meeting call to order by Allen Fowler at 3:36pm.
- II. Invocation by Paul Begay.
- III. Review and adopt the agenda by Allen Fowler.
Valerie – New Business for Burial Assistance to utilize Fund 01 and not 13.
Allen – New Business # 3 the Resolution # CO-10-003-24
Paul – motion to accept the agenda as read then changes can be done afterwards
Debra S – second
Allen – New Business # 3 the Resolution # CO-10-003-24
Valerie – New Business for Burial Assistance to utilize Fund 01 and not 13.
Lavern – submit FBFA resolution and forward meeting minutes to the chapter. Following your instructions from before.
Allen – reading the resolution it states duty call chapter meeting.
Lavern – we had FBFA meeting and we selected the members at the FBFA meeting
Allen – resolution from 2005, need that one
Debra – from other resolution you remember
Allen – can bring resolution at planning meeting, you brought draft resolution before that last planning meeting.
Allen – need to resolution brought to me before meetings.
Sara – Ive brought 5 resolutions, presented at the District One Council Meeting and Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting.
1. ADD-ON: Supporting Passage by Congress of the Technical Amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act (P.L. 93-531) and Request for Field Hearing or, in the Alternative, A Congressional Hearing.
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 5. ADD-ON: Requesting that \$50 million of the Navajo Nation’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds be Repurposed to Repair Homes and Provide Housing Assistance to Navajos Relocated Under Public Law 93-531 and the Descendants of those Relocatees.
- Allen – wording to change Former FBFA resident
Motion/Second party agree to add 5 resolutions.
- Motion: Paul Begay Second: Debra Saligeo Vote: 26/00/09
- IV. Approval of last meeting minutes to be posted at Administration Building
Motion: Lavern Tsosie Second: Sue Russell Vote: 24/00/11

V. Old Business:

1. Coppermine Trash Day – Sue Russell – we need to have community trash day separate from when Page Attack Trash Day. Earth day is April 22. So for Coppermine Trash Day is April 6. Need to pickup trash on N20, R6210, 89, etc. from 8am to 1pm bring your trash to Coppermine chapter house. Will have mutton stew with frybread, melons, bananas, water, Gatorades.
Lavern - volunteer to take trash to tuba city.
Debra – incentive for trash pickers
Comment – stew and frybread
Debra – tshirt would be good
Sue – you going volunteer for the tshirt
Sue – need to make adjustment to stove in the chapter, will ask propane to come out and they can charge the chapter
Lola – sue sell is 928-660-1714
Comment – border of chapter need to have sign to indicate trash day, we have signage that we use during trail ride,
Sue – who was going to contact ADOT
Lavern – ADOT will not pick up trash,
Sue – so bring your trash to chapter
Rose – I’ll bring some frybread
Sue – lets make it successful event, keep kids off the road, I already obtain 3 price quotes and submitted to chapter. Got quote from 3 resident for cost of sheep.
“Keep Coppermine Beautiful Day”
Sue – the chapter will purchase food/supplies needed for the trash day

VI. New Business:

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

Attached for February 22, 2024 - Regular Chapter Meeting					
Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	12/31/23 per NN WIND	Expenses	Deposit	31-Jan-24
01	General Activity Fund	25,222.67	1,027.51		24,195.16
03	Trust Funds/L and Claims	16,929.06	739.80		16,189.26
08	Summer Youth Employment	61,253.78	-		61,253.78
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,505.72	-		18,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	46,124.86	474.96		45,649.90
13	Scholarship/General Fund	25,245.00	-		25,245.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	3,255.00	-		3,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	142,402.99	-		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	1,228.48		10,589.52
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	184,943.69	1,372.66		183,571.03
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	978,687.95	4,843.41	-	973,844.54

Attached for February 2024 - Regular Chapter Meeting - REVISED REPORT

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	12/31/23 per NN WIND	Expenses	Deposit	31-Jan-24
01	General Activity Fund	25,222.67	1,027.51		24,195.16
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	16,929.06	739.80		16,189.26
08	Summer Youth Employment	61,253.78	1,386.53		59,867.25
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,505.72	-		18,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	46,124.86	3,474.96		42,649.90
13	Scholarship/General Fund	25,245.00	-		25,245.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	3,255.00	-		3,255.00
15	Public Employment Project	142,402.99	3,275.32		139,127.67
16	Veterans	9,660.37	-		9,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-		23,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	11,818.00	1,228.48		10,589.52
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	184,943.69	1,372.66		183,571.03
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	978,687.95	12,505.26	-	966,182.69

Attached for March 17 2024 - Regular Chapter Meeting

Fund Code	Coppermine Fund Balance	JAN 2024 per NN WIND	Expenses	Deposit	FEB 2024 per NN WIND
01	General Activity Fund	24,195.16	200.00		23,995.16
03	Trust Funds/Land Claims	16,189.26	1,504.76		14,684.50
08	Summer Youth Employment	59,867.25	-		59,867.25
09	Housing Discretionary	19,505.46	-		19,505.46
10	Local Governance Grant	18,505.72	-		18,505.72
12	Chapter Official Stipend	42,649.90	4,950.00		37,699.90
13	Scholarship/General Fund	25,245.00	500.00		24,745.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	3,255.00	1,500.00		1,755.00
15	Public Employment Project	139,127.67	4,051.98		135,075.69
16	Veterans	9,660.37	-		9,660.37
17	Emergency Fund	23,435.85	-	35,000.00	58,435.85
21	Chapter R/M	10,589.52	2,299.80		8,289.72
23	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	183,571.03	2,533.60		181,037.43
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	966,182.69	17,540.14	35,000.00	983,642.55

Bank Statement for February 29, 2024

Beginning Balance	984,258.88
Deposit - Cash	-
Direct Deposit - Emergency	35,000.00
Checks Processed (28)	12,486.14
Ending Balance	1,006,772.74

Chapter - Emergency Fund \$35,000

8715: Grant: 17-6101: **1 Heavy Equipment Operator** x \$20 p/h x 160 hrs = \$3,200; 6103-FICA Expense 6.2% = \$198.40; 6104-Medicare Expense 1.45% = \$46.40; 6108-Workmen's Compensation Expenses .75% = \$24.00. **[\$3,468.80]**

8715: Grant: 17-6101: **2 Laborers** x \$15 p/h x 160 hrs ea = \$4,800; 6103-FICA Expense 6.2% = \$297.60; 6104-Medicare Expense 1.45% = \$69.60; 6108-Workmen's Compensation Expenses .75% = \$36.00. **[\$5,203.20]**

8715: Grant: 17-6353: **Purchase Wood** for Community distribution: Up to \$400 per cord x 20 cords = \$8,000. **[\$8,000.00]**

8715: Grant: 17-6321: **Purchase Gasoline** for Chapter use during an Emergency: \$1,000.

8715: Grant: 17-6322: **Purchase Diesel Fuel** for Chapter use during an Emergency: \$1,000.

8715: Grant: 17-6413: **Purchase Propane** for Community Distribution: \$3,000. **[\$3,000.00]**

8715: Grant: 17-6505: **Repair & Maintenance for Generator** during an Emergency: \$500. **[\$500.00]**

8715: Grant: 17-6801: **Purchase Generator** for Chapter Emergency use: \$7,000. **[\$7,000.00]**

8715: Grant: 17-6801: **Purchase Snow Plow Attachment** for backhoe: \$5,828. **[\$5,828.00]**

ARPA Projects: Total Budget \$1,760,468 (FUNDS REMAIN IN WINDOW ROCK):

- Warehouse \$1,400,000 – JSRA/Chapter CSC is supposed to work on this
- Dump Truck/Trailer \$160,000 – JSRA/Chapter CSC is supposed to work on this
- Solid Waste \$36,000 - Contract Agreement between NN and Republic Services
 - o Meeting 2 week ago between Republic Services and DOJ regarding contract wording
 - o Per meeting, Republic Services will send revise price estimate
 - o DOJ will work with Republic Services on the Service Contract
 - o After gathering all documents, then will package for Section 164 Review. This take 3-4 months.
- PPE Supplies \$44,468
 - o Previous 3 price quotes have expired due to waiting on DCD/JSRA/ARPA
 - o Chapter Staff obtain 3 new quotes with double the quantity
 - o price quotes will be forward to DCD/ARPA along with Debarment and W9 so DCD can obtain OR to get Purchase Order for \$10K
 - o Will purchase the items for \$10K, then reorder more supplies when supplies are given out to the community. Item purchase is Soap, Clorox wipes, wipes
- Community Cemetery \$120,000
 - o Land Withdrawal Package was submitted to GLDD
 - o Lacking 2 documents per GLDD which email back to GLDD
 - o Per GLDD it will take 2-3 weeks to process Temporary Land Withdrawal
 - o Need obtain 3 price quotes for Arch Clearance and Bio. Eunice provided her quote but needs to be on paper quote and not through email. Have request for JSRA to obtain quote but no response.

FBFA Project update (FUNDS REMAIN IN WINDOW ROCK):

- Received email from NHLC on 2/8/24 that Funds have been approved by OMB
- NHLC will be submitting Budget Revision Request for the \$100,000 to transfer funds to cover personnel salary amount and IDC rate changed. This takes 2-3 weeks.
- NHLC Navajo Rehabilitation Trust Fund – Budget Amount \$100,000. Current balance \$100,000. Funds budget for Personnel to hire carpenters (\$90K) and building materials (\$10K).
- NHLC Escrow Budget Amount \$215,408.48. Current balance is \$211,051.81. Funds budget for building materials.
- NHLC will submit to JVA to advertise Carpenters and Senior Carpenters through Department of Personnel Management. When positions are advertised then will notify the public.
- NHLC will work on obtaining current price quotes for materials and submit OR to get Purchase Orders.
- Request to Chapter CSC to hire Supervisor whom has construction background to obtain building materials for remaining homes, obtain 3 price quotes and scope of work. Which can be forward to NHLC to obtain purchase order for the homeowners.
- 13 home visit were done by Choice Humanitarian staff, Natalie Tsinnjinnie, Regina Reid, and Valerie Fowler in April 2023 which had to complete home assessment per homeowner and input into KOBL TOOLBOX in order to receive assistance from Choice Humanitarian. Utilizing the chapter resolution # CO-08-057-19 list of names.

Motion: Stanford Fowler Second: Sue Russell Vote: 27/00/13

2. RESOLUTION: CO-03-027-24: AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00 FOR THE LATE DINAH WHITEHAIR FROM THE CHAPTER ACTIVITY FUND IN MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR BURIAL ASSISTANCE UTILIZING 01:6721.

Allen – read the resolution to the community.

Motion: Floyd Stevens Second: Paul Begay Vote: 25/00/15

3. RESOLUTION: CO-10-003-24: SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFLUENCE (TOOH AHIDILII) OF THE LITTLE COLORADO AND THE COLORADO RIVERS AND THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE AS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE U.S. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP); AND OPPOSING ANY LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR ACTIONS WHICH MAY NEGATE THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE AREA.

Allen – read the resolution to the community.

Floyd – give Delores from gap to introduce self

Delores – people have moved from fbfa, no road pavement, introduce self to the community

Rita Bilagody – introduce self to the community, this resolution presented today is to have sacred site designation to stop development, there are still people going to the confluence for development, have hydrogen pipeline going through Navajo Nation, this is going to phoenix and not Navajo nation, our medicine people go down there, other tribes go there and its sacred area, asking for your help and have legislation to go the council,

Floyd – biological, diversity, introduced self to the community, the resolution number have changes, delores and her group have travel to many chapters, they have done petition as well, bodaway gap stating resolution, why is it sacred, how is it sacred, it doesn't really state in the resolution, the resolution was also to oppose pump storage project, the big canyon gorge, we have received the same proposal, we need to refine the resolution since its coming from the chapter, the previous resolution was coming from bodaway gap chapter and just change the chapter name, the little Colorado river gorge, the salt canyon trail which used by hopi / Navajos / other tribe use the salt and other sacred stones, there are archaeological ruins, the US forest service, welcome center, escalade

was defeated, hydrogen electric pump storage is another project coming, bruce spring, turquoise color spring, 13 mile from the confluence, tourist hike down the confluence, pump storage needs 2 heights, 50 acre pond with depth on top then 2 - 24 inch pipe going down to the pond at the bottom, 660 acre is needed for the pump storage so its big area, high evaluation, no resident in the area, there are 8-9 families that utilize the land for their livestock, everytime it rains then its used by the animals, there is area for endangered and threaten species the red zone (pointing on the map). Floyd – provide assistance to delores and revised the resolution which was a lot of work, registered historical place, the resolution read:

- Coppermine chapter recognized the confluence,
- Groundwater

Groundwater have to drill xx feet. We are in bowl. There is 1000 feet difference. The weight of water and distance of water turn those turbine. There will be 2 pumping station, there is no windmill north, this maybe the last water resource we have. The resolution in the past was defeated so that resolution is dead. Another resolution was brought into the chapter which had resolution number CO-10-003-24.

Floyd – he will ask for motion to bring back this resolution

Allen – do I have motion to bring resolution back to the table

Motion: Paul Begay Second: Linda Long Vote: 31/00/15

Paul – motion to accept the resolution

Motion: Paul Begay Second: Linda Long Vote: 36/00/10

4. ADD-ON: Resolution CO-03-028-24: Supporting Passage by Congress of the Technical Amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act (P.L. 93-531) and Request for Field Hearing or, in the Alternative, A Congressional Hearing.
Sara – its federal bill, bills are develop, relocatees, hopi fund lobbyist at Washington to obtain funds for them because Navajo obtain funds, mauver to address the dispute, instead of just using our attorney, people knocking on our door, we don't have budget so how do account, we have counted 400 applicants, you can put budget together,
Sara – easy lift, we are asking for field hearing,
5. ADD-ON: Resolution CO-03-029-24: Requesting Additional Appropriations from the United States Congress Mandating the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to Repair Homes or, Alternatively, to do the same using Existing Surplus Funds
Sara – need to work with the chapter of their unmet needs, Washington office states brian cole keeps coming up to Washington asking for \$\$ but we can give \$16M.
6. ADD-ON: Resolution CO-03-030-24: Supporting and Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to Appropriate a Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$250,000 for FY 2024 to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office from the Unbudgeted Undesignated Fund Balance
Sara – the \$250,000 is for budget for 6 months,
7. ADD-ON: Resolution CO-03-031-24: Requesting President Joseph R. Biden appoint a Commissioner to the Office of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation
8. ADD-ON: Resolution CO-03-032-24: Requesting that \$50 million of the Navajo Nation's American Rescue Plan Act Funds be Repurposed to Repair Homes and Provide Housing Assistance to Navajos Relocated Under Public Law 93-531 and the Descendants of those Relocatees.

Sara – a lot of the departments for arpa funds so there is proposal by leadership to obtain funds that will not meet the deadline will be used for other projects, ive attended leadership meeting last Friday, chapter projects if chapter can't make it then can move the funds to save haven to keep the funds, people say that they aren't receiving assistance from the chapter, there are NPL funds, there is press release from president that 50 years ago, is there way to raise \$1M for the past 50 years so resolution for \$50M, there are 23 chapters, maybe identify 2-3 families per chapter, nation have lawsuit, these are people that need basic home repair.

Sara – introduced herself to the community. Director for the NHLO. Impacted 9 chapters for FBFA. Funds for home repairs. October 1, 2023 – president buu appointed me director, people came to me of their home situation, I looked at the budget, only budget of \$400,000, I come from hospital and have budget for personnel that is \$400K, trauma going into 3rd and 4th generation, serve the most disadvantage,

Debra – the 1st generation can pass to the 2nd generation, some homes were condemn, there is no running water, Navajo Thaw is asking congress for \$4 billion, chapter need to download their document from Navajo Thaw, for \$16million is due able, Brian Cole has no approval to ask for funds for FBFA, Navajo Thaw did the job and should not be asking for funds, and Navajo nation should be asking for funds,

Floyd – brian cole is in cowho with rid development, he just wants funds.

Sara – no hydrogen storage, who to send the document

Floyd – natural resources

Sara – there are 9 hydrogen drilling, legal surface rights,

Sara – value of uranium is going up daily so more outside companies coming in

Sara – we do have moratorium but not where they will be transporting it

Paul: motion to consent agenda for New Business #4, #5, #6, #7, #8

Floyd: second

Allen – consent agenda means to combine the resolution and vote

Motion: Paul Begay Second: Floyd Stevens Vote: 30/00/16

VII. Reports and Presentation:

1. Community Health Worker – Susie Shorthair – NOT PRESENT
2. TCRHCC – Stacy Claw – NOT PRESENT
3. Coconino County Supervisor – Lena Fowler – NOT PRESENT
4. Chapter Parking Lot – Lola Smith – we have projects coming through ARPA, chapter multipurpose building, ARPA projects, some projects that chapters were suppose to get and if it doesn't happen then can use those funds and hoping to get multipurpose building, we have water pipes in the ceiling and run pipes freeze so ruin our bathrooms, in order to get buildings and warehouse which need to address the water pond that forms in the chapter parking lot. Maybe change the entrance to the south. Ive been looking into this. Have been reaching out NDOT and no response. Valerie sent email to department heads for NDOT meeting so will have meeting in April. The chapter entrance is unsafe, plus road 6210 for school bus route.
Linda – what happened to the 3 dates
Lola – Margorie said the first week of NDOT, when they are available, clup is to be present
Sara – ask for AZDOT engineers for cost estimate, they are there for assistance,
Debra – say you got this restructure, get building locations,

Lola – I was told Milford should be looking at this with us as ASC,
Sara – if its not in your plan then have resolution to put AZDOT and ASC

5. FBFA update - Debra Saligeo – defer to natalie for update
Natalie – introduce self to the community, 10 years ago came back to chapter and heard of FBFA, our home hasn't been improved, calvin begay has running water, rest of south doesn't have running water, Tslim came to us in 2013, he said funds are available in WR for FBFA, chapter didn't have data, movement of funds is slow, Helena new delegate ask why so slow, why FBFA don't want to come to chapter, month ago had m
Debra – march 3 had meeting and re-introduce the group, at the meeting have selected president, VP, S/T. after talking to allen then need to talk more to allen. 36 were in attendance. Some need minor repairs, new home, etc. some home condemn.
Sara – there are 2 types of funds for Coppermine, funds got approved which staff worked on,

Paul – like to suspend floor rules to add her for report
Debra – yes
6. Maria Acothley – running for coconino county board of supervisor. Lena fowler is running for that position as well.

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate /CLUPC Report:

1. Council Delegate – Helena Nez Begay – NOT PRESENT
2. Chapter President – Allen Fowler Jr. – attend WNAC meeting, Tom Platero with NDOT, Helena stated there are funds for multipurpose building, uranium transportation is huge discussion, Div Economic Development on wage are so low and they are working on it. hydrogen plant and now just hydrogen, I sponsor sara's resolution, coconino sheriff is retiring, what do you think about agency meeting, district was full, December is still open for WNAC meeting, ARPA funding is DCD are still, we are meeting with FBFA with sara with CLUP and Officials which need date, reason why is that \$200K they didn't know how to get funds to chapter and had no CSC, our office specialist resigns.
Lavern – who was that
Allen – Sharlene
Edith – request for funds, have nallie grandson in cedar city and was selected for football, the last week of June he received letter to do football camp in Alabama and cost is \$4000 for room/board/meal/transportation, are there funds
Allen – financial assistance is \$200 for youth
Lavern – if there is an organization under the chapter, for me im at 2 year term and if running 7 years then what does that make me
Allen – at next meeting need to have re-election
Floyd – take office until filled,
Lavern – the office should know when know to re-elect
Debra – we haven't re-elect mary and linda
Allen – you are apart of clup so you can have re-election
Lola – you will call meeting to discuss this with clup and officials
3. Chapter Vice-President – Lola Smith – over weekend went to phoenix and came back last night N20 and hit accident north that place 9pm and we got to the accident at midnight and got home till 5am. I have told mike Anderson with public safety numerous times. I heard this on the radio for septic tank 928-871-6556 and other things. TCRHCC the clinic are looking for artist if they want their art to be in the building can be donated or can get paid. Looking at the poster for Coppermine trash day.

Come up with posters. Economic development will have land withdrawal, we are still going through it, need permit consent.

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – AIF extension for 2 more weeks.
5. CLUPC President – Linda Long – Jonathan Davis and I are working on using up spaces.
6. Community Service Coordinator – Minnette Roundstone – NOT PRESENT

April E – Indian Education Committee for Coppermine – Navajo clothing and supply program. Its online, first come first serve. Nnds.org. need CIB, driver license, SS, verification school enrollment, and submit to Tuba City office.

Rose J: heard from plant workers, funds reverted back, Navajo nation funds given to plant to make homes using arpa funds, homes for Coppermine,

Allen – heard homes are not done properly, fixing their mistakes,

Lola – its on the Navajo Times, yes tribe has funds but must everyone has to be in order, Valerie provided report on arpa and need to have plans and documents, we do need to meet with chapter officials and csc

IX. Announcements:

1. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – March 17, 2024 @ 3pm (DST)
2. Election : Federal, State, County – March 19, 2024 from 5am to 9pm
3. St. Mary’s Food Bank – March 21, 2024 @ 1pm (DST)
4. Veterans Meeting – March 22, 2024 @ 5 PM (MST)
5. TCRHCC Mobile Unit – March 14, 2024 @ 845am – 3pm (DST) at Coppermine Chapter House
6. Next Planning Meeting – APRIL 2, 2024 @ 2PM
7. Next Regular Chapter Meeting – April 15, 2024 @ 5PM

X. Adjournment at 735pm. Motion: Lavern Tsosie. Second: Debra Saligeo. Vote: 25/00/00

Valerie Fowler

Written and Prepared by Valerie Fowler
Coppermine Secretary/Treasurer