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TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 04, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER- 2:30pm (est.) late start, waiting for a quorum
- II. ROLL CALL: Absent Dorothy Bitsilly, Mr. Dennis Becenti
- III. INVOCATION: Ms. Doris Benallie

IV. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

- 1. Mary Begay
- 2. Mildred F. Moore
- **3.** Doris Benallie
- 4. Bob Kuipers
- 5. Harry Lowe
- 6. Mike Begay

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Deon Ben Vote: 3-0-1

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

They were sent out electronically and hard copies distributed. It was voted not to be read.

Motion: Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Deon Ben Vote: 3-0-1

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Strategic Work Session with Shynoke Ortiz/Rex Kontz, NTUA Request

Miss Shynoke Ortiz is currently working on the document and should be ready during the next CLUPC meeting. We anticipate that the finished document will be presented during the planning session to be place on the regular chapter agenda for October 2015. The finished document should be reviewed prior to presenting it to the community. It was stated that the document will be reviewed by the CLUPC members as soon as it is made ready for review. There was a discussion on whether we should hold a public hearing or public meeting. It was suggested that during the review after the document

is completed to invite various community members including a pot luck. We have not received a notification from Mr. Kontz to have NTUA submit these files (Shape) to the Tohatchi Chapter Officials and Staff. It was motioned that we accept this report on NTUA.

Motion: Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Deon Ben Vote: 3-0-1

Motion:Mr. Larson Manuelito Second:Mr. Sonny Moore Vote: 3-0-1

B. Progress Report from the Chapter Officials, Grazing Official, Staff: EMS Status, Post Office, CSC, Econ Dev Projects,

Mr. Morris says come to our next planning meeting to get an update from the Officials. "As Land Use Planners, when is the last time the members been out to the public, like to look at the roads, for example, we wanted to do rural addressing but was denied by the community, Mr. Edison Jones could have been finished with the information required for the rural addressing."

However, here is a quick update by Mrs. Badonie, Mrs Valteau has been working with the Denver office to do what is necessary to complete the building and prepare it to open up for business. There is still equipment in the building that has to be removed, but the post office is once again moving toward completion.

As for the EMS, they did meet with Mr. Delmar, Division Director for Safety, and he is looking or in favor of razing the building. He wants to the Chapter to move forward with planning for a police station, fire station, in general, a public safety complex. In the meantime, there are plans to have to Division of Safety bring in a modular building for the EMS on a temporary basis.

As for the CSC, it is being advertised.

Next is the Economic Development, site 4 is ready, CLUPC should be looking at companies and businesses that possible can occupy the land. It was also reported that the Economic Development 5 year plan was approved by the Council, it was not known if the Tohatchi projects were on the approved list. It was brought up that Safety was one of the pillars in community development.

Motion:Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Sonny Moore Vote: 3-0-1

C. Follow-Up on CLUPC Membership

During the last meeting, we had a show of hands of who wanted to remain with the CLUPC. Mr. Peterson Yazzie spoke about why he wanted to resign from the CLUPC membership. Mr. Larson Manuelito stated that during the last meeting he wanted to step down; however because of community support, he is willing to continue to serve

the membership. The one vacancy should be advertised to the community at large. It was suggested that the members do a letter of interest. Clarification was requested, if the letter of interest is not in the plan of operation then it cannot be considered until it is in the plan of operation. It was stated that the CLUPC members do not select themselves but in a regular chapter meeting. Motion was made to follow the plan of operation, whereby, it states in the plan of operation that continuity is kept in the CLUPC organization. The vacancy should be announced during the next planning meeting to the public or community and each existing member will declare themselves to step down or continue. There was a brief discussion on the meeting times and dates, but no action was taken.

Motion: Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Sonny Moore Vote:3-0-1

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review Plan of Operation

Deferred to next meeting

Motion: Second: Vote:

B. Request to Bring in NMDOT and County-Road Closure Concerns

Ms. Doris Benallie, as a community member, that the Superintendent of Fisher
(company constructing the highway), the Supervisor of NMDOT, and the County
Commissioner be present in our next meeting, she would like to present this during the
upcoming planning meeting. We have been having flooding issues in our area during
our raining season. The highway contractors are building dikes but that doesn't seem to
help. We are talking about human lives, medical issues, environmental issues, and has
become a dangerous situation. They (Fisher and NMDOT) are not concern about public
safety. The areas she is referring to is by Mexican Springs/Coyote Canyon turn-off and
South of Tohatchi by Leonard McReeves homestead. Officials need to bring these
people in for the next chapter meeting. There was a resolution that was passed 5 years
ago to address these issues. There is a poor working relationship between the various
agencies, chapters, and entities, no one acknowledges the problems and too dependent
on the next person to solve the issue. We have leadership issues. There was a motion to
have Mel Begay the Council Delegate, to spear head this.

Motion: Mr. Larson Manuelito Second: Mr. Deon Ben Vote: 3-0-1

VIIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tohatchi Chapter Planning Meeting, September 06 2015, 1p.m.

- 2. Tohatchi Regular Monthly Meeting, September 16, 2015, at 1 pm
- 3. Tohatchi Veterans Organization Meeting, Dr 03, 201

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 02, 2015

XL. ADJOURNMENT/TIME

6 05 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Mr. Harry "Sonny" Moore Recorder, Tohatchi Chapter Community Land Use Planning Committee

cc: Mr. Larson Manuelito, President Mr. Peterson Yazzie, Vice-President Mr. Dennis Becenti, Member Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, Member Mr. Sonny Moore, Member Mr. Edison Jones, Grazing Official Tohatchi Chapter Officials