TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda
May 6, 2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:28am

II. ROLL CALL: Nathan Notah, Deon Ben, Gerald Moore, Sonny Moore, Jean Crawford, Maria Allison, Byron Bitsoie Absent: Fern Spencer

III. INVOCATION: Gerald Moore

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mr. Larry Rodgers

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M: Deon Ben 2nd: Gerald Moore VOTE: 2-0-1

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M: Gerald Moore 2nd: Deon Ben VOTE: 2-0-1

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chapter President Moore’s Updates: Updated from NN Economic Summit, President Moore networked with partners regarding possible partnership to address the post office sewer issue. President Moore also talked with Navajo business leaders to present opportunities at Tohatchi Chapter. President Moore mentioned that no one from the Division of Economic came up to Chapter President during the summit to ask about Tohatchi ventures.

San Juan Lateral, the 68 million dollar legislation was approved by council and is awaiting NN President’s signature. This legislation includes 10-11 million dollars that Tohatchi needs to run the line to our community water tanks. President Moore suggested CLUPC get updated with residence and permits along the route so there is communication. President Moore recommended scheduling a meeting with Ty Tsinningie with Souder Miller & Associates so CLUPC is familiar with the route of the water line and scheduled a meeting with community members along the route.

Safety complex, NN Community Develop project manager is getting quotes for demolishing the complex. Tohatchi Council Delegate has been the individual networking the support of the complex in Window Rock.

Nathan Notah: There is a lot of projects the chapter is working on, maybe within the chapter we can organize and establish assignments to the team so we can move projects forward.

Deon Ben: Suggest a work session with CLUPC, Chapter Officials, and Red Willow in the near future to organize chapter projects and priorities.

Nathan Notah: email CLUPC members the strategic plan for their updating.

Sonny Moore: CLUPC’s 3 assignments for the immediate 1) Rural Addressing is a project priority, 2) Designated Land Withdraw for 5 years, with GPS needs and map development 3) BIA Housing needs GPS and mapping as well.

Nathan Notah: Who is working on designating the land to be GPS?
Sonny Moore: That would be Bryon Bitsoie and Gerald Moore.
Nathan Notah: We can ask Bryon when he gets on the call, so we can get the processing to the Chapter.

B. Rural Addressing:

Sonny Moore: Byron submitted forms that were requested by MC Baldwin, but we don’t know if MC Baldwin has scheduled anything with Bryon. Byron can give an updated when he joins the call.

Bryon: Did do the new form MC Baldwin sent. MC Baldwin did respond to the form request submitted and now MC Baldwin and Byron are working on scheduling a date which will include some individuals from Mexican Springs Chapter.

C. Commercial Development Land Withdrawals: Sonny Moore: Referenced this in his report

D. Homesites-for East Flats Participants:

Sonny Moore: The drilling will begin, the chapter has identified participants. However, some participants didn’t have homesite leases, so Gerald has been working with these participants to get them a homesite lease to make them eligible for chapter funds. Maria Allison has also been working with participants to get the homesite lease process completed. Harrison Badonie, and Charlene Manuelito two individuals Maria is working with.

Jean Crawford: Did Theresa Bryant’s application go through?

Maria: Jean is your question relating to assistance with drilling? The Chapter has Theresa Bryant on the list and Theresa has everything in.

Nathan Notah: Maria do you have the list of applicants that you can provide?

Sonny Moore: The drilling applicants need Grazing officer and Council Delegate’s signature to complete the paperwork process.

Gerald: I need to go to each location and GPS and sign off on the application

Maria: Applicants include: Lucinda and Martha Barney, Theresa Bryant, Caroline Manuelito, Leonard Notah Jr., Matilda Todacheene, Lavern Wayaco.

E. Veterans Letter:

Sonny: Referencing the last CLUPC meeting minutes relating to Veterans land exchange. The land veterans have is 6 acres and there needs to be a further discussion on the exchange. Maybe veterans can be invited to the next CLUPC meeting to organize these discussion points.

Jean: I don’t think the veterans will give up their land, until they can get a land that is ready. In Jean’s opinion, “I think the Veterans deserve that land and they should be allowed to do what they want to do”.

Nathan Notah: Has there been a request from CLUPC to veterans?

Sonny Moore: Byron was working on that.

Nathan Notah: We will wait for Byron to get an update on the letter.

F. Lillian Barney- Request for Gravel:

Sonny Moore: Sonny contacted Carlos Long, with NMDOT contact at Buffalo Springs and Mr. Long told President Moore to write a letter to District 6 requesting for the gravel for community use. Mr. Long did mention that the gravel has to be used for community use not for individual use. President Moore talked with Maria Allison to see if the Chapter can cost share with community members to get gravel.
Deon Ben: is there a funding for account that we can use to help families need for gravel for their homestead on the premise of drought or climate impacts, whether it’s within the Navajo Nation or at the chapter?

Maria Allison: We can use our Emergency fund at the chapter, and Maria can research within the Navajo Nation.

Nathan Notah: CLUPC makes a recommendation to establish a cost share program for gravel to community members.

Gerald Moore: If the chapter can find a formula to process the cost share program, he thinks it’s an idea. We have to identify the criteria.

Deon Ben: Motion: Recommends To Hatchi Chapter administration and CLUPC to begin research on providing a cost share program for gravel support to community members in need of support from wind erosion. Motion: Deon Ben 2nd: Gerald Moore VOTE: 2-0-1

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Larry Rodgers Request:

Larry Rodgers: In February, Mr. Rodgers wrote a letter to Chapter President requesting to improve the road going up the mountain west of El Paso, Antelope Pass, Jadi’ Habí tiin. In 1970-80’s the roads were well improved only because of timber harvesting. Today the only folks that improve the road is the locals that use the road. Mr. Rodgers, indicated that there are three places on the road that rock outcropping are damaging. Mr. Rodgers, indicated the NDOT has this road on their list. Mr. Rodgers request the chapter to pass a resolution to NDOT to address the road improvements needed for the residence.

Secondly, the watering point are no longer useable by local residence. The request Mr. Rodgers asked is to reestablish the watering points for residence. Mr. Rodgers, requested the rehabilitation of three watering points, White Water, Little Poison Ivy.

Thirdly, Mr. Rodgers’ requesting chapter administrative for tractor to move dirt around their summer homestead. Last Summer Mr. Rodgers paid the chapter to have tractor needs for the road improvement. Last year Herbert Dennison did head up the mountain and Herb only made it a little way up the mountain before having to turn around because of inaccessibility. Mr. Rodger wants to request the chapter tractor again this year.

Jean Crawford: How was the water at Oak Springs? Is there water still up there?

Mr. Rodger: We don’t use that water anymore, because the road is inaccessible. Oak Springs should be added to the request for rehabilitation and road improvements.

Sonny Moore: The NN is going to open up ARPA funding, so Maria and Chapter President will work on including community roads to that ARPA portal, including the Antelope Pass road as. It would be good to have CLUPC motion for the continuation of Mr. Rodger’s request to the chapter. NTUA has the right away going up the mountain. Chapter President will contact NTUA to see if they can help do road improvements. Mr. Rodgers made a chapter request for homestead improvements last year but it didn’t happen so Mr. Rodgers got reimbursed by the Chapter. Chapter President requested that community shared roads can be in kind support but homestead specific work will have to be paid for.

Nathan Notah: Recommendation to follow through on Mr Rodger’s letter to President Moore to go to the chapter for resolution. M: Deon Ben 2nd. Gerald Moore VOTE: 2-0-1.

B. Farm Board Updates:

Gerald Moore: Someone keeps cutting the fence line on the eastside of the farm and on the north
entrance and cattle are entering the farm. Red Willow Farm Board members were attending another event and didn’t provide a report.

C. East Flats - Drilling Permits Sonny Moore: Referenced in chapter president’s report.

D. SWCD- Mike Begay:

Deon Ben: Talked with Mike Begay and Dennis Becenti after last month’s CLUPC. Dennis Becenti would be stepping down as SWCD and recommends Mike Begay to take his position. Dennis mentioned he will still like to help mentor Mike as he gets familiar with the position.

M: CLUPC will write a letter to chapter recommending Mike Begay, and CLUPC will write a letter to Mike Begay for recommendation. M: Deon Ben 2nd: Gerald Moore VOTE: 2-0-1.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

X. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME: June 3, 2022 @ 9am

XI. ADJOURNMENT/TIME: 11:40am M: Deon Ben 2nd: Gerald Moore Vote: 2-0-1