CHINLE CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
February 03, 2020 – 5:30 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 5:40 PM

II. INVOCATION by Oscar Bia, Grazing Official

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda by Eugene Tso, Second by David Yazzie

Eugene Tso, Requests to add resolution supporting proposal for comprehensive flood management plan

Harlan Thompson, Requesting a support resolution for Reauthorization of Nazlini Community School, this needs renewal before the School Board approaches the Board of Education

Votes to Approve Agenda: 5 in Favor and 0 Opposed

Tara Benallie, requests to be added to “Reports” to complete a Presentation on Rural Addressing and Voter Registration

Myron McLaughlin, Motioning Parties-do you agree to add Ms. Tara Benallie to reports?

Ok with Motioning Parties

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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b. Chinle Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM.
c. Chinle Land Use Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM.
d. Chinle Chapter Scholarship Applications will be available from January 13, 2020, deadline for submittal is February 08, 2020 at 5:00 PM.
e. District 10 Grazing Meeting at 9:00 AM at the Chinle Chapter House.

V. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND CONCERNS - None

VI. REPORTS

a. Selena B. Curley, Delegated Program Manager, NNDSS/DCCD Administration

Lenora Wilson, Director, Kii doo Baa Day Care Center

Selena B. Curley, we have applied for funds and were approved about one year ago and these funds are from the Federal Government called Child Care and Development Funds Block Grant. Funds were initially approved for renovation of the existing building, however, since I have worked with other communities and found documents I am requesting for a favorable response from the Chinle Community. Our intent is to rebuild the current building structure, basically demolish and rebuild a new building. I have completed some research and the Daycare Center is within the land tract designated for Chinle Community Center approved in 1965 with support from Peter MacDonald on April 24, 1973. The Center was built in 1973 or 1974 under ONEO, sometime after 1990 DCCD program assumed responsibility to operate the childcare center. Our plans are to construct a new facility with a proposed building estimated at $6.1M project. After gaining the chapter resolution we will proceed with design and engineering, we will complete a public bid for that. We can work with funding sources to advocate for more funding if needed to build seven classrooms, we currently have four classrooms. We would like to introduce a resolution to the chapter since the land is currently designated for the childcare center and formerly operated by ONEO, then eventually DCCD took on responsibilities, we would like to request the land be situated under NNDSS/DCCD Administration for the purpose of a Childcare Center.

David Yazzie, to transfer this from ONEO to DCCD, if you are changing land designation then you would have to go through CLUPC.
Selena Curley, 02/10/1978 project director was Ms. Teller, ONEO eventually phased out and services were transferred to DCCD on 1.68 acres land tract. We plan to move old trailers and storage bins out of the way to accommodate the new construction site. There is no legal land survey however we do have resolutions CM-46-57 authorizes construction and operation of a community center and ACJ-40-57 sets forth conditions which must be met in development plans of operation for community centers so the whole tract including the Community Center, Sr. Citizen Center and the Kii doo Baa' Centers were included in the approval.

David Yazzie, The community center was relinquished back to CUSD because of the cost to fix the building Lenora Wilson, Senior Center is next door and they expanded their fencing, if there is anyway to expand our area because when parents are dropping off children parking gets crowded. Number of children we are serving will increase when building is reconstructed then there will be more traffic.

Myron McLaughlin, you are looking into re-designation of land

Cynthia Hunter, it would be a start to research and obtain the legal land description for the area through Historic Preservation or Land Department, that way we will know the exact acreage and what other processes to take.

b. Al Yazzie, Project Coordinator, Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Program

Cynthia Hunter, Al Yazzie was here today but he was not able to stay until evening to request a spot on the Regular Meeting Agenda, he would like to educate the community on tobacco, vaping and its effects.

Myron McLaughlin, I will honor his request to make his presentation at the Regular Chapter Meeting.

c. Tara Benally, Field Director I also would like to request to complete a presentation at the Regular Chapter Meeting on rural addressing and Apache County Voter Registration, I will also announce that we also would like to hire nine people to work on rural addressing, video will be shown for education to the community.

d. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate: Will complete a report at the Chapter Meeting on issues of RDC, Meeting is scheduled with Dr. Shebala on February 06, 2020

Meeting is scheduled on February 13, 2020 with the Army Corps of Engineer

Joann Dedman, 1. We would like to invite all to attend on February 13, at 2:00 PM to complete a tour of the area of the Chinle Wash, we are expecting people from San Francisco, and we also have a draft resolution to present. 2. Grazing stipend is still on agenda to be moved back to the chapter, FICA was not paid which caused issues. 3. I may be out of line but is there a possibility of moving the Chapter Meeting date because the 16th being on a three day weekend, maybe change the meeting date to February 23, 2020.

Myron McLaughlin, chapter will be closed on Monday for Presidents Day, we can change the February 16 meeting to February 23, 2020. Okay with motioning parties to make these changes.

Under ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“a” Chinle Chapter’s Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

“e” Chinle Chapter will be closed on February 17, 2020 in observation of Presidents Day Holiday

e. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official: I can complete my report at the Regular Chapter Meeting however I would like to mention a couple things:

1. DBHS had brought to my attention a road North of their building to be closed, Mike Salabiye called to say that a gate will be installed in two places and locks will be placed on those gates. Beyond the gate there are residents and by researching I came across resolutions of the Grazing Committee to keep the road open, also by chapter resolution that the road stay open. DBHS visited the people and they decided to leave the route open until another road is identified. There are no other openings to make a new route for residents to access N7.

2. I wanted to attend a meeting with NNRC the meeting was a closed meeting, several other people made the trip to attend but we were not able to sit in on the meeting. Family plots and mission site leases were to be discussed but this was a closed meeting.

3. CLUPC needs a new president appointed, 200 acres land south of NTU is requested for IHS to build 80 housing units.

Eugene Tso, 750 buffer zone is in question, Mary Bitsui’s permit is being used there but that land use is from near Fish Point. Land use in that area was mainly by the Gorman’s and Benally family.
Oscar Bia, I also signed two homesite leases, one became a land dispute. **Airport Road**, the roads off the main road to the airport has been fenced off all the way near the airport from 191 to airport road. Site was disputed by the Yazzie and Lewis Family due to two areas padlocked. **Permits** are still worked on to be probated, BIA has two land disputes. More reports will be available at the chapter meeting.

**Danny Francis**, I would like to make comments on the Grazing Officials report pertaining areas to the North of DBHS, to elaborate more on what was reported on access road from DBHS. There are about eleven residents north of Chevron, back in 1999 there was one DBHS trailer then development of area began. In 1999 we came to the Chapter after finding out plans to close our route, we then got support from the chapter to have the route remain open. District 10 grazing also approved to keep the route open and since then it has been quiet up until now about less than a month ago, we were informed of the road closure again. Since we have a resolution in place with District 10 and DBHS has not been informed the residents of their plans, we provided Mike Salabiye with these resolution and he explained that he did not know of the resolutions. If they want to close off the roads perhaps they can give us access through Chevron, there is no other way to get out because we are blocked in from all sides. School buses travel through the area to pick up students and we need a good route for the families, we also have one public safety employee who needs 24/7 access.

**David Yazzie**, where the access is requested there use to be doctor houses, there is no telling what is underground and if you have the resolution then we can reaffirm this.

**Myron McLaughlin**, suggestion might be to compromise to restructure re-outline the land and square up the DBHS site. It all comes down to funding and who will do the work.

**Eugene Tso**, there is a case where the Samuels were using a road for many years to enter their homesite through the Martinez’s business tract, this went to court to find out that the Martinez’s had that as a business site. The family now enters through the Catholic Church road. We really need zoning and ordinance to straighten this out, work with BIA, RBDO, IHS, etc.

**f. David Yazzie, Chapter Vice-President**: Road was shut down near Coca Cola, which is the access road to NTUA due to many accidents, they were given 30 days to correct the problem. Last week this road was blocked off with the help of Apache County.

We are proposing to build a rehabilitation center, after talking with PD and local Churches, there was a discussion to force rehab after leaving jail facility, this is a way to help our people and the community. I discussed this at Agency Council with a couple individuals and building might be at the old Many Farms hotel/dormitory. This is one area of improvement for the community.

Blading is also requested past pavement on N7 towards Three Turkey, I also met with Apache County on this.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Supporting Research to be Conducted by John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health entitled: Optimizing Protection of Native American Children from Hib Disease (The HibVax Study). Sponsor, Buffy Tso**

**Buffy Tso**, I have been working with Johns Hopkins for 13 years, we are requesting a support resolution for a new study coming up. Vaxelis is given to children, this combines six shots to one. This shot is given to children between the ages of one to six years all over the United States except the Navajo Nation, this is an observational study.

**David Yazzie**, will you have one for the corona virus.

**Cynthia Hunter**, does IRB require individual names or will this be under “Johns Hopkins”?

**Buffy Tso**, this will be going to IRB with Johns Hopkins

b. **Supporting the Proposal for a Comprehensive Cohesive Chinle Wash Flood Management Plan and Requesting all Stake Holder Entities to Assist in this Endeavor to Immediately Address Excess Surface Water Drainage and Flash Flooding for the Benefit of Chinle Chapter Constituents and Businesses. Sponsor by Eugene Tso**
c. Supporting and Recommending Approval of the Re-Authorization of Nazlini Community School Board, Inc., a Community Controlled School as Authorized by P.L. 100-297/96-561. Sponsor, Harlan Thompson

Harlan Thompson, I am the Community Liaison with Nazlini Community School, we are requesting support to reauthorize the community school, we were informed by DODI that this is required at this time. I will complete a presentation to relay information on the School at the Regular Chapter Meeting.

d. Kii doo Baa' Childcare,

Myron McLaughlin, we will keep this open until we get the legal description to the site.

Resolutions to be finalized by February 18, 2020

Motioned by Eugene Tso, Second by Oscar Bia to forward resolutions to the Regular Chapter Meeting

VOTES: 5 in Favor, 0 Opposed

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:08 PM

Adjournment Motioned by Eugene Tso, Second by Oscar Bia

VOTES: 5 in Favor, 0 Opposed

Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chinle Chapter Secretary/Treasurer on Tuesday, February 04, 2020

Cynthia Hunter

02/04/2020
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