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MEETING AGENDA

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September 5, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

- I. Meeting Called to Order @: Gerald Keetso, President, District III
- II. Invocation Given by: Emmett Kerley, Vice-President, Cameron Chapter
- III. Welcome Address: Milton Tso, President, Cameron Chapter
- IV. Roll Call of District III members: Louise Kerley, Secretary, District III
- V. Review/Approval of Agenda: Louise Kerley, Secretary, District III
- VI. Reading/Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Louise Kerley, Secretary, District III
June 6, 2015
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:
 1. **D3: 248-117 #1:** Prohibit Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) from pump water in Tuba City Wells Across Highway 160 and to place a permanent restriction on current and future requests to tap into the Tuba City Main Water line due to the water shortage.
Sponsor: Tuba City Chapter
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 3. Bodaway/Gap Chapter:
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- X. Announcement:
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- XI. Benediction: James Beard, Grazing Officer, Cameron Chapter
- XII. Adjournment: : Next District 3 Meeting: Saturday, December 5, 2015 at TC Chapter; hosted by Coalmine Canyon Chapter



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Motion: Milton Tso, Second: James Beard. Vote: 6, 0, 1
- VI. Reading/Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: Louise Kerley, Secretary, District III
June 6, 2015; S/T reads the LMM. Motion: Milton Tso; Second: James Beard. Vote: 6, 0, 2
Phil Zahne - request to have minutes send to him; copies are filed here at TC chapter and also at the ASC office, but they are not there so need to contact TC if need extra copies.
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Moenkopi is requesting water for they will be building; Behind Legacy Inn, they are putting in storage and a gas station as a commercial site. Herbert Lewis has been in office only a year and half ago. There was prior agreement with TC prior to the new Hopi administration. They refused to help with the fair, now they want the water approval. Transfer station gets no help; they just piggy back on the fair accumulated fund and not help in return. Hopi officials had to work out their differences with TC chapter, and they are on their own due to pushing the TC administration aside. NTUA gave an okay to work with the Hopis to bring water to them, and TC did not get approval with giving water to the Hopi. Reason for this resolution. **Motion made by Glenmore Begay, and Seconded by Angie Williams.**
Ducks and Pond BIA is using two wells, challenge NTUA for they are monopolizing the tower by primary is sitting dormant. They are not letting us utilize the reservoir. Emmett Kerley; NTUA - they are a Navajo corporation, and they are not acting for the Navajo or reverent for the water. "Authority" may be it, they have water at the reservoir, and there is a fence and as Navajo were fenced off from the water at the reservoir. They fenced off water to the Navajos and now asking for water from the Navajo. Phil Zahne - let's be one for this for land had been taking from us as well. Glenmore Begay requests objectives for water for our future generation. Angie Williams read the resolution. Hopi has sufficient water surplus on Tonalea Plateau. Quote: "Penny versus a Gold Mine". Hopi has really nothing to offer us for the water, and the fair committee is not dealing with them. Water is a precious source a holy thing, Milton Tso shared he does not trust NTUA and made statements. Phil Zahne spoke on resources available, and NTUA does things freely on their own. ...who shall not operate... give to each of the chapters to pass it. Dire strait they're in is that surrounding waters will dry up. There is really nothing to negotiate shares Glenmore Begay. How we are meeting the short falls, questions Emmett Kerley. Any future meeting, D3 will be notified, we have to be consolidated. NTUA is selling them water, by lower rent housing they are taking water for Hopi, and we do not water going across. Future meeting have NTUA at the table with us to discuss this issue. **Vote: 8, 0, 1**
 2. **REQUEST THE NAVAJO NATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE AREAS:**
Motioning parties approve to add this to the agenda; Motion made by Milton Tso; and second by James Beard. This is the same as the Grass root People but this address recovery. This to be added to WNA. **Vote: 8, 0, 1**



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IX. Reports:

1. Cameron Chapter: Not much to report about the chapter; met with Supervisor Mandy Metzger; prepare for a heavy winter, we discuss worst case scenario and getting ready for that, start buying hay and what they need this winter. Kind of predicting same as prior severe winter storm. Construction still going good. GO - D4 is there any money to buy hay for the permittees? Cameron VP: Agric met discuss of contamination of the Animas River, etc., we are not "adequate" agriculturist due to no record so we cannot quantify to project number, having data to do projection. If Navajo want business they need to bring in quality business; such as hay.

S/T: We need a Navajo teaching Economic! TCUSD#15 met with Superintendent and the NLT for input on how to address the uranium tailing at Cameron chapter; one of the issue brought up was close the school, but survey done by Western Technology does not convey human exposure yet it is being push to close the school without notifying the state holders, the community members. Construction is going to start but the school need more than \$100k to start construction. Cattle rustling - sold for \$1k or more is happening in our chapters. Water table discussed in class. Where from, was the question posed that was utilized about TC/Hopi area too.

James Beard shared that he attended their meeting last month; North Cameron water line was connected, and at Gap/Bodaway did not want Cameron to have access to the water and passed their resolution. Grazing district for Gap is up to Cameron Bridge, and Coalmine is up to the river, too. Why are they claiming land area, their community now, that they are denying water access to them? It is very strange. Secretary request to have all resolution to go on the WNA agenda to be send prior to Wed. for secretary will be on training the 16th to the 18th, and ASC may or may not be able to assist the WNA secretary with paper work for they are not open when checked on them. TC chapter is willing to assist her, but need every document forward before Wednesday, Sept 15th, 20th.

2. Tuba City Chapter: Question about the whereabouts of Benjamin David. Will have more update next month. Initial Regionalization is being pursued. Due to this upcoming, TC may take the lead, but discouraged at time, but still need to move forward making progress with regionalization that they are in support. Ordinance requirement needs to be addressed such as Van's TP not paying taxes. Working against another no matter what the issue is not hard for us, but working together is hard for us to do... we need to have a strategic planning; identifying our strength & weakness, etc. Where is our funding if truly implementing regionalization? Example is the Dinosaur tracks is shut down depleting an opportunity; respect each other's boundary, and if there is a land withdrawal he would be the last person to sign off on it. TC is not claiming the dinosaur tracks, RDBO got a resolution. Mr. Bergens wanted a resolution right there and then but cannot accommodate it, insisting corporations are waiting... we need to do a strategic work session; our meeting is just to update one another. How can we accomplish all these problems and issues we discussed, we need to set a date to do this which is a regional planning... Compile document for each individual chapters to address issues with each others at the work session.

3. Bodaway/Gap Chapter: no show; S/T said they schedule their meeting the first of the month reason why

4. Coalmine Canyon Chapter: Report given; to push onward to break through the barriers...make statement for TC to take the lead...giving reason. 24th will have a meeting, NNCD, committee meeting is not open, we need to go the NNC to be heard at this meeting, the ground of the chapter meeting is moving every day, and now packing to vacate the building. Attention is directed elsewhere. And reason for changes of the WNA meeting is relocated to Leupp chapter. Land issues are our own problem that we recreated making restriction and forgetting the people. Let's go for Navajo own business.

5. Grazing Officer: How can we work together to stop the cattle rustling? We need to help each other address this. The slurry line needs water to be utilized, meeting with CLUP this week. Cameron Restaurant is getting rich by our water hauling. Meeting information is for the permit holder but see only 1 or 2 present with non-permit holders. Identify grazing areas in the regionalization areas. We have feral horse problem and the grazing permit holders are getting blamed. Natural occurring uranium contamination is seeping up and anyone is exposed to it. We need additional funding to address cattle rustling; cattle are hidden in the canyon to be picked up later to sell or whatever is done with them. We need more restriction on movement of cattle. We only have 3 rangers. Farming and Ranching will become obsolete due to the carrying capacity, we need to train our young people about it. It is not only the rustlers that we need to worry about but coppers being stolen.

Motion made by Glenmore Begay; and Seconded by James Beard. Vote: 7, 0, 2

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Respectfully submitted this 5th day of September 2015 by: