COPPERMINE CHAPTER – REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING June 20, 2022 @ 4pm (DST) Teleconference MINUTES

Join by phone (US): +1-208-843-1145 (pin) 554-257-108 or In-Person Limit 25

Meeting Called to Order at 4:15pm by Allen Fowler.

In-Person: Allen Fowler, Stanford Fowler, Louise Tisi, Cora Yazzie

Call-in: Lola Smith, Paul Begay, Lela McCabe, Esther Addakia, Mary from Phx, Rita W, Sid W,

- Invocation by Stanford Fowler.
- III. Review & Adopt the Agenda

Allen read the agenda to the community.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Valerie Fowler

Vote: 07/00/00

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes to be posted at Chapter Administration Building and posted on the Coppermine Chapter website.

Motion: Lola Smith

Second: Stanford Fowler

Vote: 07/00/00

- V. Old Business:
 - 1. Nadine Benally update on Cultural Pedestrian Survey within WAPA
- VI. New Business:

1. Financial Report: Chapter Secretary Treasurer

Beginning Balance	
A STATE OF THE STA	705,683.13
Deposit 5/11 = AFI \$31,610 and NN Sales Tax \$25,729.48	57,339.48
Deposit 5/11 (470.95), Deposit 5/16 (156.46), Deposit 5/24 (259.27)	886.68
Checks Processed – 8 checks	4,304.28
Ending Balance	759,605.01

Valerie – Administrative Service Center from Tuba City hasn't provided financial report for May 2022.

They recently purchase computer so were install MIP and get it working. Next month we should get financial report for June 2022.

Valerie – provide report on the May Bank Statement which was obtained from the bank.

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: Infavor 08, Opposed 00, Abstained 00

 Resolution CO-06-030-22: Authorizing the Approval in the Amount of \$100.00 each for the Late Bessie Whitehair, Harry Slim, and Zonnie Gamble from the Chapter Activity Fund in Monetary Assistance for Burial Assistance.

Allen – read the resolution to the community. Family member were at the planning meeting and request for burial assistance.

Louise Tisi -

Motion: Stanford Fowler

Second: Lola Smith

Vote: Infavor 08, Opposed 00, Abstained 00

3. Resolution CO-06-031-22: Poll Official Recommendations

Allen – read the resolution to the community

Valerie - Vandine Doctor had interest for Chief Poll Official.

Valerie – need 2 more recommendation for poll official.

Allen – there is training to attend next month for poll official.

Allen – will give till end of month if anyone is interested for poll official.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: Infavor 08, Opposed 00, Abstained 00

4. Resolution CO-06-032-22: Re-affirm Authorizing and Supporting the Coppermine Chapter and the District 1 (One) Grazing Committee Member to Implement an Indefinite Feral Horse, Stray and Unclaimed Livestock Removal Program in efforts to improve the Ecological Health and Productivity of the Navajo Rangelands for present and future generations of the Navajo people.

Allen – read the resolution to community

Cora Yazzie – question on the resolution of what it is

Stanford – this resolution has already been approved and in place at the chapter administration. This resolution is just to re-affirm it. People would post pictures of horse at windmills that need to be addressed. So window rock had seen the pictures and came out to Coppermine to rescue the horses at the windmills. Randal Jim came to Coppermine to do rescue of horses. Some stud are dangerous and its danger to the people and danger to the colts. This resolution has to be renew every year. Window Rock is requesting for renew of the resolution. We can do another resolution for roundup. Olin Begay is in charge of roundup and we would assist him during round up. Many people do report what they had seen at the windmills.

Esther Addakai – why focus on horses what about cows. There is cow that is mean at first windmill. Stanford – that can be reported and will let window rock to pickup the animals if its danger to the public. We will notify the people if a brand is available. Bulls that are roaming can be picked up. You can pickup the bull with showing your permit. Take picture with brand and I can report for pickup. Thank you for the report.

Esther Addakai – I want to have sheep so how do I go about get permit.

Stanford - There are some people have permit for non-use or decease people with permit which can arrange with family members. You can contact Tony Robbins to get what permits are available. If you want permit then you need approval from nearby permit holders. Also land will be studied if enough vegetation on the land for animals to graze.

Motion: Lola Smith Second: Stanford Fowler Vote: Infavor 07, Opposed 01, Abstained 00

VII. Reports and Presentation:

- 1. Community Health Representative Susie Shorthair NOT PRESENT
- 2. Greyhills Academy High School NOT PRESENT
- 3. NDOT Presentation Evelyn Walker NOT PRESENT

VIII. Chapter Officials / Council Delegate / CLUP Reports:

1. Council Delegate - Paul Begay – met at antelope point marina due to issues with funds, personnel, general fund given to them to operate, due to low water is affecting the work there, safety issues with low water, when staff are going to work they always have safety meeting, further the cable hang down then its more weight on it which will tear, national parks service kept refusing, work order has been submitted but was disapproved, national parks services doesn't say that to other parks, had meeting to address these safety issues which OPVP and Lechee Chapter and DED was in attendance of meeting as well as Lena Fowler and representative from tom ohalleron and kirk, we will have NABI meeting to have ?? to attend to discuss safety issues, only 1 walkway so few employees working there. Quadrilateral agreement is still on-going. Another meeting tomorrow at lechee chapter at 10am the quadrilateral agreement. ARAP funds. Council will have special session. To have special session need to have 13

council to sign it and have till Wednesday to get 13 signature to have special session for Thursday and Friday to discuss the ARPA funding.

Quadrilateral Meeting – June 21, 2022 at 10am at LeChee Chapter

Call-in number: 669-900-6833

ID# 2497244121 Passcode: 86515

Allen – question on \$200 insensitive for selling your livestock

Paul – president nez needs to get delegate to make amendment to the legislation to add the \$200 that will be accepted or declined.

Lola - request update on hazardous pay which mark freeland's resolution.

Paul – hazardous pay is mark freeland's legislation and still going through. The line workers wasn't signed. It went back into work session to discuss it correctly. Front line workers weren't included in the hazardous pay. Need to go back to the chapter to know who worked during the pandemic. Who do we pay. Many questions so need to have worksession to discuss who is to get paid.

Lola – my understanding that some of these people got paid a lot of money and these people work in the office with closed doors. I didn't get paid a penny and also I got hit during food delivery to homes. Paul – that is what I mean. I know many didn't get paid. There are volunteers that didn't get paid too. Give more money to people that have title isn't right. I think personally leave it up to the chapter to provide names of people that worked at the chapter. Executive branch work on the budgeting and funds. We don't know who got paid and how much was paid.

Esther Addaki – caretakers should be getting paid, taking care of our elders.

Mary from phoenix – ARPA funds when they first had them out and had guidelines and restrictions. Didn't they follow those restrictions. how they going to vote on that.

Paul – good to have community involvement. Caretakers I agree should get paid and included. Coppermine chapter can get supporting resolution to indicate who should be getting paid. The 2^{nd} question, the distribution comes from executive branch on arpa funding which they budget on how funds should be distributed. They should know and its federal funding and comes with guidelines on how to use the funds and how not to. I hope that guidelines are used on federal funds.

Esther Addakai – so do we put into resolution for paul begay recommendation

Allen F – yes we can work on the resolution to add names for hazardous pay.

Esther Addakai – yes need to add caretakers and zonnie to give out water plus people giving out wood to elders.

Paul-I agree with caretakers and Zonnie Water also needs to get hazardous pay and to the people give wood to the elders as well.

- Chapter President Allen Fowler provided update on horse rescue at 2nd windmill, road issue with sand drifts like at 1st windmill, etc.
- Chapter Vice-President Lola Smith provide update on TCRHCC meeting on health clinic, cost \$160million so monthly meeting on clinic, we need 1 person to attend this meeting and has experience on construction, lela attend meeting and she may have comment.

Lela McCabe – our president approved funding for design and engineering phase. Please support project.

Esther Addakai – clinic going to be ready in 2025 so when is water going to be ready for it, is there going to be clinic in all community, I see gap has clinic and why another clinic

Lola – like I said more questions then answer, water from lake powell but with low water situation at lake powell so these are some of the questions we have, what I had heard before that HIS would have to

do their own drilling for the clinic. Gap clinic is only open on certain days. This clinic is on the former bennett freeze and its going to be big clinic and it will have a helicopter pad too. Coppermine is far to go to tuba city to get service. If in emergency situation so need this clinic.

4. Chapter Grazing Official – Stanford Fowler – provide update on horse rescue at 2nd windmill, feral round up, 2nd windmill has receive service so should be in operation, people need to take care of their animals and I get calls on it, animals do property damage, bulls can be picked up too, stud are danger and can be picked up too, should have hay check this week and will know more tomorrow on check. First load of hay which I will call you to pickup hay. People only get calls will be able to get hay. Drought is an issue. Windmill repair near joe littleman resident but need better road per water resource. Porcupine mesa the windmill need to address but due to land dispute so no repair there. Haven't receive the branding tally booklet from window rock so have to wait.

Branding and Tally will be charging fee due to gasoline cost.

Cora – water repair for windmill near my resident, is there water

Standford – yes there is water but its leaking. I have notify ron hardy. Another nearby windmill is same situation its leaking too.

Standford – livestock adjustment is 40% and was told by BIA. The grazing official were told they are at fault for over-grazing. So there is resolution for at western agency for 40% reduction. It was previous grazing official. Need look at the land if animals grazing outside.

Cora – homesite lease question, do you still do homesite lease.

Stanford – yes

Cora – my neighbor below which their daughter came to me and was complaining about my corral. She said she is moving back to her father's resident (frank clizzie). I told her to contact grazing official. She said she is moving back and bringing her livestock back too. I told her its too crowded.

Stanford – I will contact them individually and the process of it.

Louise Tisi – if she has homesite how far can she go and/or does it depend on permit number. Stanford – homesite is one mile. Grazing permit is overlapping. The grazing permit in that area need to have approval from them in order to move back. If she has grazing permit in different chapter then that permit stays in that chapter and can't be transferred into another chapter.

5. CLUPC – Linda Long – club meeting and we are on our finally reading on June 25 2022. Its going to be close meeting for now then during public meeting will provide to the community on the clup manual. Mary is working on luncheon. Have extended invitation to paul begay. Stanford – June 25 meeting and finalized then if its go then will provide to community. Its a lot of pages. Linda – we have talked about for 7 ½ years and have told community for their input. After public hearing is where in chapter meeting approval then comes out into book then forward to RDC for their approval.

Rita Whitehair – question for grazing. The 40% reduction resolution, how can I get copy of the resolution. You speak on behalf of the grazing permit holders. It sounds like nobody is opposing the 40% reduction. I am not in favor of the 40% reduction as grazing permit holder. I am opposed of it.

Stanford – when I complete the assessment then will provide the resolution. I do give resolution to the grazing permit. We are looking at the land and people not taking care of their livestock. For instance, people post animals on facebook that people are taking care of their horses so why Navajo nation came for rescue at 2nd windmill. A lot of people are infavor of it. Same for fort defiance. As Navajo nation, they are saying that and same for BIA and Agriculture. People are continue to overgraze and are not looking

at the land. I have my animals in the pin to where I can afford it. Western Agency Grazing Committee which we discussed this and approved it.

Sid Whitehair — I just go in online. I have question for Linda. Finalize the clup manual on June 25 its closed meeting then states get your questions so confused. Question for Stanford on reduction 40% which was discussed for some time now. This pertains to the livestock permit holders. There are some people that don't have permit and have livestock grazing whom ruin the land. So grazing permit needs to be state their name on the permit. I am for the 40% reduction.

Linda – during sid in office I have beg people to provide their assistance and input. To make life easier, we are planning for our future for our children. You should have been there for your input. The community left it up to the CLUP members to plan for the community and club manual. We are going to finalize it. It will not be made into book until after the hearing. A lot of things have changed. We are steps away for certification. We have business going on in Coppermine chapter that we should be collecting tax on it. Business needs to JT Willie to indicate amount given back to the chapter. That would be so good for the chapter. My daughter makes a lot and give tax money back to Navajo nation when it should go to Coppermine chapter.

IX. Announcements

- 1. Next Planning Meeting: July 11, 2022 @ 4pm DST @ Coppermine Chapter
- Next Chapter Meeting: July 18, 2022 @ 4pm DST @ Coppermine Chapter
 Planning and Chapter Meeting will be Tele-Conference and In-Person.
- Next CLUPC Meeting: June 25, 2022 @ 9am DST @ Coppermine Chapter Time is MST. Correction.
- 4. Next District Grazing Meeting: July 7, 2022 @ 1pm DST @ Kaibeto Chapter
- Next Agency Grazing Meeting: June 20 @ 9am DST @ Kaibeto Chapter Change to June 22 at Tonalea Chapter.
- 6. NDOT Teen Driving Presentation: June 15, 2022 @ 9am-10am DST by Evelyn Walker
- 7. Red Antelope Solar Farm Presentation Q/A: June 19 & 20 at LeChee @ 2pm-6pm DST
- 8. Pet Vaccination Clinic: POSTPONED
- 9. Coppermine Just Move It: June 28, 2022 (Tuesday) for 6pm Registration and Starts at 7pm DST
- 10. Tuba City Mobile Clinic at Monkey Ridge: June 28, 2022 from 845am 4pm
- 11. Western Navajo Agency Council Meeting: June 18, 2022 at 9am (virtual)
- X. Adjournment at 6:25pm. Motion Stanford Fowler. Second Valerie Fowler. Vote: 09/00/00

<u>Valerie Fowler</u>

Written and prepared by Valerie Fowler Chapter Secretary/Treasurer