TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda-DRAFT
April 8, 2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER: 9:19am Recorded Meeting Minutes can be located at
https://fccdl.in/LDnDoGCZ4G

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

III. INVOCATION: Deon Ben

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Lilian Barney (following up on her request to receive gravel for her home parking due to wind erosion), Denis Becenti, Geneva Begay, Mike Begay, Sharon Becenti

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M: Deon Ben 2nd: Nathan Notah VOTE: 4-0-1

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M: Deon Ben 2nd: Fern Spenser VOTE: 4-0-1

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chapter President Moore’s Updates: Rural Addressing is priority for Tohatchi Chapter and the NN has ARPA for rural addressing efforts through NN emergency needs, the chapter needs to contact MC Baldwin. Tohatchi Chapter needs to take next steps for commercial development, housing development. The safety complex is moving forward with clearance and the next step is getting a company to demolish, with work from NN Community Development and NN Public Safety. Tohatchi Chapter has a design for the safety complex.

Fern: What is the update on vacant gas station? Sonny is working to get NN RBDO to get RBDO to address the vacant gas station, the post office, and TAOS building.

B. Rural Addressing: Byron contacted MC Baldwin and filled out online application for CLUPC members to get certified. Byron suggested the training could take place at land department’s conference office. Byron is working to follow up with Rachael (staffer), and MC Baldwin.

C. Commercial Development Land Withdrawals: Byron recognized the land between speedway and post office. Byron did a community walk around with Chapter President Moore and Grazing Official Gerald Moore. As a next step Byron will start a developing a map for land withdraw consideration within the Tohatchi “Township”. Byron will take on the next step and will work
with Chapter President to get the map processed to help guide the community ideas. Another land location to consider for review and investigate status is next to Alvin Francisco’s homestead. Based on Chapter Moore’s recommendation to have NTU into our community we can invite Ronda Joe, from Chooshgai Community School to ask for support on NTU contacts.

D. Lilian Barney’s Request: (following up on her request to receive gravel for her home parking due to wind erosion) Lilian went to Mr. Long at highway department to ask for gravel that is by the road side. Mr. Moore will follow up with Mr. Long to get more details on having Lilian Barney’s request.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Veterans consent for Land Letter: Sonny Moore talked with Manuel Shirleson has no problem relinquishing (land south of the Navajo Oil and Gas) land back to the chapter to identify it as commercial development.

Fern: Does Mr. Shirleson have consensus from his organization to relinquish the land?

Deon: Was there a discussion to do a land exchange with the veterans relinquishing or were veterans considering just relinquishing the land.

Nathan: We will need a motion from CLUPC to open up the discussion and discuss the details of the letter that needs to be sent to Veterans organization.

Byron: Will develop the details of the letter to the Veterans Organization and get with Sonny, and VC CLUPC to review the letter context and details.

Jean: Last meeting with Veterans Organization, secretary and committee was adamant about not relinquishing the land back to the chapter.

Geneva: There is a building up at Chuska that is owned by the chapter maybe that could be the place veterans meet. We need to take care of our veterans and put get them in a good place in the community.

Chapter President Moore: The building in Chuska has some damage, but the building is nice and in good condition.

Maria: The building at Chuska has no keys for access due to a break in.

Nathan Notah: Sending the letter to the veterans with community options, and clarification on the next steps and maybe have a collaboration meeting with veterans to discuss should be the next step to consider.

M: Address the Veterans Organization land track, with a letter from CLUPC and send an invite to Veterans Organization and Chapter officials to get the land track conversation organized. Who would write the letter and what is the context of the letter? M: Deon Ben 2nd: Gerald Moore VOTE: 4-0-1

B. Housing Development: We need a land withdraw effort for housing development.

Chapter President Moore: The priority is for profession housing in the old BIA location. The land available for housing to south of the lagoon, Hamburger Hill, and old BIA site.

M: Keeping BIA track housing and other housing land options on CLUPC agenda for updates.
M: Fern Spenser 2nd: Deon Ben VOTE: 4-0-1

C. Farm Board Updates: Geneva Begay, Red Willow Farm Board has their power lines at the farm, the next step is incorporating a switch box for the pump house. BLA forestry is working with Red Willow Farm to do Chuska Lake reservoir clean up, the diversion dam was closed for the lake trees to dry up. Water resources is the land manager of the lake, cannel, etc. The diversion dam at Whiskey Lake was damaged by lightening so that needs to be reassessed. For detailed follow up referenced the recording for further notes. https://fccdl.in/LDnDoGcZ4G

M: Keep the Farm Board Updates on old business standing item for CLUPC meeting

M: Fern Spenser 2nd: Deon VOTE: 4-0-1

D. Denis Becenti SWCD Update: SWCD is a community functioning entity, farm, range, recreation, water and air quality operation. SWCD was asked to develop a budget for each district. The chapter has to be represented and be active to keep the SWCD moving. Relate to attached notes for Mr. Becenti’s fully written report. SWCD is under the assumption that it sits under USDA, but it is a community driven entity to service conservation to communities. The next step Mr. Denis Becenti suggests SWCD move toward regional planning and have CLUPC work with SWCD regional representatives, and put it under watershed program design. There is a review to see how SWCD can return monies back to the communities in conservation return. For extensive notes relate to attached submitted report from Mr. Denis Becenti.

Mike Begay: Maybe there is a space we can create in the community for SWCD.

Mr. Becenti: That idea of setting up a SWCD space in Tohatchi is up to the community.

M: To move this to the next meeting to see if Mr. Dennis Becenti will move on from this position with the nomination of Mike Begay taking on the position moving forward. M: Deon Ben 2nd: Fern Spencer VOTE 3-0-1

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

X. NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME: May 6, 2022 @ 9am

XI. ADJOURNMENT/TIME: 12:24 M: Fern 2nd: Nathan VOTE: 3-0-1
February 11, 2012

Ya’at’eeh, Tohatchi Chapter Officials and Administration,

I was appointed by an approved Chapter resolution, reference number TOH-016-11-2019 dated November 19, 2011, to represent our community on the Ft. Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). I want to thank you for your support.

The Navajo Nation SWCD’s, Ft. Defiance is one of five districts, a sub-unit of the Navajo Nation Government by-Tribal Council resolution dated February 07, 1980 establishing the Ft. Defiance SWCD, and recognized as a tribal organization, and codified under in the Navajo Nation Code; Title 3 Chapter 21. The NN SWCD’s By-Laws was passed by the Navajo Nation Council, Resource & Development Committee (RDC) on October 30, 2018, and A Memorandum of Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Navajo Nation including A Cooperative Agreement with Arizona State USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) were signed with the Ft. Defiance SWCD in 1995.

I would like to submit an update report highlighting some of the SWCD activities the past year. In 2020 the Navajo SWCD formed a Task Force to work on several projects. The following are some issues and activities intended to upgrade and improve Navajo Nation SWCD’s Organization to better serve our Navajo people.

1. Proposed Navajo SWCD Executive Board By-Laws. This document is completed in a draft form and referred to the district for review and approval.
2. Proposed District Records Management Policy & Procedure (Using Navajo Nation Chapter FMS as a template). This document is completed is in draft form and was referred to the district for review and approval.
3. Proposed District Fiscal Management Policy & Procedure. This document is completed in a draft form and was referred to the district for review and approval.
5. District Timeline/Schedule. This a schedule of activities outlining events for the districts as a guide to accomplish goals and objectives.
6. Proposed District Strategic Plan. This is a short- and long-range plan using Oregon State Conservation strategic plan template.
7. The Navajo SWCD started on a draft budget of request for funds proposal to the Navajo Nation for Navajo SWCD operation.

8. Future Plan
   a. Co-sponsor with USDA-NRCS the District Local Work Group (LWG) to determine local resource concerns and priority.
   b. Conservation 101 Training for SWCD members.
   c. Conservation Planning training.
   f. Re-election of Officers.
   g. District Annual Plan of Work.

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1. Community Outreach Education
2. Earth Day Activities
3. Field Tour
4. Membership Recruitment
9. SWCD Meetings attended:
   January-No meeting, February-No meeting, March 09, 2021-Twin Lakes
   Chapter, April 13, 2021-Virtual meeting, May 11, 2021-Virtual meeting, June 08,
   2021-Virtual meeting, July 13, 2021-Virtual meeting, August 17, 2021-No
   meeting September- No meeting October 12 & 26, 2021 at Tohatchi Chapter;
   November 09, 2021, at Houck Chapter, December 21, 2021at Houck Chapter

Thank you for your confidence, I will gladly make verbal quarterly reports to my community and
would like to engage all land users in conservation workshops as we are the stewards of the land.
If you have any questions, please call/text me at (505) 879-9133 or e-mail at
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Sincerely

Dennis Beenti
Ft. Defiance SWCD Board (President, Vice President, Member)