Red Willow Farm Board Meeting
April 26, 2022

Meeting Call to Order: 1:20 pm

Roll Call: Geneva Begay, Elvis Bitsilly, and Sam Natonabah

Invocation: Geneva Begay


Approval of Last Meeting minutes accept reading on your own as is. M: May Fern Dennison S: Allen Burbank V: 6/0/1.

Recognition and Introduction of guest: May Fern Dennison, David Dennison interested Farmers, Allen Burbank down at Red Willow Farm, Allen Burbank #78, David Dennison, Doris Benally, Mary Begay, and Vice.

The Powerline is complete and the well system everything is in place work the water that’s where we are at We have been revisiting the Agenda want to get everyone up to date with your application and our secretary she has gone back and researching working with that for the past few years and the process it takes to get your LUP and get the process it been a lot of work trying to get farmers on board. ALUP and transfer means that and plenty other names not on the list the family request for the transfer the BIA ask the applicant to get on the Agenda. Transferring from a former plot member that is no longer with us they need to make the name change BIA needs to follow up on the application. Herbert Dennison and Lucinda Barney have not been here. In my situation I need to transfer Dorothy Bitsilly name transfer into the family member name. Sam Natonabah if you don’t have a plot LUP and no permit if the person does not have it why we asking for the plot you can get help through that’s what they are asking for document. Maybe it will do one acre and need to rashin out the water for the farmers want you to be aware of. We have a new map that water resource is working on the plots for the farmers having a two acres those map is that is there and I am asking you use two acres and rotate the water part. It is the water use and the water well can only pump so much water asking the farmers to stay with two acres and start smaill and later revise that and give you more. And all I can tell you right now is resign you the plot you have re-update your application as the rest of you who comes in get more new application. You will also have conservation plan just says one page what your going to plant for the next two years what is available and this was in place already and this is going to be together and hav eon file. Good your coming forward if you know of others that are out there to update their plot. It is going to be a lot of work we are working on the little things as we go along and that is what we have been working on. We are going to allow each farmer for two acres. May Fern Dennision Have you move dirt over the years I hate to bring up some thing and here the cows were chase the cows. You have to connect your pipe to the riser. So 25,000 gallon tank and once the pump is working it works gravity flow and the water is coming your going to have to wait for the water. David -It looks like the pump is looking good. There was a lot of trash and the next day they gave me a shot. Doris irrigation did back in 1981. David -My uncle tap into the tank on the west side and grew very tall. Elvis -Go down to the farm and check on your plot. You are looking to see what you need down there two acres. Red Willow Farm
Tractor is for plowing and the Tohatchi Chapter is for grader we only can use it Monday through Friday because they have to haul it down there for us and the driver has to bring it back. When we are going to start you have to be ready and the water are we still going to use and the water is there and the pump is there I am looking at next month they told me May first and we can use the generator and don’t need a NTUA on a flat bed on the truck this is basic information. You are welcome to your fee is local community fee is so your paying local fee. If you have your own equipment use it. Those are the difference the Red Willow Farm Tractor is ready the grader is in-kind service is for clearing the road right now and I ask the operator and if he is ready we submit the road clearing and maybe after next week the in-kind service is for main road that is the agreement that red willow has with he tractor. Mary asking for tractor she says make it out for 63.00 I needed grader to clear the field. Elvis -You schedule your work on your own terms be there and tell them this is how I want this done. Mary- for the plow it will have the fee on it your going to rent the plow 63.00 with the tax. One hour for sixty dollar once they get there this is transportation time is two hours when you go out there.

C. Water Management are working on the map and have the two acre plot for the farmers we shall assign the plot to the new farmers the 124 people that are planting two acre person see we shall fill them out and the new applicates will be sitting along the line. What we are trying to fill the 938 acres they are updating the plot and make a bigger map. Water Resource is helping with the ceremony to get the sheep from Mr. Tariq. We talk about grand opening for the power hook up and power there what they are doing is still purchasing the power box and to the pump house that connects to the three phase what they had in the plan was 240 this calls for a bigger system 480 they have to change that and install that is not what we are holding up on. The power complete is June July August what the pump house is going to be completed and go in and test it inspect it and approve and start putting the power on and say that there is a farmer is harassment. Looking at the old map.

The water is coming out of the pipe is coming out of the wash freely from the well. Why can that water be coming back into the Red Willow Farm. When the well will be shut off and under ground and the water runs out into the wash and the livestock is accumulate and there is a little stream. I am going to talk to water resource is going to come out the pump is down there 800 feet. So we won’t drain it out if it goes back into the pipe. Those are questions we have. We don’t even have a meter that I don’t know how the farmers are going to pay the animals there will start tearing the fence and getting in. Keep in mind you pay 20.00 paying the water fee. With in the 20 years we revise the policy that was because of the water goes into the Red Willow account in the chapter they have already went into the Red Willow Account the chapter grader goes to the chapter. You just need to check that AMS set up an account with the Chapter staff.

Junk food tax it is been approve with the chapter all across Navajo they spit the money 110 chapter we as the farming we are able to access the unhealthy junk food tax we have to request and go through with the chapter admin and use that as a farm board buying produce, water piping some approval farmers may need and seeding that is what we are going to be doing here we talk to Sonny Moore he is going to help Red Willow Farm board working together maybe buying a hoop house and having a demonstrations down at the farm site different things we may need looking at what we have from now on. Maybe we can purchase we need to get the funding once we know what we need is a resolution that is where we are at with that we motion that before we are going to apply for those funds. Farm and Garden some of the funding for the NN department of Agriculture approve 500.00 base on what your needs are 1000.00 that is on an annual basis. Things has been cut back they do a lot of things they do
one of them is farming we can let you know when it is coming up what you may need for your farming post gate whatever. Highly recommend you want to keep your plot fence we had problems with livestock in the pass. For curtain purposes community cut fence and have their livestock inside the Red Willow Farms. Start small and grow with it. Doris- BIA He advertised several times that he has t-post maybe have him here at the next meeting then I’ll start. We have BIA that donated the water tank for the Red Willow. The Tohatchi Chapter is letting us have the metal building sitting on the water sanitation we need to go down there and put that down there at the Red Willow Farm.

Asking about the fencing around the farm short cut and there is t-post block the fence. The people were dumping trash down the arroyo and the outside of the farm to avoid the trash dumping. Open during the season and close during the winter. Block off traffic party people cutting the fence inside the fence is for farmers only.

Adjournment 4:05 pm Motion: Allen Burbank  Second: Sam Natonabah Vote: 9/0/1.