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TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In-Person & Teleconference Meeting

Dial-in Number (720) 740-9789

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Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

November 7, 2023---6 P.M.—TOHATCHI CHAPTER

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of New Officers for FY 2024
2. Review of Plan of Operations

OLD BUSINESS:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME

ADJOURNMENT/TIME



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TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES November 7, 2023

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Time: 6:04 pm
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Larry Rodgers, Delphine Bitsilly, Fern Spencer, Elvis Bitsilly, Byron Bitsoie
- III. **INVOCATION:** Sonny Moore
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Ansley Curley
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Reading Agenda by Larry Rodgers
Motion made by Larry Rodgers for Delphine Bitsilly to record the CLUPC meeting minutes.
Discussion of Agenda: Delphine Bitsilly – add Meeting, Date and Time to #2, move Plan of Operations to #3. Sonny Moore will review the item in Old Business.
Approval of Agenda: M: Fern Spencer 2nd: Elvis Bitsilly Vote: 3-0-1
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
No minutes to discuss. The last CLUPC minutes were for August 2023 and no copy available, no minutes for February 2023; Sonny Moore will check with Janice Begay regarding last stipend for CLUPC; next CLUPC meeting we will approve the August 2023 minutes and no CLUPC meeting was held in September 2023.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Election of New Officers for FY 2024**
 - ***Nomination for President:** Fern Spencer nominates Elvis Bitsilly; Delphine Bitsilly closes nomination and Elvis Bitsilly accepts: **Vote: 3-0-1**
 - ***Nomination for Vice President:** Larry Rodgers nominates Fern Spencer, Fern Spencer declines; Fern Spencer nominates Larry Rodgers, Larry Rodgers accepts: **Vote: 3-0-1**
 - ***Nomination for Recorder:** Fern Spencer nominates Delphine Bitsilly, Delphine Bitsilly accepts.
Vote: 3-0-1

Fern Spencer – I'm still learning about the Navajo Government; officials will do a good job.
Elvis Bitsilly – thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve in CLUPC.
 2. **Meeting Date and Time**
 - ***Elvis Bitsilly** – meeting for next month or every other month; meeting during the workday, mornings; work around the chapter planning meeting and chapter meeting; haven't seen any

dates for Veterans. ***Fern Spencer** – Second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. ***Delphine Bitsilly** – First Tuesday of each month or Wednesday, Grazing Committee meetings meet every 5 months at Tohatchi Chapter. ***Larry Rodgers** – CLUPC make a recommendation to the chapter, we'll set meeting for December. ***Elvis Bitsilly** – first or third week. ***Fern Spencer** – do you President Bitsilly feel comfortable with a meeting November 27? ***Sonny Moore** – we can have a meeting on November 27 and December 5, or we can use as a work session. Work session on November 27, 2023, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, all members.

3. Plan of Operations

***Sonny Moore** – CLUPC can have a work session on an item, highlight items for CLUPC to discuss, CLUPC can have 2 meetings in a month but don't exceed 12 months; Yes, CLUPC is budgeted for 12 months; \$125.00 per meeting was already there and setup; other chapters are higher and we can make it an agenda item for next meeting; we can do research on other chapters and see how much they pay the CLUPC members; in Fund 10 (budget) there is money for CLUPC members to attend conferences. ***Fern Spencer** – CLUPC members are elected each year, the year should be extended to 2 years so work projects will continue with the current members; are there other chapters who serve more than 1 year? ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Title 26 is being followed. ***Larry Rodgers** - Teenospos, Klagatoh have a staggered system, 2- and 4-year appointments and it's good for consistency; 2 years is good for Tohatchi; if we're considering amending the language in the Plan of Operations for the Grazing Officer, we can change the pay; Amendments to Plan of Operations: **1. Pay; 2. Grazing Officer removed from CLUPC.** ***Ansley Curley** – question on membership – there are 4 members on the CLUPC committee, President, Vice President, Recorder, Grazing Land/Livestock Management Officer, where is the Grazing Land/Livestock Management Officer? ***Sonny Moore** – Grazing Officer step down and chooses not to be part of CLUPC; language will be change in the Plan of Operations; Chapter does the budget for CLUPC. ***Fern Spencer** – Plan of Operations language should be changed. ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Title 26 states Grazing Officer should be a member of CLUPC, chooses not to. ***Byron Bitsoie** – section 6G – has CLUPC ever done a budget?

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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***Elvis Bitsilly** – these projects are ongoing – status of cemetery and it should be a priority, illegal trash dumping, a recommendation for the chapter to take care of feral horses and dogs in the community, many complaints made by community members and lets take care of these issues;

***Sonny Moore** - #12 on Status and Goals – community members can do the cleaning up in their area (after putting up signs, trash dumping has stopped, the transfer station has increased in services); all documents have been turned in to Malik Scott; ***Fern Spencer** – What about old cars?; **Byron Bitsoie** – is there a land withdrawal for the baseball field, the new high School?

***Fern Spencer** – where the current gym is, it is a runoff so years ago they had to add dirt beneath the gym, my PE class had to use the automotive classroom, is the new high school a part of the runoff? ***Larry Rodgers** – people need to ask for the land withdrawal to build new high school, the maps are ideal for us to see what land is withdrawn, I did the GPS survey with my brother; we can do a conceptual plan for the professional housing and instructional

institution; are there other tracts for housing; ***Byron Bitsoie** – make sure it's not low rent housing, there's a new land restricted fee; ***Sonny Moore** – a recommendation from CLUCP; ***Fern Spencer** – how far are we from getting certified?; what about the Senior Citizen building?; ***Sonny Moore** – we need one finding and that is with gift cards, we need to know how the gift cards were used, by January another audit will take place; we would like to get a vendor via pro bono and complete the repairs within 2 weeks; ***Ansley Curley** – you can reach out to NHA who will have information on flooding, etc.; Mr. Tulley gave information on a propose housing site East of 491 and it not suitable, there is data on the 2 acres and data behind the Health Center; ***Larry Rodgers** – I make a motion for chapter to make payment to my brother for his work, an invoice was turned in to the chapter; ***Sonny Moore** – draft a letter for payment; ***Larry Rodgers** – have agenda one week in advance to review for CLUPC meetings.

Other Capital Projects work in progress.

***Sonny Moore** – reviewed 1-10 on list; ***Larry Rodgers** – do you have a priority on your list (1-10)?, as a committee we're responsible for the land; ***Byron Bitsoie** – What became of the diversion dam?; **Elvis Bitsilly** – \$467,000 was allocated until January; ***Larry Rodgers** – need a resolution for land withdrawal and we want to redesignate this land.

Announcements:

***Ansley Curley** – schedule meeting for FRF projects and CLUCP members can attend, Land Corporation meeting – need a date.

***Next CLUCP meeting – November 27, 2023, at 9:00 am**

Adjournment Time: 8:43 pm

M: Fern Spencer 2nd: Byron Bitsoie Vote: 4-0-1