COPPERMINE CHAPTER REGULAR Meeting June 17, 2021 @ 4PM (DST)

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Meeting called to order by Allen Fowler at 4:02pm (DST)

II. Invocation by Delegate Paul Begay

Review and Adopt the Agenda Π I.

President Allen Fowler Jr. - adds on: Mike Halona, Jason John, and Adam Raines

Delegate Paul Begay - request to modify the agenda to include Mr. Halona, Mr. Jason John to the agenda.

President Allen Fowler Jr. - there's one more, Adam Raines.

Delegate Paul Begay – also add the forementioned person's name to the agenda.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 4-0-0

IV. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 4-0-0

Old Business - None

New Business: Action Items, Financial Reports, and Resolutions

1. Financial – Secretary/Treasurer – Financial Report not available.

2. RESOLUTION CÓ-06-071-21: ADRIANO TSINIGINE FOR NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY COPPERMINE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE. Motion: Lola Smith Second: Delores Dempsey Vote: 4-0-0

3. RESOLUTION CO-06-072-21: APPROVING BUDGET INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 03:6412 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,843.43 INTO ACCOUNT 03:6415 WASTE DISPOSAL COLLECTION.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 4-0-0

VII. Reports and Presentations: (5-minute allotted time limit per subject).

1. Page Unified School District - Lyonel Tso PUSD Lyonel Tso – Updates: PUSD is currently in summer school through June 30th. Class hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8am to Noon. PUSD will continue to deliver food to the Chapters Monday thru Thursday, and on Thursdays they will be delivering four meal packs for the weekend, and these meals is for anyone under the age of 18. On June 23rd PUSD will have a registration blitz at the Bodaway/Gap Chapter and the LeChee Chapter. Coppermine Chapter may join either of the Chapters if the want to register their student for 2021 school year. We will be set up at Bodaway/Gap from 9am to Noon, then at LeChee Chapter from 1pm to 4pm, to register students for the upcoming school year. At the end of the month we will be at Ts'ah Bii Kin Chapter and Kaibeto Chapter to register students.

2. TCRHCC – Leila McCabe

3. Community Health Representative – Susie Shorthair – not online

4. Navajo Land Department – Mike Halona – not online

5. Navajo Dept. Water Resource - Jason John Jason John – working on the ARPA proposals for water and includes water for domestic, water delivery, and livestock projects, so there's a listing being discussed within the Navajo Nation Government. Also, we aware that some of the projects were submitted to the community development. We'll be meeting with community development next week to look at the listings that the chapters submitted through DCD to try to reconcile what projects being requested for ARPA. This is ongoing process, some of the work that's been ongoing by the water resources in the area include; work through the Former Bennett Freeze funding for Earthen Dams Rehabilitation, I just got an update from Technical Construction Operations Branch that talks about some of the Earthen Dams Rehabilitation in that area that they just started working in Coppermine Chapter last week or a couple of

weeks ago, I don't have an update as to where they are going next within Coppermine. They're also requesting some funding to BIS to repair existing windmills and to drill new livestock water well. That was submitted to BIA for additional funding through the Former Bennett Freeze Funding through BIA. Hopefully, we'll get that money. We're also working with the Office of the President and Emergency Management to coordinate a Drought Response. President Nez may sign a Drought Emergency Declaration, and what that will do for us is it will allow us to conduct Emergency Procurement for some of these supplies for windmills, and other facilities for livestock purposes and other purposes. There are two other things I want to touch up on is: 1) I informed the Chapter Staff that we have a water truck available to give to Coppermine Chapter. It's a two-thousandgallon water truck, CDL is not required to operate, specifications can be sent to the Chapter if they want to consider taking over a water truck that was recently purchased using the Cares Act Money, because I understand there was about fourteen Cistern systems installed in the Chapter this past fall by NTUA and MICA. That is available and all I need is a Chapter resolution to provide that water truck. We did buy insurance through the Fiscal Year and Chapter will need to provide insurance at the beginning of the fiscal year. We'll confirm if the Chapter decides to move forward with accepting a brandnew water truck. The last thing, there is planned water well drilling north of Bodaway/Gap off the highway towards Coppermine that we plan to have that water well be drilled to tie into the existing system and that contract should be going through the 154 review process beginning next week. We have already bided out and it's available to process the contract once all the funding is in place. That will allow more water to be delivered to the water system in that area and it will allow for IHS to continue building additional water lines in that portion of the Coppermine Chapter in the near future. I am aware the claiming of everything is a bit odd because normally we would assure the residents would get water first, but it will be tied into the existing system first, but it will be first to the IHS project to be designed and built around it to provide water to the local families. I did voice a concern to IHS that it needs to change the process to be able to provide water almost immediately to the surrounding homes when these wells get drilled. President Allen Fowler Jr. - for the 2000-gallon water truck, do you have a template for the resolution?

Jason John - I will send you a copy of the Birdspring Chapter resolution, that they recently passed.

President Allen Fowler Jr. - yes, that will work. We need a water truck to haul water to the residence of Coppermine. Thank you.

Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – Mr. John, you are talking about the windmills, two windmills in the Coppermine District, they need to be redrilled. How do we get this done? Do we need a resolution for it?

Jason John – yes, they need a resolution to drill a new well, but, send me an email with the request and we'll have the staff look at it.

Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – you were talking about Earth Dam, they are working in Red Mesa this week, then after that they'll go to Tohatchi. Next month they should be working in a new location.

VP Lola Smith – Mr. John, Thank you for your update on the well that is near First Windmill, it is in the Coppermine area. I have a concern about where the water will be taken from. I have expressed how can you take water from us and take to other communities. The water that is taken is from the Former Bennett Freeze Area and there's not near by domestic water near there, in the first windmill area. That is southern portion of Coppermine, no one has running water. We realize that the residence needs bathroom additions and that goes hand and hand. We've trying to work on this, getting bathroom additions to most of the homes. Thank you for the water truck, it is needed. Thanks for being aware of Coppermine.

Chapter Member Natalie Tsinnijinnie – I live in the Former Bennett Freeze Area. What VP Lola Smith stated is very true, we don't have running water. Will this water truck be used by community members to get their cistern tank filled? That's my question. Jason John – yes, that is the intent and because Water Resource is understaffed, therefore, we are trying to have the Chapters take the trucks and hire a driver to haul the water to the homes that have cistern systems within their Chapter. That is the intent in getting the water truck. We bought it to haul portable, water treated drinking water, so that is the intent of the water truck from Water Resources.

President Allen Fowler Jr. – is this truck for hauling drinking water or can it be used for livestock?

Jason John – the truck is designed to haul treated drinking water. You can haul untreated water; however, you'll have to clean it each time before hauling treated water again. It would best to use this water truck to haul treated water.

President Allen Fowler Jr. – are you giving the Coppermine Chapter this water truck? Or is there a lease?

Jason John – we want to convey the title to the Chapter. Right now, this truck is under Assets for Water Resources. We are asking the for a resolution for the Chapter to accept it, we just want to transfer the title and the truck over to the Chapter at no cost, but, the Chapter has to take over the operation and maintenance cost once you receive it. President Allen Fowler Jr. – do you have a manual or policies and procedures from the Water Resources?

Jason John – we don't have one, but we can provide a template for it.

President Allen Fowler Jr. – you can email all that to the Coppermine Chapter email, and cc me, the VP and Secretary/Treasurer, the Delegate and Grazing Official. Thank you for giving us the water truck.

VP Lola Smith – how many tons is this truck?

Jason John – I don't know, but we have all the specifications that I can email today to the Chapter Officials.

Bodaway/Gap Grazing Official Leonard Sloan – Mr. John, we put in for water trucks from the Cares Act, we never got one? How do we go about purchasing one? Jason John – I don't know. I know the Chapters are working with Community

Development on that list, then that list Coppermine missed that out on that. There are new monies coming in ARPA and it's my understanding through the Community Development they had Chapters submit projects to them, I don't know if Coppermine submitted projects and request for equipment to DCD through Community Development.

Bodaway/Gap Grazing Official Leonard Sloan – this is from Bodaway/Gap Chapter. Jason John – this would be the same response; I don't know the details of what of all the Chapters what equipment they requested through DCD in January. But, if they ordered equipment and it was funded, then DCD is still working on it. You would need to talk to Pearl Yellowman or her staff to get an update.

6. Solar Power – Adam Raines

Adam Raines - Thank you, everybody for giving me the time. I would like to do my presentation on the Coppermine Chapter Solar Power Generation. I sent an email with this presentation to the chapter house. Is there a way for me too either pull up my presentation or for you to send us everybody else? We'll make it available to the community if they want to copy at the administration building. Thank you. I will then go over an agenda, which's our project overview where I will go into detail on the project. The value that the project is going to bring the Coppermine Chapter. A land description of what we will be asking from the chapter. What the process looks like over the next twelve months? And then we can address any additional concerns at that point. And so, we will be proposing a solar farm that is a hundred megawatt of clean energy. And we are looking to utilize or put to use the large transmission line that are on the Coppermine Chapters land. We're going to use that electricity too first and foremost provide energy for everybody who is now in the Coppermine Chapter, at no cost. This is if they are hooked up to the grid currently or not, we are then going to sell the access energy to on takers along that utility line. And that utility line connects the Navajo Generations Station where the port in Los Angeles. So, that means there's a lot of people we can sell that energy to and we will then be sharing the profits with the Navajo Nation as well as the Coppermine Chapter specifically. This is going to create jobs for both Navajo Nation and the Coppermine, not only construction of the power plant, but it'll go for the continuing maintenance of the power plant. Does anybody have any questions? So far.

Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – when the solar is set up in the farm, how many people will be employed to take care of it?

Adam Raines - During construction of the power plant, for every megawatt, it will equal fifty jobs, afterwards it will create five jobs in maintenance for twenty-five years.

Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – will you hire the local people? Adam Raines – this will probably be more jobs than what the Coppermine Chapter can offer. So, we will then we will expand to the Navajo Nation and then into the Arizona area. This will benefit the Coppermine Chapter is first and foremost, will be creating fifty jobs to construct a power plant per megawatt and it will subsequently resolve in five jobs for twenty-five years. But the Coppermine Chapter will also directly benefit by a land lease, where we will be leasing three hundred acres of Coppermine Chapter Land and the land lease is based on how close the land is to the transmission line. The closest land would yield one thousand dollars per acre per year, and the farthest away would yield one hundred dollars per acre per year. The Coppermine Chapter as well as me, Navajo Nation will be participating in a profit share on eight cents per kilowatt hour, that we will selling this energy too for people down the transmission line. The Coppermine Chapter at no additional cost will receive free energy for their resident. We've partnered up with a group call World Energy that has dedicated to drilling a well for every megawatt that we install. We have also reached out to Mark Maryboy and were able to pull the water management study that Coppermine Chapter paid for and we have found that there is adequate water not only for the power plant but also the Coppermine Chapter. I have included that water summary of that water statement; I can also include the sixty-page report for anybody that requested it. The Coppermine Chapter currently manages two hundred and forty-five thousand acres and this project, we will be requesting three hundred acres or point zero, zero, zero, one, two-point five percent of the Coppermine Land. In my presentation, I've included a picture of what the footprint looks like for the Coppermine and a small representation of that total project. This total project, we would begin with a land use operation process, if we were to get approval for this Chapter resolution. Maryboy Management would also help do everything necessary to get the Coppermine Chapter certified so they can participate in an additional six percent revenue from the taxes generated. Our due diligence, client validation and surveys will take approximately two to five months and then the construction of the power plant will be an additional five months. We will be able to under the current timeline have this project installed by the end of this year, which means the Coppermine could participate in revenue as soon as 2022. A few of the concerns that have been brought up over the last ten years with the Kaibeto Chapter, first chapter that we worked on a resolution for the solar project, was the total use of land was three hundred acres. If you compare that to an average solar farm, you would look at a minimum of five acres per megawatt, but we are willing to invest more capital and technologies like batteries so that we could make the footprint smaller and use that much land. And another valid big concern was grazing rights that would be impacted by the area that the project would take up. And our proposal would provide an equivalent replacement seed for any livestock that would be affected by the project. For every megawatt we installed we would drill a well for the Coppermine Chapter, because our power plant uses water for part of the efficiency and producing electricity, and all of the sources to generate energy this is the least amount, it's only twenty gallons per megawatt hour and so compared to every other power generation technique this is the lowest production mean that uses water. We will be helping the Coppermine Chapter by drilling a well for every megawatt we install, so enough wells and everybody should have no problems. As I said earlier in my presentation, I've included a summary of the water report that the Coppermine Chapter paid for a few years ago. I can make that available to anyone who would like to see it. Thank you. That is presentation. Are there any questions?

Adam Raines - you are correct that APS owns a portion of the line and NTUA owns a portion of the line. And what my company will do is work with both NTUA and APS to use their lines transmit the energy. We will pay them the transmission fee to transport the energy to the final unit.

VP Lola Smith - I believe the big transmission line are owned by APS, am I correct or

not?

VP Lola Smith – has there been talk with APS and NTUA? Adam Raines – the answer is yes to both of those, as we are currently working NTUA and APS with the Kaibeto Chapter. We are also working with the Department of Energy to ensure that everybody is working together. Audio is unclear.

VIII. Chapter Administration and Chapter Officials Report

1. Council Delegate Paul Begay – Audio is unclear. Report is attached.

2. Chapter Officials

President Allen Fowler Jr. – SYE working and cleaning of the Chapter area and finishing the restroom renovation in the chapter house. They also put black mesh on the Hoop House. We are trying to get different departments to join our meetings.

VP Lola Smith – the Hoop House is ready; it was a lot of work. We had to tilt the ground, we had to use a 4-wheel truck (Ben Begay) and we also got help from the Russell (Sue and Jordan Russell) and Begay Family (Ben Begay Family). We had some students from Choice Humanitarian that came out on Saturday to help plant. They students came from Utah and California to help with the Hoop House. Next month, we'll have College students coming to help here at the Chapter House with the Hoop House. We are very thankful that we are getting a water truck, it will be very helpful to our community. Also, we worked on proposals for the Former Bennett Freeze Area and "The Forgotten People". Delegate Begay is familiar with this proposal. There was a law suet file for money, which is in the millions. There was a group called Water Warriors, they delivered water to the Coppermine Community and I want to thank them for their generosity. Also, we are looking to have our meetings back in the chapter house, hopefully soon. Please continue to wear you mask, wash your hands, and no gatherings.

Community Member Natalie Tsinnijinnie - on the Bennett Freeze, without the CSC now, so of the people here in the area were getting bathroom additions, seems like without the CSC everything came to a halt. What is the plan to continue? The bathroom additions? I know he had started electrical wiring, even with that nothing is happening now. And I don't know, my house still needs to be completed, I've been waiting for over five-years now. Where is the ESCROW fund? My house is still waiting to be finished with the addition, I had to start using my own money to slowly get things done on the wiring. I had

asked Allen Fowler if I can be reimbursed for what I've spent.

VP Lola Smith – I know with the bathroom additions, that was one of proposals. According to Mr. John, Community Development along with Water Resources are going to be meeting next week to look at all the proposals that have been submitted. Looking at all the proposals is going to be a huge job and it will take time, and I know they don't want to rush like the previous Cares Act. They want to look at the proposals and decide which proposals would be granted money through the ARPA. We'll know more in a couple weeks.

TCĤRCC Leila McCabe - Updates on COVID-19, this past week we had seven positive report with one death, so, we're still encouraging the community to wear your mask and wash your hands and continue to social distancing. Also, we were given updates on our Elderly Care Home, we're in the planning stage, hopefully in month we'll give you a full report on what's going on, where we are building this, hopefully, it'll be built in Tuba City. If you have any concerns that you want to bring to my attention, I would like to report it to our Doctors and Nurses, so, we can correct these problems.

Secretary/Treasurer Delores Dempsey – no report at this time. 3. Grazing Official Stanford Fowler – Earth Dams are being cleaned out throughout the reservation. Also, we are looking at the community to do livestock adjustment, so that we are not over grazing. Today, I'm in Window Rock for training. We asked to submit a resolution for Emergency Drought. I will have more information next week. This training is to cover everything, including homesite lease and probate. Next, I will attend a Permit Meeting on how to things are done. If you need branding, let me know. If you want your livestock vaccinated, you'll need to buy it. We are also working on the water project and see what we can do with it. The water truck we are supposed to get, will be very helpful to our community.

4. CLUPC Linda Long - Yesterday we attended a special meeting with Adam Raines, he showed us his presentation on the solar project and about community development. I have also been reaching out to Dr. Jonathan Davis; however, he has not responded to my emails or phone calls.

Delegate Paul Begay – states he would like to do a short report, however, he has no cell

service.

Announcements:

Next Planning/Report Meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference

2. Next Regular Chapter Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference

3. Page Lunch for any students @ Coppermine Chapter @ 11am-11:20am (DST) Daily

Adjournment @ 5:41pm (DST) X.

Motion: Lola Smith

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Second: Delores Dempsey

Vote: 4-0-0

Delores Dempsey

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