Envision Cameron

Meeting Notes

October 17 2022 10 am MST

1. Call to Order

Kelsey Lee called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Attendees included Bailey Anderson, Nate Burton, Franklin Fowler, Mae Franklin, Rhonda Harvey, Waylon Honga, Chuck Howe, Don Irby, Aletha Johnson, Kelsey Lee, Raymond Maxx, Eileen Tohonnie and Brian Cole.

2. Administrative Details and Reports—Tolani Lake Enterprises/USDA Rural Development

Kelsey Lee asked if there was any word on the project extension. Don Irby stated that he had been in touch with Terry McDermott. McDermott's advice is to "keep the light burning" (meaning that we should keep our communications and activities open to the likelihood of a project extension). Kelsey Lee indicated that she would continue to post updates on social media. Brian Cole offered to produce updates that Kelsey Lee could utilize with such updates.

3. Work Session on Current/Urgent Topics

a. Future Community Gatherings
No report.

b. Innovation Implementation Challenge Project Discussion

Kelsey Lee asked Mae Franklin if she might be able to provide some type of update and forum on the availability (and lack of availability) of maps that show a clear boundary between the Coalmine and Cameron Chapters. Mae Franklin indicated she would be willing to provide discussion and facilitation on the topic. It was agreed that this session would be at 4 pm MST on October 24. Bailey Anderson produced a Zoom link invitation and sent it to Kelsey Lee for distribution.

Nate Burton stated that NHLCO has maps showing Chapter boundaries. Kelsey Lee responded that there has never been a clear Chapter boundary. Boundaries do relate to service areas, planning areas, etc. It was generally agreed by all attendees that the grazing districts do have clear boundaries. Aletha Johnson suggested that Mike Halona be invited to the discussion. She understood Halona has indicated that there are "no definitive lines" with respect to Chapter boundaries. Nate Burton noted that NN DED may have some information on Chapter boundaries as it relates to the issuance of business site leases.

Franklin Fowler continued the discussion by noting that as a former Chapter Official, his understanding was that there was no definitive Chapter boundaries, just grazing boundaries. Fowler added that Chapters can denote "service areas" through approved CLUP plans. Fowler added that surrounding counties are typically notified by the Navajo Nation/Resources Development Committee of approved CLUP plans which helps all Chapters to understand their respective service areas.

Mae Franklin and Kelsey Lee stated that this issue is important to the people that live in somewhat of an unrecognized area between the two Chapters. It causes confusion and a lack of services for such people.

Mae Franklin provided historical context by noting that Cameron has a CLUP document which was approved in the 1980s. Aletha Johnson asked if Tony Robbins of the BIA may be able to provide some assistance.

Kelsey Lee stated that she is in the process of creating an invitation list for the session. Brian Cole indicated that Bailey Anderson could provide people and email addresses for the invitation. Rhonda Harvey stated that Swaback can be of assistance as the development of maps is a part of the Innovation Implementation Challenge element of the project.

c. Report on Project Facebook Page No report.

4. Project Activity/Programming

a. Swaback

No report.

b. Building Communities

No report.

c. Native Community Builders

No report.

d. Cameron Chapter/CLUP

No report.

5. New Business

a. TLE Support Resolution

No report.

b. Kelsey Lee Report to CLUP-C

No report.

6. Other Business

Aletha Johnson asked Mae Franklin to provide a summary on a recent Navajo Power meeting at Coalmine. Franklin responded that there was good attendance for the meeting although it eventually got "rained out." The meeting related to the potential development of a solar farm project.

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am MST.

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1st and 3rd Mondays at 10 am MST